

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Members

Jeff Kennedy
J Buddenberg
Jay Richeson
Verlin Janssen
Gary Greer
Misty Bussinger

City Administrator
City Clerk

Not Present:

Mayor Will Rahjes

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Facility & Building Director, Rob Will-Building Inspector, Dan Urman, Linda Butterfield, Dan Butterfield, Lisa Bihlmaier, Randel Harouff.

Council President Kennedy 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 to consider approval of Resolution 2023-28 Redevelopment Plan for Peterson Parking Lot and for Special Use Permit # 173 – Randel Harouff to add a 16' x20' addition to the existing garage, at 1804 Avenue D currently zoned R-2.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2023-28 Redevelopment Plan for Peterson Parking Lot. This plan has been recommended by the Community Redevelopment Authority and the Planning and Zoning Committee.

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

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-28 Redevelopment Plan for Peterson Parking Lot. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed Special Use Permit # 173 – Randel Harouff to add a 16' x20' addition to the existing garage, at 1804 Avenue D currently zoned R-2. This permit has been recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Special Use Permit # 173 – Randel Harouff to add a 16' x20' addition to the existing garage, at 1804 Avenue D currently zoned R-2. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – Kennedy. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes- November 7
- b) Treasurer Report-October
- c) Cemetery Board minutes-November 6
- d) Planning & Zoning minutes – November 14
- e) Building Permits – October
- f) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- November 17
- g) Library Statistical Report- October
- h) Library Director's Report – September 12 through November 13

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 \$40,527.78; Enterprise Fund \$351,305.60; November 15 payroll of \$58,973.98, and Payroll Transmittals of \$31,405.00. 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: AT&T Mobility II LLC \$601.76 Ut; CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT \$101.28 Ma; GALL'S LLC \$288.26 Ex; GEORGIA REEVES \$50.00 Ex; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$404.61 Ma; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$560.00 Ex; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$5,631.90 Bu, Ma, Re, Su; KEARNEY ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY \$60.62 Re; LIBRARY \$43.25 Ex; Motion Industries \$1,032.89 Re; Mutual of Omaha \$2,727.83 Ps; Nebraska Life Magazine \$52.00 Du; O NEILL WOOD RESOURCES \$1,100.00 Gu; PLATTE VALLEY GLASS & TRAILERS \$155.00 Bu; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$341.92 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$478.69 Tax; Alexander Ballmer \$120.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$360.72 Re; ARAMARK \$89.38 Se; Black Hills Energy \$289.97 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$313.75 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$7,148.71 Ex; Crown Services \$3,300.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$74.01 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$46.00 Su, Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$306.50 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$189.52 Se; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$139.48 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$210.58 Su, Bu, Re; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$360.00 Se; IDEAL LINEN \$72.18 Bu; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE 150.00 Ex; LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC \$196.20 Re; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$192.50 Se; PAULSEN INC \$439.90 Gu; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$7.69 Su; Pinpoint Communications \$120.17 Ut; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$2,153.00 Eq; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$4,286.40 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$3,975.15 Ut; Quadient Finance USA, Inc \$1,039.00 Ex; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$38.96 Ex; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,278.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$202.87 Ut; DANA KREIS \$230.00 Reim; GOTHENBURG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY \$29.91 Reim; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$5,292.62 Su, Ma, Re, Bu, CI, Ex; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$60.00 Ex; MEAD LUMBER \$329.99 Eq; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,176.71 Ma; NDEE - PUBLIC WATER OPERATORS \$1,150.00 Ex; SERVI TECH, INC. \$168.00 Se; STEVEN H. WALKER \$30.00 Reim; TRAVIS MINER \$119.60 Reim; MEAD LUMBER \$334.97 Su; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$143.79 Re; ARAMARK \$226.60 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$234.42 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$941.25 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$47,379.68 Reim; CORRPRO COMPANIES, INC. \$2,175.00 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$3,134.61 Ex; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$320.95 Ex; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$92.00 Su; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$427.95 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$482.88 Ex, Ma, Su; JK ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC. \$290.00 Se; METERING & TECHNOLOGY \$3,313.54 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$269,241.39 Ut; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$315.00 Re; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$103.68 Misc; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$1,176.00 Ma; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$354.90 Su, Misc; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$1,085.34 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$8,870.97 Ut; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$57.00 Ex; USA BLUEBOOK \$1,312.60 Ma; WEATHERCRAFT CO. OF N.P. \$258.49 Ex; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$242.89 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,598.93 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,824.42 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 stated the new Christmas lights will be put up Monday November 27th.

City Administrator Greer stated the city received a safety award from our insurance carrier.

City Administrator Greer stated the Gothenburg Library will be hosting an open house on December 12th.

City Administrator Greer stated the city is meeting with the senior center to evaluate the capital needs for their facility next week.

City Administrator Greer stated the annual ADA ramp project is finished for this year.

City Administrator Greer stated the city received a grant from the Jack Lewis Safety Fund of \$17,000 to offset costs for the new repeater for the radio system.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Shane Gruber discussed the Contiguous Lot Agreement from Andrew and Cassie Hilbers. This agreement will permanently append the lots.

Buddenberg moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the Contiguous Lot Agreement from Andrew and Cassie Hilbers. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed the Contiguous Lot Agreement from All Anderson Electric. This agreement will permanently append the lots.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the Contiguous Lot Agreement from All Anderson Electric. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed Resolution 2023-29 Amended Conservation Easement for Central Platte Natural Resource District and John and Shirley Harnan. This amendment will allow them to plant dryland crops than previously allowed in the easement.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-29 Amended Conservation Easement for Central Platte Natural Resource District and John and Shirley Harnan. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed Resolution 2023-30 Amended Conservation Easement for Central Platte Natural Resource District and John and Shirley Harnan. This amendment will allow them to plant dryland crops than previously allowed in the easement.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-30 Amended Conservation Easement for Central Platte Natural Resource District and John and Shirley Harnan. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed the 2024 Maintenance Agreement #56 with Nebraska Department of Transportation. This is an annual agreement for street maintenance.

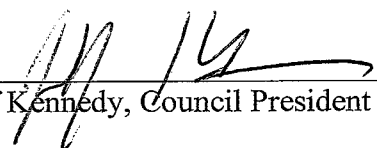
Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the 2024 Maintenance Agreement #56 with Nebraska Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

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.

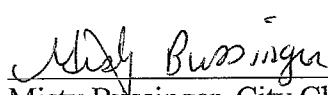
City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1028 Utility Rates (2023 Updates). AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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



Jeff Kennedy, Council President



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk