

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

November 3, 2020  
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Not Present: Jay Richeson

Mayor Joyce Hudson  
Council Members Jeff Kennedy  
Verlin Janssen  
Randy Waskowiak

City Administrator Gary Greer  
City Clerk Misty Bussinger  
City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Will Rahjes.

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.

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

- Council Minutes – October 20
- Approve payment of \$5,000.00 to Miller & Associates for 18-TD-003
- Approve Drawdown #10 for 18-TD-003
- Approve EDA Request for Reimbursement #3 for Westside Water/Sewer Improvements Proj#126-D1-017
- Approve EDA Financial Report for Westside Water/Sewer Improvements Proj#126-D1-017
- Approve payment of \$10,237.50 to W Design for 18-TD-003
- Approve Drawdown #11 for 18-TD-003
- Police Report -October

Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund, \$18,970.23 except Check number 102020017 and 110320025; Enterprise Fund \$117,879.12; and the October 21<sup>st</sup> payroll of \$44,839.14 and Payroll Transmittals of \$19,692.90. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of \$ 10.40 claim against General Fund check 102020017. Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment \$969.53 claim against General Fund 110320025. Yea –Janssen, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson. Abstain-Kennedy

General Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$76.78; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO \$168.51; Gary Greer \$631.79; Kenneth Olson \$295.00; NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOC \$35.00; Psychological Resources \$405.00; SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC \$2,586.00; BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC. \$859.66; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$57.40; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$17.99; FRANZEN INC. \$44.45; HINTON LOCK & ALARM \$9,156.95; HOMETOWN LEASING \$241.25; JEFFREY KENNEDY – LANDSCAPE \$969.53; MARK BALLMER MOWING \$160.00; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,080.76; PAULSEN INC \$339.40; Pinpoint Communications \$549.51; VISION CARE DIRECT \$664.78; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$10.40.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$162.26; DOUG PETERSON \$750.00; ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, \$945.00; STATE OF NEBRASKA \$269.24; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$31,462.29; ALL ANDERSON ELECTRIC \$150.00; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$30,227.94; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$1,175.20; DIVERSIFIED INSPECT/INDEPENDENT TESTING \$1,717.00; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$2,418.47; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$273.05; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$87.99; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL \$985.22; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$9,826.85; MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER \$125.00; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$1,409.19; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$241.51; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$14,592.15; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$690.80; STATE HEALTH LAB \$60.00; TRAVIS HOUCHIN \$20,249.50; VISION CARE DIRECT \$60.46.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$13,622.11; MASS MUTUAL \$5698.32; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47.

There were no Community Comments.

Administrator Greer introduced Ordinance 996-Utility Rate Ordinance that will update the water rates as proposed in budget. Greer also stated the bonds for the water projects have been approved. After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to Approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 996 -Utility Rate Ordinance. Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Administrator Greer discussed the continuation of Independent Contractor Agreement for caretaker services at Lafayette Park with Jim and Karan Smith. Greer stated that Mr. and Mrs. Smith agreed to renew contract for Lafayette park as care takers until October 31, 2021. Greer stated that the once there is a Park Director in place, he would review this contact and would determine how to proceed in future. Greer recommended moving forward on approving the contract for another year. Janssen asked if we needed to remain in contract for full year. Greer stated that contract has clause regarding termination if there is a determination that it is necessary

to terminate. After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Jim and Karan Smith. Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Administrator Greer discussed the extension of 2016 CDBG OOR Grant 16-HO-33067 Extension # 3 (6-Months) and 2018 CDBG OOR Grant 18-HO-33071 Extension #1 for 3 houses (12-Months) for a completion date of December 10, 2021. Greer recommend approving the extensions After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to Approve 2016 CDBG OOR Grant 16-HO-33067 Extension # 3 (6-Months). Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve 2018 CDBG OOR Grant 18-HO-33071 Extension #1 for 3 houses (12-Months) for a completion date of December 10, 2021. Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Misty Bussinger, City Clerk