

ROLL CALL:

Present:  
Mayor

Will Rahjes

Not Present: Jeff Kennedy

Council Members

J Buddenberg  
Jay Richeson  
Verlin Janssen

City Administrator  
Deputy City Clerk  
City Attorney

Gary Greer  
Jill A. Rubenthaler  
Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber, Shiloh Schultz, Bob Meyer

Mayor Rahjes 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) City Council minutes – January 3
- b) Treasurer Report – December
- c) Police Report – December
- d) Planning & Zoning minutes – January 10
- e) Building Permits – December
- f) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes – January 11
- g) Library Statistical Report – December
- h) Library Director's Report – November 8 through January 9
- i) Approve payment of \$4,036.95 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Authority for Curbtender Project
- j) Approve payment of \$679.00 from LB840 to Bacon, Vinton, Venteicher for LB840 Applications
- k) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 from LB840 to Community Redevelopment Authority for GIC REDLG Loan
- l) Approve payment of \$300,000.00 from LB840 to Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition for Impact Center
- m) Cemetery Board Reports – October 2022-December 2022

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$31,0603.88; Enterprise Fund \$428,242.76; January 11 Payroll of \$57,982.91 and Payroll Transmittal of \$27,952.43. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. 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: Cengage Learning Inc / Gale \$25.59 Su; CNA SURETY \$700 Ex; Dan Wenger \$436.06 Re; DAWSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$26.00 Ex; DAWSON TIRE & WHEEL \$142.25 Re; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$277.14 Su; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$389.06 Re; LIBRARY \$125.38 Misc; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP'M'T INC \$135.00 Bu; OCLC, INC \$1,114.25 Su; Gary Greer \$250.00 Misc; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$973.82 Ps; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$100.82 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$13.30 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$19.28 Tax; CARD SERVICES \$509.48 Ex; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$364.58 Misc; ARAMARK \$137.92 Se; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$1,005.00 Misc; Black Hills Energy \$288.28 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$310.00 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,720.05 Ex; Crown Services \$500.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$156.33 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$123.85 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$199.50 Se; FRANZEN INC. \$18.50 Bu; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$380.16 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$708.89 Bu; HIRE RIGHT LLC \$43.75 Ex; IDEAL LINEN \$144.36 Se; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$75.00 Se; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$261.62 Ex; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$4,227.38 Ma; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$321.50 Se; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$51.92 Misc; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$920.00 Su; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$4,809.57 Ut; R J MEYER & ASSOCIATES, CPA \$5,400.00 Ex; RICHARD A SMITH \$96.34 Re; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$48.80 Ma; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$177.04 Ex; T & T CORPORATION \$290.00 Se; TRYON WELDING \$89.55 Ma; VISION CARE DIRECT \$709.56 Ps; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,244.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: DAWSON TIRE & WHEEL \$426.75 Re; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$656.22 Re; KASEY BOGUS \$60.00 Reim; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$540.00 Ex; PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH \$1,100.00 Reim; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. \$554.52 Misc; SALT CREEK SOFTWARE, INC. \$2,300.50 Se; CARD SERVICES \$64.32 Su; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$620.05 Misc; ARAMARK \$265.77 Se BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$2,455.87 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$945.00 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$71,388.62 Reim; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,980.82 Ex; COZAD SERVICES, INC. \$639.15 Ma; FRANZEN INC. \$56.95 Ma; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$690.34 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$74.32 Ma; HIRERIGHT SOLUTIONS INC. \$43.75 Misc; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$119.04 Ma; KNAPP ELECTRIC INC \$172.50 Re; MIDWEST CONNECT \$305.00 Re; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$935.59 Ci; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$324,759.98 Ut; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$577.21 Gu; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$16.34 Se; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$533.30 Ex; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$9,396.12 Ut; RICHARD A SMITH \$144.50 Bu; R J MEYER & ASSOCIATES, CPA \$5,400.00 Misc; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$678.25 Re; TRYON WELDING \$42.38 Ma WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$299.60 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$18,509.07 Ps; NEBRASKA Empower Retirement \$8,464.25 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$694.63 Ps; Credit Management Service \$114.19 Ps; Credit Management Service \$170.29 Ps.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer reported that Noah Dea has been elected to the Nebraska Recreation & Park Association Board and will start in February.

Greer reported that two new employees have started working for the City: Mechanic Lowell Holmes and Apprentice Lineman Mason Rogers.

Greer reported that a snow emergency has been declared until Friday.

Greer reported that Joe Humphrey will be retiring and that a retirement party will be held January 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Rahjes asked that the Council get together to discuss the Airport. February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. was set to meet in the Council Chambers.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bob Meyer presented the findings of the 2021-2022 Audit. He reported that all reports were fairly presented and that they were pleased with results overall. He praised Misty Bussinger's help with getting reports ready.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve audit as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes introduced Ordinance 1016 Amend R-1 Residential District to include Short-term Rentals (Section 152.020).

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried. Mayor Rahjes declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1016.

Deputy Clerk Rubenthaler read Ordinance 1016. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 152, AMENDING SECTION 152.020 OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING PROVISIONS FOR R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1016. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Buddenberg. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Mayor Rahjes introduced Ordinance 1017 Amend R-2 Residential District to include Short-term Rentals (Section 152.021).

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried. Mayor Rahjes declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1017.

Deputy Clerk Rubenthaler read Ordinance 1017. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 152, AMENDING SECTION 152.021 OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING PROVISIONS FOR R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1017. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Buddenberg. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Mayor Rahjes introduced Ordinance 1018 Amend Procedures Zoning Special Use Permit to include Short-term Rentals (Section 152.076).

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Absent and not voting- Kennedy. Motion carried. Mayor Rahjes declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1018.

Deputy Clerk Rubenthaler read Ordinance 1018. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 152, AMENDING SECTION 152.076 OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING PROVISIONS FOR PROCEDUES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1018. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Buddenberg. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Mayor Rahjes read the Proclamation for Teammates for the month of January. He also mentioned that January has been declared by the Federal Government to be mentoring month.

Mayor Rahjes discussed the appointment of Mikael Harrop to the LB840 Citizen Advisory Review Committee.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded to approve the appointment of Mikael Harrop to the Citizen Advisory Review Committee. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes discussed the appointment of Rita Thomalla to the Library Board.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded to approve the appointment of Rita Thomalla to the Library Board. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes discussed the appointment of Kathleen Hartman to the Tree Board.

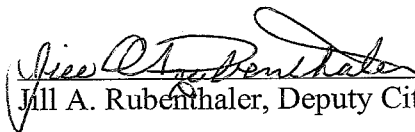
Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded to approve the appointment of Kathleen Hartman to the Tree Board. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes stated that the Liability Claim from Mike and Pamela Wagner would be submitted to our insurance. No Council discussion or action was taken.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Kennedy. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Jill A. Rubenthaler, Deputy City Clerk