

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

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

Not Present:

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Facility & Building Director, Noah Dea-Park Director, Rob Will-Building Inspector, Gary Smith, Teresa Smith, Dan Butterfield, Linda Butterfield, Andrew Hilbers, Lacy Harvey-Dan's Sanitation, Sandy Harvey-Dan's Sanitation, 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:

A public hearing was opened at 5:30 to consider Special Use Permit # 174 – Andrew and Cassie Hilbers to have steel siding, at 2618 Northaven Drive, currently zoned R-1.

Andrew Hilbers discussed Special Use Permit # 174 – Andrew and Cassie Hilbers to have steel siding, at 2618 Northaven Drive, currently zoned R-1. This permit has been recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to deny Special Use Permit # 174 – Andrew and Cassie Hilbers to have steel siding, at 2618 Northaven Drive, currently zoned R-1. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – Kennedy. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Council minutes-December 5
- b) Treasurer Report- November
- c) Police Report – November
- d) Cemetery Board Reports -November 2023
- e) Planning & Zoning minutes – December 12
- f) Building Permits – November Permits
- g) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- December 13
- h) Library Statistical Report- November

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 \$28,553.16; Enterprise Fund \$404,417.17; December 13 payroll of \$61,715.11, and Payroll Transmittals of \$29,907.64. 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: STATE OF NEBRASKA \$100.00 Misc; DreamShare Productions LLC \$97.50 Ex; EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION AGENCY \$950.10 Su; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$188.80 Su; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$2,006.12 Ma, Re, Su; LIBRARY \$53.53 Ex; Motorola Solutions, Inc \$5,667.98 Re; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT INC \$150.00 Se; PLATTE VALLEY GLASS \$289.00 Bu; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$554.66 Su; AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP \$419.00 Ex; ARAMARK \$89.38 Se; Black Hills Energy \$305.73 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$313.75 Se; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT \$92.61 Re; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$3,826.32 Ex; Crown Services \$400.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$93.68 Ex; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$80.38 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$175.67 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$7.51 Se; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$524.62 Su; FASTENAL \$581.35 Ma; FYR-TEK \$125.00 Re; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$26.00 Re; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$424.61 Su; IDEAL LINEN \$2.87 Bu; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$150.00 Ex; MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY \$1,460.44 Gu; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$281.05 Gu; NELSON'S APPLIANCE REPAIR \$588.98 Bu; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$325.84 Se; PLATTE VALLEY ARSENAL, LLC \$210.97 Su; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$144.00 Su; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$505.75 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$4,511.97 Ut; Quadient Finance USA, Inc \$53.86 Ex; ROSE EQUIPMENT INC \$143.13 Re; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$424.81 Re, Su, Ma; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$414.63 Ex; TRYON WELDING \$513.56 Ma; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,278.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: STATE OF NEBRASKA \$711.10 Misc; ARCHER JENSEN \$2,500.00 Misc; GARRET SHAW \$149.80 Misc; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$1,068.35 Ma, Bu, Su; John L Paul \$970.00 Ma; MAIN STREET DESIGNS \$23,045.12 CI; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,664.77 Ma; SERVI TECH, INC. \$168.00 Se; ALL ANDERSON ELECTRIC \$36.22 Ma; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$153.69 Re; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$577.60 Su; ARAMARK \$226.60 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$503.05 Ut; BLACKBURN MFG. CO. \$291.84 Su; CASELLE, INC. \$941.25 Se; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT \$277.86 Re; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$79,122.89 Reim, Tax; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,661.49 Ex; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$704.27 Ma; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$115.20 Ma; ITRON, INC. \$5,225.64 Se; METERING & TECHNOLOGY \$554.00 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$268,834.59 Ut; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$264.16 Se; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$57.96 Se; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$8,791.95 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$1,463.57 Re, Ma, Misc, Su; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$2,656.20 Se; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$680.00 Se.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$19,973.51; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,847.04 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 City Hall will be closed December 25th and January 1st to allow employees to spend holidays with their family.

City Administrator Greer stated Tim Lauer retirement reception will be December 29th at 2 p.m.

City Administrator Greer stated the police department conducted county wide training for law enforcement last week at Gothenburg public schools.

City Administrator Greer wished Verlin Janssen a happy birthday and everyone Happy Holidays.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Noah Dea discussed the bid for the downtown planters. The city received one bid from Kennedy Landscape for \$5,019.80 for 3 years.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Kennedy Landscape bid for the downtown planters. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Abstain-Kennedy. Motion carried.

Gary and Teresa Smith discussed extension on appeal regarding Unsafe Building located at 902 22nd Street. The council discussed that action will be taken at the April 2, 2024, meeting if not completed by then.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve extension regarding the Unsafe Building located at 902 22nd Street to be complete by April 2nd. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed the Easement from Colten and Tabitha Venteicher to the City for utilities.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the Easement from Colten and Tabitha Venteicher to the City for utilities. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Lacy and Sandy Harvey-Dan's Sanitation and Robert Danielson-Schaben Sanitation discussed rate increase for sanitation haulers. The franchise agreement states the council will consider it in first meeting in January and shall be by Ordinance.

This will be tabled and discussed at the first meeting in January.

Mayor Rahjes introduced Ordinance 1029 Vacate 6th street between 1st and 2nd Avenue (legal revised). The Ordinance is just a correction on a previous Ordinance passed.

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 1029.

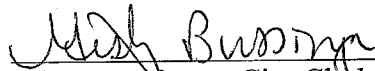
City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1029. AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE STREET OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; RESERVING TITLE TO SAID PORTION OF VACATED STREET; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1029. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor


Misty Bussinger, City Clerk