

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, Bernie Straetker-Miller and Associates, Deb Egenberger, Dan Urman, 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:

A public hearing was opened at 5:30 for Resolution 2023-26 1 & 6 Year Road Program.

Bernie Straetker-Engineer at Miller & Associates discussed Resolution 2023-26 1- & 6-Year Road Program. The purpose of the public hearing is to establish a program of street improvements and is the planning tool required for Highway Allocation funds.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-26 1- & 6-Year Road Program. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes-October 17
- b) Police Report – October
- c) Cemetery Board Reports -October 2023
- d) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – October 18
- e) Approve payment of \$4,277.39 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company for Curbtender Project.
- f) 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, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$140,550.26; Enterprise Fund \$201,128.80; November 1 payroll of \$58,447.88, and Payroll Transmittals of \$28,149.76. 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: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$645.92 Tax; Dawson County Treasurer \$15.00 Misc; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS LLC \$364.88 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$601.76 Ut; BARTON SOLVENTS, INC \$1,166.47 Bu; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$49,603.54 Ps; BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY, INC. \$2,826.00 Du; CARD SERVICES \$2,427.33 Ex, Su, Re, Se; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; Dawson County Treasurer \$793.44 Misc; GALL'S LLC \$762.59 Su; JACKS WELDING LLC \$412.50 Re; LARM \$367.54 Misc; M J TRAILERS LLC. \$73.25 Re; Mark Ostergard Farms \$720.00 Gu; Nebraska Department of Agriculture \$230.58 Misc; STERICYCLE, INC. \$160.76 Misc; SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT \$578.80 Su; VALLEY PROMO \$812.17 Ex; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$93.30 Tax; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,200.66 Ps; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$392.36 Misc, Re; ARAMARK \$134.07 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$55.57 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$302.32 Su; ECONO SIGNS \$772.99 Su; FRANZEN INC. \$61.79 Ma; GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$1,280.00 Misc; HINTON LOCK & ALARM \$180.00 Gu; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC \$4,365.00 Ma; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$3,899.88 Ma; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$5,646.63 Se; PAULSEN INC \$1,324.90 Gu, Ma; Pinpoint Communications \$391.54 Ut; PLATTE VALLEY ARSENAL, LLC \$145.00 Misc; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$49,981.34 Re, CI; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$593.27 Re, Ma; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$284.72 Ex; Yancy Insurance Agency Inc \$5,965.92 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: DAWSON COUNTY TREASURER \$3,509.80 Tax; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$259.07 Ut; AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$202.87 Ut; CARD SERVICES \$1,448.07 Ex; CITY OF SIDNEY \$2,812.50 Ma; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$151.91 Misc; ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, \$1,150.00 Se; LARM \$368.54 Ex; MARK OSTERGARD FARMS \$1,840.00 Gu; MEAD LUMBER \$909.95 Eq; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$652.97 Ma; QUADIANT LEASING USA, INC. \$554.52 Ex; REX CRISMAN \$60.00 Ma; STERICYCLE, INC. \$160.76 Ex; VALLEY PROMO \$728.82 Ex; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$1,051.98 Su, Re; ARAMARK \$339.90 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$49,981.31 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,720.22 Reim; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$382.00 Su, Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$249.71 Su; ECONO SIGNS \$626.20 Misc; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$383.53 Ma; FRANZEN INC. \$32.86 Bu; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$119.04 Ma; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL \$1,014.38 Ma; MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT CO \$410.70 Re; MIDWEST TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR \$546.97 Re; MSI \$11,002.40 Se; MUNICIPAL LIGHT & WATER \$250.00 Se; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$684.00 Su; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$119.00 Ut; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$49,997.00 CI; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$730.75 Re, Ma, Su, Bu; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$38,106.36 Reim; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$730.80 Se; STATE HEALTH LAB \$60.00 Se; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$295.00 Su; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$12,339.27 Ma; WARD LABORATORIES INC \$15.05 Se; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$12,415.55 Ma; YANCY INSURANCE AGENCY, INC, \$1,715.04 Ps.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,383.97Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,678.70 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$221.23 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated the contractor for the splash pad and playground at Lake Helen and EG West is planning to be in town next Wednesday to start the project.

City Administrator Greer stated Thursday November 9th is Give Big Gothenburg day. People can donate to worthy local causes online, Flatwater Bank or live on Thursday at the YMCA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Deb Egenberger discussed the Application for Special Event Permit from Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce for closure of city street for Magic on Main Street scheduled for Tuesday December 5 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Application for Special Event Permit from Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce for closure of city street for Magic on Main Street scheduled for Tuesday December 5 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes discussed the Appointment of Jesse Ambler to the LB840 Citizen Advisory Review Committee.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the Appointment of Jesse Ambler to the LB840 Citizen Advisory Review Committee. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes discussed the Appointment of Casey Metzger to the Cemetery Board.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Appointment of Casey Metzger to the Cemetery Board. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2023-27 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-27 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent. 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 the clean city program.

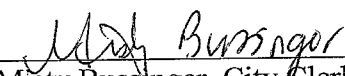
City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1028 Utility Rates (2023 Updates). AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Buddenberg moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk