

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor	Joyce Hudson
Council Members	Jeff Kennedy
	Verlin Janssen
	J Buddenberg
	Jay Richeson

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

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen
Gothenburg Times – Shiloh Schultz

Also present:

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, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- Council Minutes - December 15
- Council Minutes – December 17
- Approve payment of \$14.38 to Goth-16 for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Approve payment of \$3,114.73 to Goth-02 and Schroeder Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Approve payment of \$312.91 to CDS Inspections & Beyond for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Approve payment of \$19,500.00 to Windy Prairie Systems for Cemetery Kiosk

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims except 10521023 against the General Fund, \$47,238.58; Enterprise Fund \$137,896.41; and the December 30th payroll of \$47,132.99 and Payroll Transmittals of \$75,854.11. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

General Fund Claims: Amaruq Enviromental Services \$13,887.49; ARAMARK \$130.77; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO \$193.51; Cardmember Service \$256.87; GALL'S LLC \$1,240.00; Gary Greer \$250.00; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$649.36; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$2,690.13; Misty Bussinger \$450.00; PIERCE LAW OFFICE 130.00; POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION \$120.00; Robert DeSersa \$51.72; VERIZON WIRELESS \$45.03; Windy Prairie Systems Inc. \$9,750.00; CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$280.00; Allfasteners Midwest LLC \$63.40; AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP \$25.00; BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC. \$310.84; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$51.74; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$248.61; FYR-TEK \$282.45; HOMETOWN LEASING \$241.25; JEFFREY KENNEDY- LANDSCAPE \$512.00; MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CTR \$100.00; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$633.00; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$10,319.85; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,080.76; O'KEEFE ELEVATOR COMPANY, INC \$351.86; PAULSEN INC \$24.00; Pinpoint Communications \$548.94; SHANE GRUBER \$720.00.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$276.69; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO. \$163.25; CARDMEMBER SERVICE \$288.47; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$173.07; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$47.00; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$199.06; ITRON, INC. \$1,197.32; JILL A. RUBENTHALER \$202.23; MARK OSTERGARD FARMS \$500.00; PATRICK GREGORY \$8.44; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$150.00; SERVI TECH, INC. \$128.15; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$1,683.65; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$78,799.25; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$1,238.20; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$792.08; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$318.33; FRANZEN INC. \$206.15; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL \$985.34; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$2,181.60; MSI \$1,241.50; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$349.50; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$242.43; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$34,727.30; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$690.40; STATE HEALTH LAB \$45.00; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$11,062.00.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$29,561.98; MASS MUTUAL \$12,332.52; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47; Healthcare MMKT \$16,470.53; Healthcare MMKT Sidefund \$15,005.78; Healthcare Cafeteria \$1738.36.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Gary Greer stated it was sad to report the death of fellow city employee Terri Moore and please hold her family in our hearts.

City Administrator Gary Greer stated October 2020 sales tax were up 13% compared to October 2019 which indicates the possibility of a strong holiday season.

City Administrator Gary Greer stated the Resolution 2021-2 Pole attachment agreement with USCOC Kansas/Nebraska LLC (US Cellular) will be tabled for further review.

City Administrator Gary Greer asked the council to think about providing email addresses on the city's website. Greer stated that there are pros and cons to doing this. Kennedy stated he has provided his e-mail address is currently on the website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Hudson stated that she has been working the Committee and Personal Appointments and there will be more appointments to come.

Committees:

Cemetery Board – Heidi Galas
Community Redevelopment Authority – Randy Burge
Housing Authority – Jill Rubenthaler
LB840 Citizen Advisory Committee-Trenton Long
Planning & Zoning – Hal Fecht
Tree Board – Connie Earll

Personnel:

City Attorney – Mike Bacon
Assistant City Attorney – Colten Venteicher
City Prosecutor – Beverly Louthan
City Clerk / Treasurer – Misty Bussinger
Deputy Clerk – Jill Rubenthaler
Police Chief – Randy Olson
Police Sgt. – Matthew Langley
Police Officers – Joe Humphrey, Chris Walkemeyer, Kyle Carlson, Robert DeSersa, Aaron Pelzer
– PT, Brandi Coufal – PT
Fire Chief – Mark Ballmer
Building Inspector – Doug Swanson
Back-up Building Inspector– Shane Gruber
City Physician – Dr. Garret Shaw
Municipal Engineer – Miller & Assoc., Reed Miller Street Superintendent

Fire Department:

Mason Ackerman	Ron Alexander	Brock Anderson	Trevor Anderson
Alan Ballmer	Alex Ballmer	Mark Ballmer	Travis Binderup
Cameron Bullock	Shane Butterfield	Justin Carlson	Richard Crown
Matt Farr	Adam Finke	Craig Franzen	Dale Franzen
Derek Franzen	Larry Franzen	Troy Franzen	Wade Geiken
Trent Good	James Hecox	John Hecox	Jon Hudson
Archer Jensen	Riley Kort	Joe Libal	Shane Max
Dan Meisinger	Travis Miller	Blake Munster	Troy Munster

Cody Ostergard	Mark Ostergard	Mike Ostergard	Robb Ostergard
Jarrid Rickertsen	Nick Spiegel	Lane VanNatta	Jason Wagner
Michael Wagner	Dan Walker	Keith Williamson	Marty Ziemba

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Mayor Hudson's recommended committee and personnel appointments. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Misty Bussinger, City Cler