

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

Also present: Shane Gruber-Services Director, Colten Venteicher-GECLC President, Gary Steele-Engineer, Jacque Haupt-Grant Administrator, Matt Weiss-Pony Express Station, Deb Egenberger-Chamber of Commerce, Rebecca Steward-Chamber of Commerce

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:

A public hearing was opened at 5:31 for the City of Gothenburg's CDBG Grant No. 18-TD-003 to provide opportunity to hear the progress of the renovations to the Community Playhouse/Sun Theatre. To promote tourism activity, primary contractor Paulsen's, Inc. was awarded the contract, and in addition had eight subcontractors on site. Scope of work addressed ADA accessibility in the entrance, lobby, restrooms, and seating areas. The renovations were completed within the 24-month grant period. Total project cost was \$447,317.46, of which \$362,853.97 were CDBG funds. The Sun Theatre Board provided a match of \$84,463.49. Actual beneficiaries include 1,170 persons, of whom 597 (51.03%) are LMI persons. During the grant period, the City affirmatively furthered fair housing by proposing to update Fair Housing content on the City's website and add additional links to the web page. The activity will be completed in March 2021. The City will now proceed with closing out the grant.

After no further discussion, a motion was made by Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- Council Minutes – March 2
- Treasurer Report - February
- Approve payment of \$4,560.00 to Goth-18 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Approve payment of \$990.00 to Goth-05 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Approve payment of \$555.00 to CDS Inspection for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Approve Drawdown #38 for OOR 16-HO-33067
- Planning & Zoning minutes – March 9
- Building Permits- December, January, February, March

Library Director's Report – January 12 through March 10  
Library Statistical Report-February  
Library Annual statistical report- Oct 19 to Sep 20

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims for the General Fund \$123,735.00; Enterprise Fund \$451,494.94; March 10 payroll of \$44,757.49; .and the Payroll Transmittals of \$19,589.65. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

General Fund Claims: HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$691.88; Yandas Pro Audio & Video \$10,000.00; FIVE STAR FLOORING \$5,000.00; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS LLC \$74.54; ARAMARK \$104.58; Cardmember Service \$3,006.74; CASELLE, INC. \$310.00; DEMCO INC. \$371.12; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$290.70; Gary Greer \$243.04; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$188.35; LIBRARY \$84.78; NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHALL \$120.00; NELCO \$505.40; SYNCB / AMAZON \$128.83; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$764.38; AARON PELZER \$22.79; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$1,110.00; Black Hills Energy \$276.37; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,891.92; Crown Services \$750.00; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$95.54; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$128.73; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$860.64; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$94.50; FIRST STATE INSURANCE – GOTHENBURG \$83,118.00; Gothenburg Leader \$315.95; GOTHENBURG TIMES \$191.85; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$19.50; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$627.02; MITINET LIBRARY SERVICES \$329.00; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$1,146.21; NewsBank \$954.00; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$2,024.00; PAULSEN INC \$136.68; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$5,258.94; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$289.96; VISION CARE DIRECT \$653.06; VITER SERVICES, INC \$250.00; WEATHERCRAFT COMPANIES \$1,306.00.

Enterprise Fund Claims: HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$192.61; ARAMARK \$186.20; CARDMEMBER SERVICE \$36.00; CASELLE, INC. \$858.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$52.31; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$519.53; SERVI TECH, INC. \$128.15; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$38.25; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$165.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,785.36; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$48,464.46; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,981.55; COZAD SERVICES, INC. \$492.93; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$3,124.50; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$557.13; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$340.20; ESSENTIAL SCREENS \$29.00; FIRST STATE INSURANCE \$83,118.00; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$138.00; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$192.61; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$8.58; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$61.60; MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT CO \$1,582.10; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$295,208.64; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$14.24; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$286.42; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$174.83; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$10,347.81; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$653.37; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$691.20; TRYON WELDING \$6.24; VISION CARE DIRECT \$60.12.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$13,298.86; MASS MUTUAL \$5,918.32; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated that the City is expected to receive approximately \$580,000.00 from the Cares Act and guidelines will be developed for the use of the funds in the upcoming weeks.

Greer stated the State Municipal Equalization funding is projected to be up approximately \$38,000.00 more in the upcoming year.

Greer stated there is a Retreat scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 5:30. The Council was encouraged to read supporting documents and be prepared to add input on this year's Strategic Plan.

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#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Colten Venteicher-President Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition (GECLC) opened discussion regarding closure of west half of 10<sup>th</sup> street between Ave D and Ave E for the GECLC Block Party set for Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve closure of some downtown streets for the GECLC Block Party set for Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-1:30 pm. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Matt Weiss- Pony Express President gave a presentation regarding the Pony Express Station management contract for the term of March 1, 2021-December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$15,000.00 annually.

After no further discussion Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Pony Express Management Contract. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Deb Egenberger and Rebecca Steward-Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation regarding closure of 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Flatwater Bank drive-thru to Ave F the Chamber Spring Fling set for Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-6:30 pm.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve closure of some downtown streets for the Chamber Spring Fling set for Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-6:30 pm. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Administrator Greer gave a presentation regarding Resolution 2021-2 Pole attachment agreement with USCOC Kansas/Nebraska LLC (US Cellular) approving the joint use of all City-Owned Utility Poles.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-2 Pole attachment agreement with USCOC Kansas/Nebraska LLC (US Cellular). Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Jacque Haupt-Miller and Associates gave a presentation regarding changing the Community Development Block Grant (Owner-Occupied Housing Grant 18-HO-33071) Rehabilitation Program guidelines. New documents are required with minor modifications by DED.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the document modifications and allow the Mayor to sign documents that reflect minor modifications required by DED regarding the Development Block Grant (Owner-Occupied Housing Grant 18-HO-33071) Rehabilitation Program guidelines. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Jacque Haupt-Miller & Associates gave a presentation regarding changes to the Community Development Block Grant (Owner-Occupied Housing Grant 18-HO-33071) Program Income Reuse Plan. New documents are required with minor modifications by DED.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the document modifications and allow the Mayor to sign documents that reflect minor modifications required by DED regarding the Development Block Grant (Owner-Occupied Housing Grant 18-HO-33071) Program Income Reuse Plan. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber-Services Director made a presentation regarding Resolution 2021-5 allowing for the adoption of Water Emergency Plan providing a safe and pure source of water for the citizens.

After no further discussion Buddenberg moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve of Resolution 2021-5 Adoption of Water Emergency Plan. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Gary Steele-Miller & Associates gave a presentation regarding the award of bid to BSB for \$1,640,977.00 for 2021 Paving and Infrastructure Improvements M&A Project No. 126-A1-038-20.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to award bid for 2021 Paving and Infrastructure Improvements M&A Project No. 126-A1-038-20. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Attorney Bacon gave a presentation regarding Resolution 2021-6 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for GIC Project Fiddler for \$500,000.00 using sales tax dollars for economic development.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approval of Resolution 2021-6 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for GIC Project Fiddler. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to enter into executive session at 6:03 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Specifically, the subject matter and reason necessitating the executive session is to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried. Administrator Greer, Clerk Bussinger, Attorney Bacon will join the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 6:10 p.m. and stated that no action is necessary in conjunction with the closed session.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Motion carried.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Misty Bussinger, City Clerk