

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Not Present:
Mayor	Will Rahjes
Council Members	Jeff Kennedy
	J Buddenberg
	Jay Richeson
	Verlin Janssen
City Attorney	Mike Bacon
City Administrator	Gary Greer
City Clerk	Misty Bussinger

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Travis Anderson, Dan Urman, Pam Slack, Blaine Peterson, and several other citizens from senior center.

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.

Travis Anderson-Citizen's Advisory Review Committee (CARC) member stated the committee had no findings to report from the CARC meeting on August 28, 2023. The balance of the LB840 Fund is \$112,078.68.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes-August 29
- b) Cemetery Board Minutes- August 7
- c) Approve payment of \$4,277.39 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company for Curbtender Project.
- d) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company for GIC REDLG Loan.

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$83,796.52; Enterprise Fund \$169,419.70; August 23 payroll of \$59,313.15, September 6 payroll of \$56,706.69 and Payroll Transmittals of \$26,581.91 except claim #905230036. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claim#905230036. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Abstain- 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 \$369.21 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$450.89 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$49,053.11 Ps; CARD SERVICES \$2,399.76 Ex, Ma, Misc, Su; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS \$333.00 Misc; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$729.12 Su; FIRST INSURANCE FUNDING \$5,261.40 Ex; JIM / SUE LANDON dba RAINBOW CARPET \$90.00 Bu; KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY \$353.75 Re; LARM \$653.80 Ex; Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC \$242.10 Su; STERICYCLE, INC. \$153.89 Se; Mutual of Omaha \$2,621.72 Ps; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,108.71 Ps; Mutual of Omaha \$2,645.44 Ps; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$35.16 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$49.24 Tax; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$174.23 Su, Misc; ARAMARK \$133.71 Se; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$150.00 Misc; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT \$283.67 Re; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$56.09 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$129.63 Su; FRANZEN INC. \$577.55 Ma; FYR-TEK \$7,641.00 Su; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$220.11 Ma; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; IDEAL LINEN \$72.18 Bu; JEFFREY KENNEDY – FIRE \$36.75 Ex; MIDWEST TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR \$21.44 Re; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$3,250.00 Se; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$885.00 Se; PAULSEN INC \$132.60 Ma; Pinpoint Communications \$401.28 Ut; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$1,741.48 Re; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$423.03 Ex.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$257.43 Ut; ASHLEY MILLER \$219.80 Reim; AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$202.58 Ut; CARD SERVICES \$936.34 Ex, Su; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$80.16 Misc; DALLAS CODER \$120.00 Reim; MEAD LUMBER \$174.99 Re; NORM VALENZUELA \$119.80 Reim; SERVI TECH, INC. \$115.00 Se; STATE OF NEBRASKA \$950.85 Reim; STERICYCLE, INC. \$153.89 Se; CNA SURETY \$175.00 Ex; IIS LIFTING SERVICES INC. \$3,326.22 Re; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$860.69 Re, Su; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$34.22 Su; ARAMARK \$335.52 Se; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT \$851.01 Re; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$97,672.51 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,662.20 Reim; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$2,500.17 Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$38.46 Su; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$711.23 Ma; FASTENAL COMPANY \$80.00 Ma; FRANZEN INC. \$584.66 CI; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$458.18 Ex, CI, Su; MSI \$1,070.00 Ma; NAPA AUTO PARTS \$126.32 Su; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$1,427.44 CI, Ma; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$118.73 Ut; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$1,163.66 Re; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$36,700.55 Reim; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$732.90 Reim; STATE HEALTH LAB \$105.00 Se; STUART C IRBY CO \$836.17 Ma; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$13,518.02 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$35,183.83 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$15,865.34 Ps; AFLAC \$617.24 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$1,477.88 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$308.77 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,241.29 Ps; Gothenburg United Fund \$26.00 Ps; Credit Management Service \$387.66 Ps.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated the CSO report for August for Unlicensed/Inoperable cars was 13 notices with 14 completed and 4 citations and for Nuisances was 99 notices with 88 completed and 0 citations.

City Administrator Greer stated with the new speed limit changes there have been a lot of warnings and a few citations.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Pam Slack discussed the request from Gothenburg Senior Center for \$80,000.00 for immediate needs for hot water heater, heat pump, and dishwasher. Slack also discussed the needs of the center over the next 12 to 24 months.

The council advised would keep the center in mind for any grants that the center would qualify for. No Motion carried.

Police Chief Olson discussed the Dispatch Services Agreement with City of North Platte. This agreement is for \$5,646.63 per month and \$21,000.00 in Motorola fees.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Dispatch Services Agreement with City of North Platte. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed the partnership with “We Care for Kids” program. The Impact Center Representatives were not in attendance; however, they requested the city support the program. There is no cost to the city concerning the program.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the partnership with “We Care for Kids” program. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mike Bacon discussed Resolution 2023-18 Stop Signs at Industrial Parkway and Cottonwood Drive. This will allow the city to put permanent signs at the Industrial Parkway.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-18 Stop Signs at Industrial Parkway and Cottonwood Drive. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mike Bacon discussed Resolution 2023-19 Appointing representatives for the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency and Interlocal Agreement. This will appoint Gary Greer as representative and Shane Gruber as alternate.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-19 Appointing representatives for the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency and Interlocal Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mike Bacon discussed Resolution 2023-20 Annexation Hearing- Airport. This resolution will set the hearing date for the annexation of the airport now that City Administrator is in charge of the airport.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-20 Annexation Hearing- Airport. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2023-21 JK Energy Consulting LLC Agreement-Electric Rate Study. This rate study will help to set rates for the new fertilizer plant.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-21 JK Energy Consulting LLC Agreement-Electric Rate Study. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Greer introduced Ordinance 1025 Amend Chapter 93 Section 93.02 of Municipal Code. This will add the Community Service Officer to determine violations in Chapter 92 and Chapter 93.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance 1025 Amend Chapter 93 Section 93.02 of Municipal Code. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried. Mayor Rahjes declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1025.

Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1025 Amend Chapter 93 Section 93.02 of Municipal Code. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ARTICLE 93 SECTION 93.02 RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER, REPEALING PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

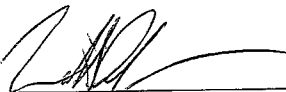
Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of Ordinance 1025 Amend Chapter 93 Section 93.02 of Municipal Code. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

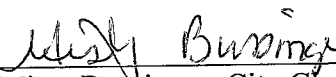
Greer introduced Ordinance 1026 Amend School Zone Speed Limits (Title VII, Chapter 73, Schedule III). This is adding 12<sup>th</sup> Street between G and Avenue I to the school zone.

Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1026 Amend School Zone Speed Limits (Title VII, Chapter 73, Schedule III). AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 73, SCHEDULE III, SCHOOL SPEED ZONES OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded to approve to direct amendment to the Ordinance to add 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue G and Avenue I for the second reading. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:0+ p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

  
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Will Rahjes, Mayor

  
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Misty Bussinger, City Clerk