

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Will Rahjes
Jeff Kennedy
J Buddenberg
Jay Richeson
Verlin Janssen
Mike Bacon
Gary Greer
Misty Bussinger

Not Present:

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Facility & Building Director, Logan Ricely, Brigham Ricely, Blake Finke, Burke Finke, Landon Feather, Cameron Banzaf, Shawn Herfel, Nolan Golter, Josh Reinhard, Dawn Urman.

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:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes-October 3
- b) Board of Adjustment Minutes- October 3
- c) Police Report – September
- d) Treasurer Report-September
- e) Planning & Zoning minutes – October 10
- f) Building Permits – September
- g) Library Statistical Report- September
- h) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- October 11

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 \$66,837.71; Enterprise Fund \$501,686.47; October 18 payroll of \$59,762.92, and Payroll Transmittals of \$30,709.76 except claim #101723039. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claim #101723039. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Abstain – Kennedy. 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: BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY, INC. \$3,600.00 Ma; BOSSELMAN ENERGY, INC \$5,449.00 Ex; CARD SERVICES \$1,262.54 Re, Ex; CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT \$75.96 Ma; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$394.19 Ma; GALL'S LLC \$152.90 Ex; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY

\$648.69 Ma; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$1,160.88 Re, Su, Ma; LA QUINTA \$314.85 Ex; LIBRARY \$70.53 Ex; MEAD LUMBER COMPANY \$299.99 Re; Publishers Weekly \$269.49 Du; SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC \$2,716.11 Gu; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$430.34 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$307.39 Tax; Alexander Ballmer \$200.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$371.82 Su, Ma; ARAMARK \$89.26 Se; Black Hills Energy \$289.47 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$313.75 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$4,372.71 Ex; Crown Services \$2,300.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$137.96 Ex; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$270.03 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$321.67 Ma; FYR-TEK \$429.50 Re; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$194.50 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$131.18 Ma; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$400.00 Se; IDEAL LINEN \$72.18 Se; JEFFREY KENNEDY – LANDSCAPE \$8,511.40 Gu; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$150.00 Se; LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC \$193.21 Re; NORTHLAND PCC INC. \$22,749.00 Re; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$944.75 Se; PAULSEN INC \$358.00 Ma; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$41.23 Su; PLATTE VALLEY ARSENAL, LLC \$69.00 Su; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$132.92 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$4,908.71 Ut; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$110.00 Se; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$80.27 Su, Ma; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$134.35 Ex; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,278.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: CARD SERVICES \$667.47 Ex, Re, Du; CITY OF SIDNEY \$72,687.50 CI; FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #3326 \$198.80 Su; JK ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC. \$1,090.00 Du; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$848.12 Re, Ma, Eq, Su; JOSEPH LIBAL \$78.00 Reim; KEARNEY WINNELSON \$2,600.00 CI; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$65.00 Ex; MITCH & PAM BUCKLEY \$600.00 Reim; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$665.11 Ma; QUADIANT LEASING USA, INC. \$150.00 Misc; SERVI TECH, INC. \$168.00 Ma; STATE OF NEBRASKA \$431.20 Reim; VERLIN JANSSEN \$34.00 Reim; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$45.04 Su; ARAMARK \$225.14 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$123.90 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$941.25 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$77,588.53 Reim, Tax; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$37.83 Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$173.62 Su; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$558.03 Ex, Ma, Su; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$285.20 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$286,381.60 Ut; NMC, INC. \$1,092.64 Re; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$130.50 Su; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$1,226.25 Ma, CI; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$265.84 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$12,255.02 Ut; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$40.00 Se; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$94.79 Re; STUART C IRBY CO \$910.69 Ma; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$80.10 Ex; UNITECH \$331.50 Su; WARD LABORATORIES INC \$15.05 Se; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$36,336.80 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,365.69 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,362.42 Ps; AFLAC \$617.24 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,251.32 Ps; Gothenburg United Fund \$26.00 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$221.23 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer thanked the council for their support during the budget process.

City Administrator Greer stated the roll off container program is in effect with signs. This program is for Gothenburg Residents only and violators will be prosecuted.

City Administrator Greer stated 2,000 trout were released at Lake Helen today.

City Administrator Greer stated that City Clerk engaged in Department of Economic Development grant training and passed the test to become a CDBG grant Administrator.

City Administrator Greer stated that there is tree planting at Lake Helen this evening if anyone would like to help.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Nolan Golter discussed the purchase of two pickups. These pickups were state bids and ordered in 2022. One is for the Water Department and the other for the Street and were in the budget at \$50,000 per truck.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the purchase of two pickups. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed the purchase 2023 John Deere Compact Track Loader. This was a source well bid. The loader is in the budget for \$60,000 and will be in rollover program going forward. All equipment works with the loader.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the purchase 2023 John Deere Compact Track Loader. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Ordinance 1028 Utility Rates (2023 Updates). This ordinance increases the sewer by 5%. It will also increase the fees for clean city program.

City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1028 Utility Rates (2023 Updates). AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1028 Utility Rates (2023 Updates). Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2023-24 Update Fee Schedule (2023 updates). This will increase impound fees to support the increase in contract fees for boarding. There were also some changes with the electric fees to be more in line with operations.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-24 Update Fee Schedule (2023 updates). Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.


City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2023-25 LB840 Application from RT Ace LLC (Ace Hardware) and payment for \$200,000. This will be a loan for \$200,000 at 0% interest for 7 years.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-25 LB840 Application from RT Ace LLC (Ace Hardware) and payment for \$200,000. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

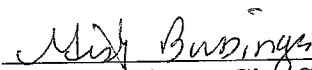
City Clerk Bussinger discussed Special Designated License for GL Concepts LLC dba Good Life on the Bricks for November 3 at the Mind Body Balance Building. The process being any first SDL will go through council and police will review. No concerns with the police department.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Special Designated License for GL Concepts LLC dba Good Life on the Bricks. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk