

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor	Joyce Hudson
Council Members	Jeff Kennedy
	Verlin Janssen
	J Buddenberg (entered 5:31)
	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, Noah Dea-Parks Director, Nate Baker-Electric Utility Director, Randy Olson-Chief of Police, Colten Venteicher-, Gary Steele-Engineer, Ashley Weesner-Grant Administrator, Will Rahjes-Citizen Advisory Review Committee, Troy Franzen-Fire Department, Layne Van Natta-Fire Department

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:

Ashley Weesner of Miller & Associates discussed the Application regarding Community Development Block Grant Award (Owner-Occupied Housing Grant 18-HO-33071). This is an open grant that was originally for 10 houses at \$250,00.00 and will be reduced to 3 houses and \$75,000.00 of grant money.

After no further discussion, a motion was made by Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Will Rahjes-Citizen’s Advisory Review Committee (CARC) member discussed the findings from the CARC meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rahjes stated the balance of the LB840 fund was \$256,372.98. It was reported that on August 16<sup>th</sup> a\$60,000.00 reimbursement was made to correct a transfer error. Rahjes stated that the CARC is required to meet by statues to review the LB840 and report on any findings.

After no further discussion, a motion was made by Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- Council Minutes – February 16
- Tree Board minutes – February 17
- Approve payment of \$4,270.00 to Miller & Associate for 126-A1-038 Gothenburg Paving & Infrastructure Improvements Ave I Capital Project

Approve payment of \$4,630.00 to Goth-18 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067  
Approve payment of \$2,660.00 to Goth-05 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067  
Approve payment of \$459.00 to CDS Inspection for OOR 16-HO-33067  
Approve Drawdown #37 for OOR 16-HO-33067  
Police Report - February

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

#### CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims except claims number 30221021 and 322100009 against the General Fund \$24,654.89; Enterprise Fund \$104,120.20; February 24 payroll of \$48,162.17; .and the Payroll Transmittals of \$56,728.65. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Janssen moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims number 30221021 and 322100009. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain-Kennedy.

General Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$119.32; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO \$206.01; Axon Enterprise, Inc. \$375.00; CNA SURETY \$175.00; Gary Greer \$250.00; KACO Supplies \$1,876.50; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE \$90.00; NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERV SYSTEM \$40.00; Personnel Concepts \$64.56; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$114.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$45.55; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$19.12; CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$300.00; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00; DAWSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$10.00; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$51.91; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$490.72; FRANZEN INC. \$15.65; Gothenburg Leader \$82.46; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$266.02; HOMETOWN LEASING \$241.25; JEFFREY KENNEDY – FIRE \$460.99; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$7,738.74; NMC EXCHANGE LLC \$612.45; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,080.76; Performance Truck & Trailer \$23.18; Pinpoint Communications \$548.95; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$7,756.75.

Enterprise Fund Claims: CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$232.13; AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION \$75.00; ARAMARK \$186.20; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO. \$152.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,139.20; PERSONNEL CONCEPTS \$16.14; SERVI TECH, INC. \$128.15; STUART C IRBY CO \$813.20; VERIZON WIRELESS \$136.57; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$2,497.17; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$413.37; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$48,926.92; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$1,461.70; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,887.26; ECONO SIGNS \$393.28; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$95.36; JEFF KENNEDY-FIRE \$391.44; METERING & TECHNOLOGY \$2,190.17; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$439.82; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$242.43; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$71.53; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$34,570.90; SPARKY'S ELECTRICAL SERVICE \$1,348.64; STATE HEALTH LAB \$549.00; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$5,065.00; USA BLUEBOOK \$697.62.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$14,168.67; MASS MUTUAL \$5,866.28; AFLAC \$650.80; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47; Healthcare MMKT \$17,259.80; Healthcare MMKT Sidefund \$15,875.31; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,463.32; Gothenburg United Fund \$72.00.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated that the City hired Tara Hite as the new Billing Clerk. Tara has been training and first full day will be March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Greer stated there will be a retreat scheduled for Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. A strategic plan will be developed and if they council has any topics to address to let him know.

Greer stated there will be a open meeting to the public regarding the update of Gothenburg flood plain maps scheduled for Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. New maps have been developed and will be available for review at the meeting. There will be a community review period for 30 days and then submitted to FEMA for finalization. FEMA has 90 days to return to the City. Greer stated the Corps of Engineers have been great and quick to work with.

Greer state the orange cones will be coming soon as the City has several projects it will be working on including ADA Ramp Project and 2020-2021 Street and water projects. The 2020 Street Project will include North Ave I and the 2021 Street Project will include South Ave I.

Janssen inquired about the current work being done on Ave F. Gruber stated Johnson Company is repairing the sewer manholes because of deterioration. Gruber state this includes a three-step process, and they should be finishing up in the next day or so.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Troy Franzen with the Fire Department requested the annual use of Lake Helen for the upcoming Fourth of July Fireworks display. Franzen stated they are starting the process earlier this year due to the shortage of supplies.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve use of Lake Helen for Fourth of July Fireworks. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Noah Dea-Park Director introduced the discussion regarding the seasonal opening of Park related facilities for 2021. Dea stated this will include such things as swimming pool, playground, Lafayette Park, and Pavilion. Greer recommended opening all park related facilities as usual.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve opening of Park related facilities for 2021. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Gary Greer introduced the Cares Act grant expenditures in the amount of \$117,901.49. Greer stated the city received grant money and would like to use the funds to purchase Police Equipment and Council Chamber audio/visual Equipment. Chief Olson discussed the list of police equipment to be purchased including 8 portable radios and 2 In-Car repeaters, 6 Patrol rifles, Training equipment, 2 mobile data terminals, a spare body camera, desk chairs, updated computer hard drives, and miscellaneous technical and software upgrades. Greer discussed the quote from Yandas regarding updated audio/visual equipment for the Council Chambers including cameras, microphones, and system to be able to provide teleconference meetings in the future .

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to use of Cares Act grant expenditures in amount of \$117, 901.49 on requested Police Equipment and Council Chamber audio/visual Equipment. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain- Kennedy.

Gary Steele-Engineer introduced Miller & Associates Agreement for the platting, infrastructure design and construction review for the Crossing and the Wakefield – A developments for a cost of \$63,325. Steele stated that \$7,325.00 is for Boundary Survey & Platting, \$57,000.00 for Design and bidding services. Steele further stated the post construction phase is in the amount of \$45,000.00.

After no further discussion Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Miller & Associates Agreement for the platting, infrastructure design and construction review for the Crossing and the Wakefield – A Developments with Miller and Associates for a cost of \$109,325.00. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain- Kennedy.

Nate Baker-Electric Utility Director introduced the Ward Electric Company (WEC) Proposal upgrade project for the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue and Highway 30 for a cost of \$54,030.17. Baker stated two feeds have no back feed and the neutral is missing breakers after a train ran into the lines. Discussion was had on whether this should be paid by railroad. Baker state he has been working with the railroad, but we are unable to prove the problem was from the railroad.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Ward Electric Company (WEC) Proposal upgrade project for the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue and Highway 30 for a cost of \$54,030.17. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain- Kennedy.

Gary Greer-City Administrator introduced quote concerning flooring replacement at city hall from Five Star in the amount of \$9,999.22. Greer stated there is \$20,000.00 in budget for City Hall improvements and this quote will replace the flooring that was not part of a previous flooring replacement project. Greer state the flooring is of commercial grade quality and should last a long time.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve flooring replacement at city hall from Five Star in the amount of \$9,999.22. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain- Kennedy.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Misty Bussinger, City Clerk