

ROLL CALL:

Present:

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| Mayor | Joyce Hudson |
| Council Members | Jeff Kennedy |
| | Verlin Janssen |
| | Randy Waskowiak |
| | Jay Richeson |

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| City Clerk | Misty Bussinger |
| City Attorney | Mike Bacon |

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen
Gothenburg Times – Cheyenne McVay

Also present: Gary Steele-Engineer, Linda Butterfield-Owner Vintage Treasures, Dee Miller-Owner Dee's Floral.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

Treasurer Report-October
Library Director's Report – September 7 to November 9
Library Annual Statistical Report – October
Approve payment of \$4,600.00 to Goth-18 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067
Approve payment of \$221.26 to Goth-01 for OOR 16-HO-33067
Approve payment of \$5,700.00 to Goth-05 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067
Approve payment of \$421.00 to CDS Inspection for OOR 16-HO-33067
Planning & Zoning minutes – November 10
Building Permits-October
Council Minutes-November 3

Approve Drawdown #33 for OOR 16-HO-33067

Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – none.

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund, \$49,380.36; Enterprise Fund \$377,117.02; and the November 4th payroll of \$43,510.86 and Payroll Transmittals of \$20,232.43. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – none.

General Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$72.34; Amaruq Enviromental Services \$19,612.51; AMERICAN MADE SYSTEMS, INC. \$437.26; ARAMARK \$81.98; Cardmember Service \$645.43; CASELLE, INC. \$310.00; CHASE SMITH \$600.00; CRAMARO TARPAULIN SYSTEMS, INC. \$425.81; GALL'S LLC \$407.55; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$595.23; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$348.37; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$216.88; LIBRARY \$63.23; Mick's Platte Valley Glass & Trailers \$125.00; NEBRASKA CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOC \$499.76; CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$280.00; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$324.33; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER \$1,873.75; Black Hills Energy \$152.16; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,790.75; Crown Services \$475.00; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$116.25; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$331.71; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$718.97; ESSENTIAL SCREENS \$69.00; FAMILY ADVOCACY NETWORK \$1,000.00; FASTENAL \$485.13; FYR-TEK \$1,290.97; Gothenburg Leader \$288.40; GOTHENBURG TIMES \$464.52; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$69.05; IDEAL LINEN \$51.09; JOHNNY ON THE SPOT / KIRK'S TRENCHING & \$140.00; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$5,483.52; NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH \$357.03; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$1,782.50; PAULSEN INC \$1,006.25; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$66.19; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$3,962.04; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$5.89; STERLING WEST \$336.65; TRYON WELDING \$84.24; Werner's Sprinklers Inc. \$274.50; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$659.12.

Enterprise Fund Claims: AMERICAN MADE SYSTEMS, INC. \$874.50; ARAMARK \$182.24; CARDMEMBER SERVICE \$1,723.84; CASELLE, INC. \$858.00; CRAMARO TARPAULIN SYSTEMS, INC. \$851.62; GARY GREER \$500.00; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$188.59; JOHN COSTELLO \$18,350.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$269.05; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC. \$98.43; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$2,308.43; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$100.00; SERVI TECH, INC. \$231.05; STUART C IRBY CO \$166.92; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$1,177.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$549.70; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$44,975.94; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,666.72; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$469.20; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$148.37; GOTHENBURG HEALTH FOUNDATION \$180.00; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$121.62; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$109.12; MSI \$6,723.00; NAPA AUTO PARTS \$137.50; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$281,084.87; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$180.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$79.53; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$250.86;

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$9,116.26; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$186.94; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$2,928.85; TRYON WELDING \$139.19; USA BLUEBOOK \$189.68.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$13,470.38; MASS MUTUAL \$5,698.32; AFLAC \$691.26; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Mayor Hudson stated that City Administrator Gary Greer was home recuperating from surgery.

Mayor Hudson mentioned the city employees are doing a great job with the leaf pickup. City Clerk Bussinger mentioned that the city will still be picking up leaves till November 25th.

Gothenburg Leader Reporter Ellen Mortensen asked if City Council meetings will be going to zoom. Mayor Hudson stated that currently the governor has made an exception for only the council members that are quarantined to be virtual.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Clerk Bussinger introduced Ordinance 996-Utility Rate Ordinance that will update the water rates as proposed in budget. Bussinger also stated the bonds for the water projects have been approved.

City Attorney read the second reading for Ordinance 996- Utility Rate Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to advance Ordinance 996 -Utility Rate Ordinance to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – none.

Clerk Bussinger discussed the Resolution 2020-21 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Bussinger explained that this is an annual certification regarding and noted that Reed Miller from Miller and Associates was the city's street superintendent from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-21 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – none.

Business owners Linda Butterfield and Dee Miller spoke for the downtown businesses in requesting to have the Coffee Tree truck on the corner of 9th and Lake Ave for Christmas Open House on November 19th. Butterfield spoke that the Coffee Tree truck will follow all rules regarding social distancing. Butterfield asked about the use of electricity and would need 20-amp outlets. Bussinger mentioned that she had spoken to the city electric department and they could

use the lamp pole. After no further discussion Mayor Hudson stated that the proposal was reasonable and did not need a vote.

Engineer Gary Steele stated that bids for the 2020 ADA Ramp Improvements M&A Project NO. 126-A-039 were received from Paulsen, Myers Construction and A Plus Contracting on November 12, 2020. Steele mentioned the engineer cost was estimated at \$112,855.00. Steele stated that Paulsen had the lowest bid at \$133,116.00. Steele recommended awarding the bid to Paulsen. Bussinger mentioned the funds are available for the project. After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to accept bid by Paulsen for the 2020 ADA Ramp Improvements M&A Project NO. 126-A-039. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – none.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk