

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Not Present:
Mayor	Will Rahjes
Council Members	Jeff Kennedy
	J Buddenberg entered 5:33
	Jay Richeson
	Verlin Janssen
Assistant City Attorney	Colten Venteicher
City Administrator	Gary Greer
City Clerk	Misty Bussinger

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Building & Facilities Director, Deb Egenberger, Randy Olson-Police Chief, Heather Schroeder, Amber Osborn, Dawn Urman, Dan Urman, Mikael Harrop, Jeff Morris, Donna Morris, Robert Wehnes, Evelyn Schultz, Shiloh Schultz, Dan Butterfield and Linda Butterfield.

Mayor Rahjes 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 Citizen’s Advisory Review Committee – Findings & Suggestions.

Mikael Harrop-Citizen’s Advisory Review Committee (CARC) member stated the committee had no findings to report from the CARC meeting on February 23, 2023. The balance of the LB840 Fund is \$417,159.17.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes –February 21
- b) Police Report – February
- c) Treasurer Report-February
- d) Annual Library Report- October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$18,662.35; Enterprise Fund \$150,844.62 March 8 payroll of \$51,729.45; and Payroll Transmittals of \$24,741.63 except claims #30723029 and 30723012. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims# 30723029 and 30723012. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Richeson. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. 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: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS LLC \$668.78 Ut; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO \$409.75 Ps; CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT \$881.21 Re; Gary Greer \$500.00 Misc; GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS \$221.50 Misc; Samuel Golson \$17.00 Ex; CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$320.00 Reim; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,026.22 Ps; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$460.19 Su; ARAMARK \$66.95 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$47.84 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$121.42 Su; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$341.38 Su, Re; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; IDEAL LINEN \$72.18 Bu; JEFFREY KENNEDY – FIRE \$560.00 Se; MATTHEW LANGLEY \$34.57 Ex; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$906.46 CI; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$4,916.47 Ma; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$3,250.00 Se; Pinpoint Communications \$466.41 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$603.26 Re, Su; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$344.40 Ex; TIM LAUER \$289.87 Ps; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,350.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$239.02 Ut; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$120.00 Se; LEXINGTON AREA SOLID WASTE \$16.45 Ma; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$10,478.77 Ma; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$1,620.45 Su; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$243.11 Re, Su, Ma; ARAMARK \$163.52 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$94,094.55 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,530.00 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$56.56 Re; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$84.03 Su; ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SOUTH \$418.85 Se; FRANZEN INC. \$125.70 Ma; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$505.59 Ex; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$107.52 Ma; JEFF KENNEDY-FIRE \$495.50 Se; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$1,807.50 CI; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$18.74 Misc; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$103.90 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$464.03 Re, Su, Bu; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$36,315.71 Se; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$724.92 Se; STATE HEALTH LAB \$60.00 Se; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$50.20 Ex.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$15,952.99 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$7,721.82 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$694.63 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$181.85 Ps; Credit Management Servc \$190.34 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated our snow crew was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for their hard work.

Greer stated Black Hills Energy contractors are back in town next week to continue placing meters near homes.

Greer stated we will receive a \$3,500.00 tree grant from Central Platte NRD.

Greer stated the CSO report for February for Unlicensed/Inoperable cars was 27 notices, 34 completed, 1 citation and for Nuisances was 18 notices, 11 completed, and 0 citations.

Greer stated now that weather is a little better the Public Works crew is working on fixing alleys and patching potholes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Greer discussed Amendment #1 to the Standard Agreement for Professional Service for ADA Access Ramp Improvements 126-A1-039. This is amending agreement to have an additional 29 ramps around EG West as well as corners on the west side of Avenue C and east side of Avenue B between 20th Street and 13th Street.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Amendment #1 to the Standard Agreement for Professional Service for ADA Access Ramp Improvements 126-A1-039. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Deb Egenberger discussed closure of some downtown streets for the Chamber Spring Fling set for Friday April 28th. This is an annual event including performances, food trucks, vendors, and cornhole tournament.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve closure of some downtown streets for the Chamber Spring Fling set for Friday April 28th. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Greer discussed Ordinance 1019 Amend Contracts and Purchases; Bidding and other Requirements (Section 32.03). This is defining at what point we need to purchase via bid or quote.

Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1019 Amend Contracts and Purchases; Bidding and other Requirements (Section 32.03). AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 32, AMENDING SECTION 32.03 OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING PROVISIONS FOR PROCEDURES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1019 Amend Contracts and Purchases; Bidding and other Requirements (Section 32.03). Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor, council and citizens discussed Ordinance 1020 Amend Parking Regulation (Section 152.047). This was to amend ordinance to include no parking on lawns unless on allowed surface.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to deny Ordinance 1020 Amend Parking Regulation (Section 152.047). Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Chief Olson discussed Ordinance 1021 Amend Unlicensed or Inoperable Vehicle (Section 96.08). This amends section to refer to regarding penalties.

Clerk Bussinger read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX, CHAPTER 96, AMENDING SECTION 96.08 OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING PROVISIONS FOR UNLICENSED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1021 Amend Unlicensed or Inoperable Vehicle (Section 96.08). Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Chief Olson discussed Ordinance 1022 Penalty-Chapter 96 Abandoned Vehicles. This changes the penalty schedule.


Clerk Bussinger read AN ORDINANCE TITLE IX, CHAPTER 96, ENACTING SECTION 96.99 OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1022 Penalty-Chapter 96 Abandoned Vehicles. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk