

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Joyce Hudson
Council Members J Buddenberg
Jay Richeson
Verlin Janssen

Not Present: Jeff Kennedy

City Administrator Gary Greer
City Clerk Misty Bussinger
Assistant City Attorney Colten Venteicher

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Noah Dea-Park Director, Randy Olson-Police Chief, Shane Gruber-Service Director, Eric Most.

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:

- a) Council Minutes – November 16
- b) Park & Recreation Minutes – November 23
- c) Health Board Minutes – November 16
- d) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes – November 11
- e) REDLG Reuse Minutes-November 29
- f) Treasurer Report – November
- g) Police Report – November
- h) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 to Community Redevelopment Authority for GIC REDLG Loan.
- i) Approve payment of \$3,063.02 to Gothenburg Improvement Company Authority for Curbtender Project.
- j) Approve Application for Payment #2 – Nielsen Contracting, LLC - \$272,305.35 – Infrastructure Development at the Crossing & Wakefield 126-A1-040.
- k) Approve payment of \$26,000.00 to Dawson Area Development for Annual Support of Economic Development 2021.
- l) Approve payment of \$141,215.67 to DTCC for Bond Notes A, C, F, G.
- m) Approve payment of \$71,000.00 to Wells Fargo for Bond Note D.
- n) Approve payment of \$871.00 to Flatwater Bank for Bond Note E.

Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$249,436.49; Enterprise Fund \$639,872.91; December 1 payroll of \$48,795.10 and Payroll Transmittal of \$22,312.14. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. 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 \$398.77 Re; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO \$383.51 Ps; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$449.95 Se; Blue to Gold LLC \$292.00 Ex; CNA SURETY \$124.50 Se; Gary Greer \$250.00 Misc; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$65.00 Se; HOEHNER TURF IRRIGATION II \$84,960.00 CI; Irby Electrical Distributor \$476.15 Re; Jason Meinke \$34.72 Reim; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$923.03 Re; NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRNG CTR \$72.00 Se; NIELSEN CONTRACTING LLC \$141,598.78 Ex; Samuel Golson \$223.72 Reim; Scott Pfeifer \$1,950.00 Eq; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$188.20 Se; VERIZON WIRELESS \$121.04 Se; CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$300.00 Reim; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$925.70 Ps; VERIZON WIRELESS \$45.03 Se; AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP \$419.00 Se; ARAMARK \$92.18 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; Black Hills Energy \$130.24 Ut; Crown Services \$1,000.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$48.62 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$497.08 Su; FYR-TEK \$132.20 Su; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$18.00 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$415.09 Su, Re; JEFFREY KENNEDY – LANDSCAPE \$945.00 Su, Re; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,029.19 Se; PAULSEN INC \$1,617.00 Re; Performance Truck & Trailer \$44.07 Re; Pinpoint Communications \$442.34 Se; RANDY OLSON \$39.20 Reim; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$450.75 Re, Su; TIM LAUER \$267.18 Reim; TITAN MACHINERY \$2,564.25 Eq; WEATHERCRAFT COMPANIES \$2,705.00 Re; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,198.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$24.70 Se; DEBT SERVICE FUND \$27,412.00 Misc; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$105.00 Ex; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,171.54 Ma; NE. DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$23,431.20 Misc; NIELSEN CONTRACTING LLC \$130,706.57 CI; T & R SERVICE COMPANY \$3,983.00 Ma; VERIZON WIRELESS \$82.04 Ut; CHASE BANK \$268,768.75 CI; ARAMARK \$173.41 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$507.08 Ut; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$81,395.97 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,202.65 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$4,440.07 Ma,CI; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$546.62 Su; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$2,587.33 Ma; FRANZEN INC. \$74.70 Re; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$139.70 Ma; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATIO \$180.00 Misc; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$130.67 Ma; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$115.20 Ma; JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY \$3,200.00 Ma; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL \$1,001.44 Ma; MSI \$1,700.00 Ma; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$77.70 Se; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$47.25 Ma; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$375.32 Ex; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$258.41 Ut; PLATTE VALLEY AUTO MART \$250.86 Re; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$63.19 Re; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$339.48 Re, Ma, Su; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$37,951.35 Se; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$694.00 Se; STATE HEALTH LAB \$504.00 Se; TITAN MACHINERY \$7,692.75 CI; TOP NOTCH AUTO & MOE'S GRAPHIX \$385.00 Ex; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$36,738.68 Ma, CI; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$415.28 Reim.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$14,588.57 Ps; MASS MUTUAL \$7,107.77 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$500.78 Ps; Credit Management Servic \$115.02.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated sales tax is up 13.5% year over year for September.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Eric Most-The Crossing Fellowship discussed closure of a downtown street for the Gothenburg Family Fun Day set for August 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The closure would be Tenth Street from Ave D to Lake Avenue for activities. Greer recommended not closing whole Tenth street but stopping at Flatwater driveway.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, the approval of closure Tenth Street from Ave D to Lake Avenue for Gothenburg Family Fun Day set for August 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Venteicher discussed Letter of Intent to the GECLC for the Impact Center. This is a letter stating that City intends on applying for grant from the Community and Civic Center Financing Fund (CCCCF) in the amount of \$375,000.00.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, the approval of Letter of Intent to the GECLC for the Impact Center. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Venteicher discussed approval Good Life (GLG Concepts LLC) REDLG Revolving Loan Application and Loan Agreement for \$200,000.00. This loan is 15-year loan at 1% for Tax increment Financing Bond for infrastructure.

