

Regular Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

October 3, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:		Not Present:	Verlin Janssen
Mayor	Will Rahjes		Gary Greer
			Mike Bacon
			Misty Bussinger
Council Members	J Buddenberg		
	Jay Richeson		
	Jeff Kennedy		
Deputy City Clerk	Jill A. Rubenthaler		
City Attorney	Colten Venteicher		

Also present: Shane Gruber, Rob Will, Shawn Herfel, Josh Reinhard, Lori Long, Mary Meisinger, Nichole Hetz, Jonathan Davis, and Parker Graves

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:

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

- a) City Council minutes – September 19
- b) Board of Adjustments – September 12
- c) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes – September 27
- d) Cemetery Board Reports – September 2023
- e) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – September 27
- f) Approve payment of \$4,277.39 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company for Curbtender Project
- g) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company for GIC REDLEG Loan
- h) Approve payment of \$2,500,000.00 from CGBG to JWC Gburg LLC for SBDG Grant contract 23-01-364

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$115,196.38; Enterprise Fund \$236,219.63; October Payroll of \$58,182.52 and Payroll Transmittal of \$27,070.03 except for claim #100323029. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claim #100323029. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson. Abstain – Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen. 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 \$360.63 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$600.90 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield 49,510.88 Ps; DreamShare Productions LLC \$97.50 Ex; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$299.90 Su; GALL'S LLC \$84.69 Ex; LARM \$47,373.72 Ex; Mutual of Omaha \$2,772.75 Ps; NANA'S COUNTRY KITCHEN \$64.20 Ex; NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOC \$100.00 Du; QT PETROLEUM ON DEMAND \$1,425.00 Du; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,108.71 Ps; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$160.90 Ma; ARAMARK \$94.03 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID-AMERICA \$1,400.00 Du; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$57.05 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$307.08 Ex; FRANZEN INC. \$19.95 Su; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; JEFFREY KENNEDY - LANDSCAPE \$774.00 Gu; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$667.03 Ma; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$5,646.63 Se; Pinpoint Communications \$472.25 Ut; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$175.62 Ex; T & T CORPORATION \$330.00 Se; TK Elevator Corporation \$388.84 Se; VITER SERVICES, INC \$100.00 Gu; WERNER'S SPRINKLERS INC. \$18.00 Ma

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$255.56 Ut; AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$202.58 Ut; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$214.20 Misc; DREAMSHARE PRODUCTIONS LLC \$292.50 Misc; LARM \$127,006.50 Ex; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$2,270.00 Du; NEBRASKA ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION \$145.00 Du; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$586.52 Su; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$606.98 Su; ARAMARK \$248.83 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$50,873.75 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,948.76 Ex; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,208.04 Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$227.66 Ex; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$648.74 Ma; FASTENAL COMPANY \$150.50 Ma; FRANZEN INC. \$570.75 Ma; METERING & TECHNOLOGY \$506.46 Ma; NMC, INC. \$37.93 Re; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$728.15 Ma; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$119.00 Ut; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$636.48 Re; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$36,720.12 Reim; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$731.64 Ex; STATE HEALTH LAB \$60.00 Se; STUART C IRBY CO \$2,685.70 Ma; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$5,537.28 Ma

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$17,853.43 Ps; NEBRASKA Empower Retirement \$7,935.68 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Child Support \$126.92 Ps; Credit Management Service \$193.83 Ps; County Court of Buffalo County \$221.23 Ps.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Mayor Rahjes showed his appreciation to the WWTP personal of Josh Reinhard and Shawn Herfel for the tour that they gave the Mayor Monday of the facility.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Jonathan Davis and Parker Graves spoke on behalf of the Gothenburg School Student Council and requested that the council approve a Special Event Application for the 2023 Homecoming Parade set for October 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. They said that the parade will take the same route as last year. The parade has to cross Highway 47 at 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Gruber mentioned that the City would provide 2 workers to help direct traffic and the Police department will lead the parade.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Special Event Application as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.

Venteicher spoke of the Special Event Application for the 2023 Munchkin Masquerade on October 31 from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. to close off the downtown streets for the safety of the children. He presented a map showing which streets would potentially be closed.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, that the Special Event Application for the Munchkin Masquerade be approved. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes spoke of considering the Appointment of Rob Will as the new Building Inspector and Flood Plain Administrator.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to appoint Rob Will as the Building Inspector and Flood Plain Administrator. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes introduced the discussion of the Franchise Agreement with Dan's Sanitation for solid waste collection.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the Franchise Agreement with Dan's Sanitation for solid waste collection. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.

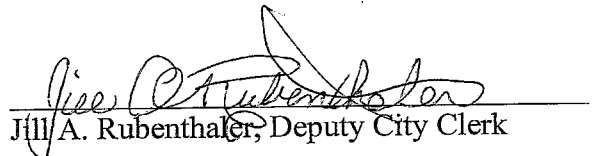
Mayor Rahjes introduced the discussion of the Franchise Agreement with Schaben's Sanitation for solid waste collection.

Buddenberg moved, Kennedy seconded to approve the Franchise Agreement with Schaben's Sanitation for solid waste collection. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting- Janssen. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Jill A. Rubenthaler, Deputy City Clerk