

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor  
Council Members

Joyce Hudson  
Jeff Kennedy  
J Buddenberg  
Jay Richeson  
Verlin Janssen

Not Present:

City Administrator  
City Clerk  
City Attorney

Gary Greer  
Misty Bussinger  
Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen  
*Gothenburg Times* – Ashley Mohler

Also present: Noah Dea-Park Director, Deb Egenberger-Gothenburg Chamber

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda was 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 – November 2  
Planning & Zoning minutes – November 9  
Building Permits – October  
Library Statistical Report – October  
Library Director's Report – September 14 through November 8  
Approve Application for Payment #6 of \$293,226.80 to BSB Construction for 2021  
Paving & Infrastructure 126-A1-038.  
Approve Application for Payment #1 – Nielsen Contracting, LLC - \$192,461.59 –  
Infrastructure Development at the Crossing & Wakefield 126-A1-040.  
Cemetery Minutes-November 1

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$142,409.89; Enterprise Fund \$678,901.33; November 17 payroll of \$50,965.93 and Payroll Transmittal of \$65,739.80. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

Claims Codes: Bu- Building Upkeep, Eq-Equipment, Ex-Expense, Ma-Maintenance, Mi-Mileage, Misc-Miscellaneous, Re-Repairs, Se-Service, Su-Supplies, Ut-Utilities, CI-Capital Improvement, GU-Grounds Upkeep, Reim-Reimbursement, Tax-Tax, Ps-Personnel, Du-Dues.

General Fund Claims: AJ SHEET METAL, INS \$172.00 Re; Brite \$2,288.00 Eq; Cardmember Service \$765.00 Ex, Se, Re, Su; CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - GR ISLD

\$8,192.00 Se; DAWSON AREA DEVELOPMENT \$600.00 Ex; DAWSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$48.00 Ex; EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION AGENCY \$10.00 Su; GALL'S LLC \$284.64 Su; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$70.00 Ex; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$372.27 Su; LIBRARY \$60.04 Su; NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRNG CTR \$360.00 Se; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMT INC \$135.00 Se; NIELSEN CONTRACTING LLC \$100,080.03 Ex; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$641.56 Su, Re; Samuel Golson \$51.88 Reim; Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC \$116.86 Su; Stop Stick Ltd \$103.00 Su; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$306.84 Se; Travis Miner \$177.68 Reim; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$877.16 Ps; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$1,657.12 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$107.05 Tax; ARAMARK \$133.43 Se; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$958.00 Se; Black Hills Energy \$134.29 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$310.00 Ma; CASEY METZGER \$2,400.00 Re; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,595.62 Ex; Crown Services \$1,650.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$271.54 Ex; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$145.47 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$281.47 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$64.00 Se; FASTENAL \$657.39 Su; FYR-TEK \$168.45 Su; GOTHENBURG DISCOUNT PHARMACY \$50.00 Ps; GOTHENBURG TIMES \$170.40 Se; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$21.00 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$1,012.51 Re, Su; IDEAL LINEN \$56.86 Se; JOHNNY ON THE SPOT / KIRK'S TRENCHING & \$140.00 Se; MARK BALLMER MOWING \$80.00 Se; MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY \$4,460.06 Su; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$260.00 Se; PAULSEN INC \$1,170.30 Re, Su; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$82.10 Su; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$2,545.00 Eq; POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF NE \$30.00 Du; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$3,193.69 Ut; TOP NOTCH AUTO & MOE'S GRAPHIX \$350.00 Re; VISION CARE DIRECT \$759.46 Ps; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$782.72 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: CARDMEMBER SERVICE \$584.15 Su, Misc, Ex, Ma; JAKE FLINT \$66.74 Misc; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$338.16 Ma; KARA LIBICH \$1,000.00 Reim; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,022.62 Ma, Su, Re; NIELSEN CONTRACTING LLC \$92,381.55 Ci; NWOD \$60.00 Du; SERVI TECH, INC. \$128.15 Ex; BSB CONSTRUCTION \$293,226.80 Ci; JOHN'S PRESSURE WASHERS \$7,134.56 Ci; ARAMARK \$252.05 Se; BACON, VINTON & VENTEICHER LLC \$293.04 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$258.30 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$858.00 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$50,045.33 Reim, Tax; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,222.45 Ex, Ma; DIVERSIFIED INSPECT/INDEPENDENT TESTING \$1,802.50 Re; FASTENAL COMPANY \$172.26 Su; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$95.18 Ma; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$119.04 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$203,433.45 Ut; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$97.72 Se; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$143.62 Ex; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$8,605.54 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$367.28 Ma, Re; TRYON WELDING \$41.04 Ma; UNITECH \$518.00 Ma; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$14,218.52 Ma, Ci; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$415.28 Ps.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$15,049.41 Ps; MASS MUTUAL \$7,107.77 Ps; AFLAC \$650.80 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$500.78 Ps; Healthcare MMKT \$21,768.91 Ps; Healthcare MMKT Sidefund \$18,023.95 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2477.16 Ps; Gothenburg United Fund \$76.00 Ps; Credit Management Servis \$115.02.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Bacon stated Happy Birthday to Gary Greer City Administrator.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Deb Egenberger-Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce discussed closure of a downtown street for the Magic on Main Street Event set for Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>. The closure would be Lake Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street for activities.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, the approval of closure of Lake Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> streets for the Magic on Main Street Event set for Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer introduced Ordinance 1005 -2021 Utility Rate Change. This ordinance increases rates for Electric 5%, Sewer 5%, and Solid Waste 6% services to offset price increases for supplies, services, and fees. The current consumer price index indicates a 6.4 % inflation rate.

Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1005 -2021 Utility Rate Change. **AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Ordinance 1005 -2021 Utility Rate Change. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2021-21 Continuation of 457 Plan. This resolution is a requirement of the city's retirement program administrator which has just changed from Mass Mutual to Empower. The change in companies necessitates approval of a new resolution from the City Council.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-21 Continuation of 457 Plan. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed the Boarding Agreement with Eastside Animal Center for animals picked up by the Police Department. This agreement approves a cost increase for animal impound fees.

After no further discussion Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Boarding Agreement with Eastside Animal Center. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Hudson discussed the appointment of new fireman Jacob Rosse to the Volunteer Fire Department.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve appointment of new fireman Jacob Rosse. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2021-22 Keno Funds. This resolution is to mirror the state law for use of the keno funds of community betterment.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-22 Keno Funds. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2021-23 Update Fee Schedule (multiple updates). This resolution has multiple increases to city fees, deposits, permits, and rents to offset costs of service for various city functions.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-23 Update Fee Schedule (multiple updates). Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2021-24 Year End Certification of the City Street Superintendent. This resolution is a state requirement for state funding naming Reed Miller as our Street Superintendent.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve 2021-24 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

Noah Dea Park Director discussed proposals for park mower. The city received two proposals first from Akrs for \$10,450 available now and the second from Landmark \$11,400 available June 2022.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve proposal for park mower from Arks for \$10,450. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.


City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2021-25 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for the Dawson Area Development organization Annual support and Grant Agreement. This resolution is changing the funds that were previously paid out of the Old Sales Tax Fund to the LB840 Fund for \$26,000 in annual support.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-25 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for DAD Annual Support and Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed 2022 Maintenance Agreement #56 with Nebraska Department of Transportation. This agreement is with the State of Nebraska concerning maintenance of various streets and roads in Gothenburg and is approved annually.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve 2022 Maintenance Agreement #56 with Nebraska Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting 5:56 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Motion carried.

  
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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

  
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Misty Bussinger, City Clerk