Janssen moved, Buddenberg seconded, the approval Good Life (GLG Concepts LLC) REDLG Revolving Loan Application and Loan Agreement for \$200,000.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Olson discussed Health Board Recommendations for two properties 1002 10th Street and 609 Avenue C. This recommendation was for the City to move forward with legal action on these properties that were declared nuisances.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, the approval to move forward with legal action on property 1002 10th Street. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, Buddenberg seconded, the approval to move forward with legal action on property 609 Avenue C. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Noah Dea discussed proposals for purchase of the new wide area mower (insurance claim). Two proposals were received from Landmark \$58,500.00 and AKRS \$56,000.00.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, the approval of proposals from Landmark for \$58,500.00. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Noah Dea discussed Commemorative Bench Program. This program will standardize the commemorative bench program. The donation of \$1,500.00 covers the cost of the 6ft bench, bench pad, plaque, and installation.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, the approval of the Commemorative Bench Program. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer reviewed Ordinance 1005 -2021 Utility Rate Change. This ordinance increases rates for Electric 5%, Sewer 5%, and Solid Waste 6% services.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried. Mayor Hudson declares motion adopted by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of Council and statutory rule is suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Motion carried

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.**

Janssen moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Ordinance 1005 -2021 Utility Rate Change. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

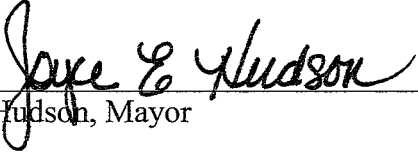
City Administrator Greer reviewed Ordinance 1006 -Nuisance Ordinance Revised. This ordinance amends several sections in Article 93 and Article 150.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried. Mayor Hudson declares motion adopted by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of Council and statutory rule is suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Motion carried

Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1006 -Nuisance Ordinance Revised. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ARTICLE 93 SECTIONS 93.01, 93.02, 93.15, 93.16, 93.19, 93.20, 93.99; REPEALING SECTIONS 93.17 AND 93.18 AND AMENDING ARTICLE 150, SECTION 150.097, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF NUISANCES AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS, PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER, PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES, PROVIDING FOR PENANLTIES, REPEALING PARTS OF ORDINACES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve 1006 -Nuisance Ordinance Revised. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting 5:57 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.



Joyce Hudson, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk