

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: Shane Gruber-Facility & Building Director, Rob Will, Doug Swanson, Brenda Peters, Dawn Urman, Gary Smith, Teresa Smith.

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 Special Use Permit # 171 and Request for Annexation of Airport land.

Brenda Peters discussed Special Use Permit # 171 – Mike Peters to add a 16' extension to the existing garage, at 1005 11th Street, currently zoned R-2. Shane Gruber stated this is an expansion of a non-conforming building. The council discussed building materials and that it would be similar material to what it is currently. City Administrator Greer discussed the opening on the west side and suggested it be four sided with garage door.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Special Use Permit # 171 – Mike Peters to add a 16' extension to the existing garage, at 1005 11th Street, currently zoned R-2 with it be four sided with garage door. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mike Bacon discussed Request for Annexation of Airport land. This is part of the annexation process to let citizens state any concerns. The airport is now city property so should be any concerns of annexation.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes-September 12
- b) Police Report – July
- c) Treasurer Report-July
- d) Cemetery Board Reports -August 2023
- e) Planning & Zoning minutes – September 12
- f) Building Permits – August
- g) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- September 13
- h) Library Statistical Report- August

- i) Library Director's Report – July 11 through September 11
- j) Approve payment of \$15,000.00 from LB840 to Gothenburg Early Childhood Agency for Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition.

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$46,046.59; Enterprise Fund \$447,894.12; September 20 payroll of \$57,465.97, and Payroll Transmittals of \$46,473.05. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. 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: ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION \$55.00 Du; Cengage Learning Inc / Gale \$334.10 Du; DEMCO INC. \$456.99 Su; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$235.36 Ma; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$1,088.82 Ma; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$1,007.95 Su, Ma, Re, Bu; KIRBY BUILT SALES \$630.16 Misc; LIBRARY \$74.45 Su; SCHOLASTIC INC. \$368.00 Ma; Pinpoint Communications \$602.18 Ut; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$687.58 Tax; Alexander Ballmer \$160.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$374.38 Su; ARAMARK \$89.14 Se; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$1,430.00 Se; Black Hills Energy \$213.02 Ut; BLACKBURN MFG.CO. \$394.87 Ma; BRODART CO. \$4,050.00 Se; CASELLE, INC. \$313.75 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$5,270.67 Ex; Crown Services \$400.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$19.42 Ex; Dan Wenger \$150.00 Bu; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$304.44 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$5.90 Su; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$241.46 Su; FYR-TEK \$25.21 Su; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$476.15 Re; Gothenburg Volunteer Fire Department \$148.27 Misc; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$460.00 Se; IDEAL LINEN \$72.18 Se; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$350.00 Gu, Ma; LEXINGTON CLIPPER-HERALD \$79.99 Ma; MIDAMERICA BOOKS \$613.55 Ma; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$1,373.75 Se; PAULSEN INC \$2,388.00 Ma; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$215.03 Su; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$486.25 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$7,518.13 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$599.24 Re; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$345.93 Ex; TITAN MACHINERY \$1,392.67 Re; TRYON WELDING \$1,900.00 Re; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$7,366.60 Ma; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,278.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$42.00 Se; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$582.78 Ma, Su, CI, Re, Gu; JONAHAN GONZALEZ \$139.80 Reim; KEITH ADEN \$400.00 Reim; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,256.16 Ma, CI; NE. DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$150.00 Se; SERVI TECH, INC. \$326.00 Se; TRAVIS HITE \$859.92 Reim; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$246.56 Su; ARAMARK \$223.68 Se; BACON, VINTON & VENTEICHER LLC \$180.00 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$127.56 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$941.25 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$73,667.57 Reim, Tax; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,798.28 Ex; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$12,303.79 Ma, CI; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$209.68 Su; HIRERIGHT SOLUTIONS INC. \$48.15 Se; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$119.04 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$314,975.42 Ut; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$131.25 Se; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$99.52 Se; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$18.21 Su; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$12,434.65 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$441.62 Re, Ma; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$20,028.09 CI; WARD LABORATORIES INC \$52.27 Su; WEATHERCRAFT CO. OF N.P. \$420.00 Bu; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$4,670.87 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$17,664.13 Ps; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT \$16,667.76 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$7,935.68 Ps; AFLAC \$617.24 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,281.32 Ps; Gothenburg United Fund \$26.00 Ps; Credit Management Service \$193.83 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$221.23 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated the Building Inspector Doug Swanson retirement party is scheduled for September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

City Administrator Greer stated with joint hearing is tomorrow night at the CCC building in Lexington.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Gary and Teresa Smith asked to extend time on the Unsafe Structure appeal at 902 22nd Street. They stated that they have the concrete done but rafters are ordered but won't be available until the middle of next month. The council discussed the extension. City Administrator Greer suggested that we follow the code we set or revise it as it puts the staff in a bad position. The council gave the Smith's until December 22, 2023 to comply with the Unsafe Building code.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the extension time on the Unsafe Structure appeal at 902 22nd Street to December 22, 2023. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Bacon discussed Resolution 2023-23 Authorize Application of REDLG Funds for \$300,000.00. This will be a \$300,000 at 0% interest loan for the Impact Center. The City will match the \$60,000.00 with the already approved funds. The loan will be for equipment and once paid back will be able to be used for other REDLG projects.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-23 Authorize Application of REDLG Funds for \$300,000.00. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes introduced Ordinance 1026 Amend School Zone Speed Limits (Title VII, Chapter 73, Schedule III). This was amended to add 16th Street from first reading.

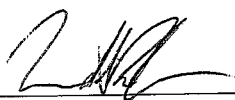
Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Motion carried. Mayor Rahjes declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1026.

City Clerk read Ordinance 1026. 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

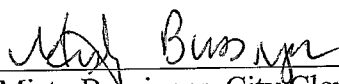
Janssen moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1026. Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Motion carried.

City Attorney Bacon asked to table Ordinance 1027 Annexation of Airport land until the title search is complete to confirm or not whether it has already been done.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk