

ORDINANCE 303

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO THE FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY ARE ELECTED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA.

Section 1. That Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1-164 of the Municipal Code of Gothenburg, Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

City Council; Organization. City Councilmen of this Municipality shall take office, and commence their duties on the first (1st) regular meeting date in December following their election. The newly elected Councilmen who have qualified as prescribed by law, together with the members of the City Council holding over, shall assemble in a regular meeting at the hour and place hereinafter prescribed and perfect the reorganization of the City Council as herein provided, and all appointive offices in which the terms of incumbents are expired shall be filled by appointment. After the said meeting has been called to order, the Municipal Clerk shall report to the City Council the names of all City Councilmen-elect who have qualified for their respective offices, and this report shall be spread upon the minutes of the meeting preceding the roll call. Each ward of the Municipality shall be represented by at least two (2) Councilmen. No person shall be eligible who is not at the time of his election an actual resident of the ward for which he is qualified and should any City Councilman move from the ward from which he was elected, his office shall thereby become vacant. (Ref. 17-104, 17-107.01, 19-613 RS Neb.)

Section 2. That Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 1-518 of the Municipal Code of Gothenburg, Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

Meetings; Organizational. The newly elected Council shall convene at the regular place of meeting in the City on the first (1st) regular meeting in December of each year in which a Municipal election is held immediately after the prior Council adjourns and proceed to organize themselves for the ensuing year. The Mayor elected for the new municipal year shall call the meeting to order. The Council shall then proceed to examine the credentials of its members and other elective officers of the City to see that each has been duly and properly elected, and to see that such oaths and bonds have been given as are required. After ascertaining that all members are duly qualified, the Council shall then elect one of its own body who shall be styled as "President of the Council." The Mayor shall then nominate his candidates for appointive offices. He shall then proceed with the regular order of business. It is hereby made the duty of each and every member of the Council, or his successor in office, and of each officer elected to any office, to qualify prior to the first (1st) regular meeting in December following his election. All appointive officers shall qualify within two (2) weeks following their appointments. Qualification for each officer who is not required to give bond shall consist in his subscribing and taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, the laws of the Municipality and to perform faithfully and impartially the duties of his office, said oath to be filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Each officer who is required to give a bond shall file the required bond in the office of the Municipal Clerk with sufficient sureties, conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, with the oath endorsed thereon.

Section 3. That the original Sections 1-104, 1-516 and any other Sections passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with the provisions therewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 7th day of June, 1977.

John H. Colley
Mayor

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Marcia Folkers
Clerk