

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Not Present:
Mayor	Will Rahjes
Council Members	Jeff Kennedy
	J Buddenberg
	Jay Richeson
	Verlin Janssen
City Administrator	Gary Greer
City Clerk	Misty Bussinger

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Robert Danielson-Schaben Sanitation.

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, Richeson, approving the consent agenda that included:

- a) City Council minutes – December 19
- b) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 from LB840 to Community Redevelopment Authority for GIC REDLG Loan.
- c) Approve payment of \$4,277.39 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company Authority for Curbtender Project.

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

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$72,616.60; Enterprise Fund \$118,734.17; December 27 payroll of \$58,373.54, and Payroll Transmittals of \$53,186.18. 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: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS LLC \$354.24 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$601.76 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$49,603.54 Ps; DEERE & COMPANY \$8,192.61 Eq; KIRBY BUILT SALES \$177.11 Gu; Mutual of Omaha \$2,573.31 Ps; STERICYCLE, INC. \$159.60 Misc; Tisha M Hood \$42.80 Misc; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$346.13 Su; ARAMARK \$89.38 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$47.84 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$1,767.22 Ex; ECONO SIGNS \$294.39 Gu; GOTHENBURG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY \$150.00 Misc; GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$90.00 Du; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; KNOEDLER AUTOMOTIVE \$59.70 Re; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$5,646.63 Se; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$211.25 Ex; Pinpoint Communications \$502.26 Ut; PLATTE VALLEY ARSENAL, LLC \$400.00 Su; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$131.87 Ex; TK Elevator Corporation \$388.47 Bu.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$255.77 Ut; AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$202.87 Ut; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$85.38 Se; STERICYCLE, INC. \$159.60 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$848.31 Su, Re; ARAMARK \$226.60 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$49,912.63 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,734.63 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$937.93 Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$290.16 Ex; FRANZEN INC. \$40.45 Ma; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$9,960.00 Misc; NMC, INC. \$224.98 Re; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$99.80 Misc; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$118.98 Ut; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$36,777.97 Se; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$732.90 Se; STATE HEALTH LAB \$75.00 Se; SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS \$2,442.39 Re; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$12,607.82 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,587.68; NEBRASKA DEPT OF REV \$21,424.25 Ps; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$9,192.60 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 CSO Annual report for Unlicensed/Inoperable cars was 227 notices with 222 abated and 3 citations and for Nuisances was 637 notices with 616 abated and 6 citations.

City Administrator Greer stated the city decided to leave the lighted downtown decorations up for the winter season.

City Administrator Greer stated the process of the 2024 infrastructure program continues to progress. The city will advertise this week and open bids on February 1st.

City Administrator Greer stated all the work that can be done for the splashpad is accomplished. Contractors will be back in spring to pour concrete and finalize playgrounds.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Rahjes discussed Committee & Personnel Appointments. This roster is approved annually.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Committee & Personnel Appointments. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – Kennedy. Motion carried.

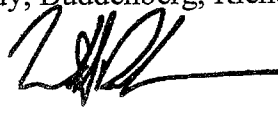
City Administrator Greer introduced Ordinance 1030 Utility Rates (Sanitation Updates 2024). The Ordinance is updating rates based on request from trash haulers previous council meeting.

Kennedy moved, Janssen 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 1030.

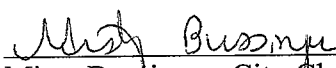
City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1030. AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1030. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. 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.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk