

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Will Rahjes
Jeff Kennedy
J Buddenberg
Jay Richeson
Verlin Janssen
Mike Bacon
Gary Greer
Misty Bussinger

Not Present:

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Colten Venteicher, Kayla Paul, Alicia Knust, Bernie Stretker-Engineer, Shiloh Schultz, Dan Butterfield, Linda Butterfield, Tyler Buesing, Noah Dea, Doug Swanson.

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 5:30 for Special Use Permit # 168 – Albert Martinez to have fence in excess of 42”, at 505 Lake Avenue, currently zoned C-2.

Linda Butterfield discussed keeping the fence at where it was at 5’2” which was put up for privacy. Linda stated that the fence also acts as sound barrier with commercial traffic. Tyler Buesing stated that as a neighbor to Martinez he has no issue with the fence.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Special Use Permit # 168 – Albert Martinez to have fence in excess of 42”, at 505 Lake Avenue, currently zoned C-2. The permit will expire upon sale of property. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Council Minutes –December 6
Treasurer Report-November
Planning & Zoning minutes – December 13
Building Permits – November
Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- December 15
Library Statistical Report- November
Park & Recreation Board Minutes -November 14

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$73,972.05; Enterprise Fund \$386,655.52 December 14 payroll of \$53,870.94; and Payroll Transmittals of \$25,345.27 except claim# 122022042. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claim# 122022042. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Abstained-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: CNA SURETY \$20.00 Misc; Community Publishers \$333.00 Ex; D & M SECURITY \$70.00 Se; Dan Wenger \$791.12 Bu; EARL'S AUTO GLASS, LLC \$50.00 Re; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$255.93 Su; GALL'S LLC \$539.21 Ex; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$439.56 Ma; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$224.11 Re, Su, Ma; LAWSON PRODUCTS \$31.31 Su; LIBRARY \$49.55 Reim; Mark Ostergard Farms \$350.00 Se; PETTY CASH \$112.04 Su; ROGER WAHLGREN \$1,300.00 Reim; VERIZON WIRELESS \$45.03 Ut; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$367.58 Su, Eq; ARAMARK \$27.12 Se; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$1,835.00 Se; Black Hills Energy \$229.65 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$313.75 Se; CASEY METZGER \$1,620.00 Re; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$4,479.79 Ex; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$155.23 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$26.60 Su; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$863.61 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$268.00 Se; Essential Screens \$31.25 Se; GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$300.00 Reim; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$391.67 Re; HINTON LOCK & ALARM \$1,316.30 Bu; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$320.00 Se; JEFFREY KENNEDY – LANDSCAPE \$544.00 Misc; KEARNEY HUB \$315.43 Ex; MATTHEW LANGLEY \$59.25 Ex; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$9,340.96 Ma; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$642.22 Se; PAVEMENT REPAIR & SUPPLIES, INC \$2,250.00 Re; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$463.00 Su; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$173.58 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$22,644.06 Reim, Ut, Misc; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$778.39 Su, Ex; TK Elevator Corporation \$375.33 Bu; TOP NOTCH AUTO & MOE'S GRAPHIX \$131.70 Su; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$16,116.48 Gu; VISION CARE DIRECT \$715.64 Ps; WERNER'S SPRINKLERS INC. \$2,265.60 CI.

Enterprise Fund Claims: DON BARKMEIER \$67.50 Reim; GOTHENBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY \$1,000.00 Reim; JAMES AGUSTINE \$217.77 Reim; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$1,007.06 Ma, Su, Re; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC. \$62.60 Su; STATE OF NEBRASKA \$570.00 Reim; SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION \$918.00 Re; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$593.49 Misc, Su, Ma, Re; ARAMARK \$68.64 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,222.69 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$941.25 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$67,743.02 Ps, Tax, Ex; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,551.84 Ex; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$5,299.72 CI; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$314.52 Su; ESSENTIAL SCREENS \$35.50 Misc; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$65.83 Re; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$115.20 Ma; MIKE PETERS \$112.00 Ex; MSI \$13,591.05 CI; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$253,923.33 Ut; NMC, INC. \$43.22 Re; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$763.78 Se; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$47.04 Se; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$971.50 Re; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$400.78 Ex; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$7,922.63 Ut; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$339.80 Su, Ex; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$17,726.07 CI; TRYON WELDING \$887.50 Re; VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY \$3,572.30 Gu; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$3,559.89 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$16,479.17 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$7,886.99 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$694.63 Ps; Credit Management Servis \$284.48 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated with cold weather coming turn faucets slightly on so pipes don't freeze.

Greer stated he will be out of the office from December 21st through January 2nd.

Kennedy stated the city crew has done a great job on snow removal.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Administrator Greer asked to table approval of Resolution 2022-23 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for GIC for Industrial Tract Development (Old Sales Tax) and Grant Agreement to a later date.

City Administrator Greer asked to table approval of approval of Resolution 2022-24 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition for Interlocal Agreement and Grant Agreement to a later date.

Venteicher discussed Resolution 2022-25 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for Gothenburg Early Childhood Agency for Interlocal Agreement and Grant Agreement. This is for \$30,000 from LB840 to Gothenburg Early Childhood Agency over next two years.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2022-25 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for Gothenburg Early Childhood Agency for Interlocal Agreement and Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Venteicher discussed Letter of Intent to the Community and Civic Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) for Impact Center. This is letter of intent for the grant applied for prior for Impact Center which was \$380,000 but this year is \$560,000.00.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Letter of Intent to the Community and Civic Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) for Impact Center. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Doug Swanson discussed determination and Resolution 2022-26 Unsafe Building of Gary Smith located at 902 22nd Street.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, determination notice and Resolution 2022-26 Unsafe Building of Gary Smith located at 902 22nd Street. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes discussed appointment of Joyce Hudson to the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to appointment of Joyce Hudson to the Community Redevelopment Authority. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Noah Dea discussed purchase and installation of playground equipment for Lake Helen and E.G. West Parks. The best bid pricing through Sourcewell was from BCI Burke (Creative Site) at \$185,314.50 for Lake Helen and \$54,131.50 for E.G. West.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve purchase and installation of playground equipment for Lake Helen and E.G. West Parks with Creative Site. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Noah Dea discussed purchase and installation of splash pad at E.G. West Park. The best bid pricing through Sourcewell was Waterplay (Crouch Recreation) at \$140,333.00.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve purchase and installation of splash pad at E.G. West Park with Crouch Recreation. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

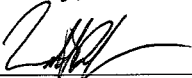
City Administrator Greer asked to table approval of revised Employment Agreement with Gary Greer for City Administrator to a later date.

Bernie Stretker of Miller & Associates discussed award bid for Industrial Park 3rd-Phase I Infrastructure M&A Project No. 126-G1-040. Two bids were considered Nielsen's at

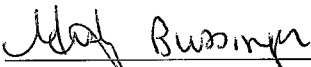
\$1,308,894.04 and Paulsen \$1,353,178.00. Stretker recommended going with lowest bid with Nielsen.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to award bid for Industrial Park 3rd-Phase I Infrastructure M&A Project No. 126-G1-040 to Nielsen's. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk