

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

February 2, 2021
5:30 p.m.

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: Shane Gruber-Services Director, Noah Dea-Parks Director, Tanner Borchardt

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:

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund, \$10,013.57; Enterprise Fund \$93,526.75; and the January 8 payroll of \$6,281.89 and January 27 payroll of \$43,111.17 and Payroll Transmittals of \$54,606.13. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

General Fund Claims: VERIZON WIRELESS \$367.50; ARAMARK \$87.18; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO \$181.51; Gary Greer \$250.00; IACP \$190.00; Sharon Abbott \$9.00; SHRED-IT USA LLC \$114.86; Stephanie Ostergard \$19.60; VERIZON WIRELESS \$45.03; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$52.52; DUTTON-LAINSON CO \$212.96; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$13.45; FASTENAL \$25.42; GOTHENBURG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY \$150.00; Gothenburg Leader \$85.22; GOTHENBURG TIMES \$31.95; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$184.18; HINTON LOCK & ALARM \$187.50; HOMETOWN LEASING \$241.25; KNOEDLER AUTOMOTIVE \$84.48; NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION \$148.66; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$3,093.45; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,080.76; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$348.00; PAULSEN INC \$1,027.64; Pinpoint Communications \$548.95.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$185.13; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO. \$140.75; SHRED-IT USA LLC \$114.87; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$45,327.71; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$1,347.70; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$4,821.14; FRANZEN INC. \$408.90; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$4,754.56; PERFORMANCE TRUCK \$54.46; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$242.43; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$34,702.90; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$691.20; STATE HEALTH LAB \$60.00; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$400.00; WALMAN OPTICAL \$275.00.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$12,900.40; MASS MUTUAL \$5,918.32; AFLAC \$600.68; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47, HEALTHCARE MMKT \$16,690.99, HEALTHCARE MMKT Sidefund \$15,294.86, Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,497.42, Gothenburg United Fund \$331.00.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated the City hired Stephanie Ostergard as the new Police Record Clerk and she started this week.

Greer stated the recent refinancing of sewer bonds introduced in Ordinance 997 resulted in a 1.3% interest rate, saving the city approximately \$90,000.

Greer mentioned is currently collaborating with the Gothenburg Improvement Company to obtain grant funds that will create a Revolving Loan Fund for small businesses especially retail and restaurant development.

Greer mentioned the Core of Engineer letter of map revision should be done this week. This map is to shrink the 100-year flood plains and will help save on flood insurance for many Gothenburg residents and businesses. Greer stated once this is complete there will be a public notice of the new map that is being submitted to FEMA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Hudson stated that she has completed filling the Committee Appointments.

Committees:

Board of Adjustment – Dan Yancy
Board of Adjustment – Linda Rodine
Board of Adjustment – Dick Nelson
Cemetery Board – Dee Miller
Library Board – Mary Lou Clark

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

Greer introduced Noah Dea as the new Park Director who began employment on Thursday, January 28th. Dea spoke on his background of growing up in O'Neill and then went to college at Briar Cliff. Dea mentioned he has been the Park and Recreation Director in Waverly for the past ten years. Dea and his wife and three children have recently moved to Gothenburg and is looking forward being a part of the Gothenburg community.

Mayor Hudson and the council welcomed Noah Dea to the City of Gothenburg.

Greer discussed the quote from Macqueen Equipment for a Valve Exerciser that was a budgeted item. Greer showed video of how and what the valve exerciser does. Services Director Gruber stated that they are powered by hydraulics up to 400 psi and can be transported in various vehicles as needed. Gruber stated that there are around 500 valves in town and the valves should be turned at least once a year and this valve exerciser will save time and money.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve quote from Macqueen Equipment for the Valve Exerciser. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

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

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk