J Buddenberg

Regular Council Meeting City Council Chambers

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Not Present:

Mayor

Will Rahjes

Council Members

Jeff Kennedy

Jay Richeson Verlin Janssen

Assistant City Attorney

Colten Venteicher

City Administrator

Gary Greer

City Clerk

Misty Bussinger

Press: Gothenburg Leader – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Kelsey Snow

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 February 20
- b) Cemetery Board Reports January 2024
- c) Park & Recreation Board Minutes February 21
- d) Tree Board Minutes February 29
- e) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 from LB840 to Community Redevelopment Authority for GIC REDLG Loan.
- f) Approve payment of \$4,277.39 from LB840 to Gothenburg Improvement Company Authority for Curbtender Project.
- g) Approve payment \$20,000.00 from OOH to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Program Income 18-HO-33071.

Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

## **CLAIMS:**

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$84,042.59; Enterprise Fund \$50,054.25; March 6 payroll of \$54,245.96, and Payroll Transmittals of \$26,731.24. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. 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 \$363.60 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$47,760.02 Ps; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; CULLIGAN \$141.41 Bu; Motorola Solutions, Inc \$22,934.73 CI; Mutual of Omaha \$2,514.27 Ps; NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRNG CTR \$400.00 Ex; STERICYCLE, INC. \$157.27 Se; TAPCO \$1,900.00 Misc; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,111.26 Ps; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$149.30 Su, Bu; ARAMARK \$89.92 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$48.02 Ut; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS,

INC \$687.05 Su; FRANZEN INC. \$116.25 Bu; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; IDEAL LINEN \$75.05 Bu; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$5,646.63 Se; PAULSEN INC \$273.00 Ma; Pinpoint Communications \$502.25 Se; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$156.09 Ex.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$255.55 Ut; AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION \$75.00 Du; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$174.76 Se; CULLIGAN \$212.16 Se; NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY \$260.00 Ex; SERVI TECH, INC. \$158.00 Se; STERICYCLE, INC. \$157.26 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$637.89 Su, Ma; ARAMARK \$232.72 Se; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$3,032.22 Reim; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$32.08 Su; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$324.71 CI, Ma; FR DEPOT \$86.73 Ex; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$142.75 Misc; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$119.00 Ut; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$42,541.45 Reim; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$732.48 Reim; STATE HEALTH LAB \$45.00 Se; STUART C IRBY CO \$85.49 Ma; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$749.00 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$16,991.59; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,486.15 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Credit Management Servic \$163.43 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$221.23 Ps.

#### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

City Administrator Greer stated the Lake Helen Bridge project is complete.

City Administrator Greer stated the fence/lighting project at E.G. West has been completed in conjunction with the splash pad.

City Administrator Greer stated the Strategic Plan meeting is set for March 26th noon.

City Administrator stated that North Platte Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's and Gothenburg Police Department are jointly participating in "Project LifeSaver". This program protects at risk members of the community such as those with autism, down syndrome, and Alzheimer's if they go missing.

City Administrator Greer stated Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. David Marsh will present Music of Ireland. The event is free and open to the public. the city decided to leave the lighted downtown decorations up for the winter season.

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Kelsey Snow discussed Resolution 2024-5 to Authorize West Central Joint Housing Authority to administer all housing choice vouchers and Agreement to Cooperate. The housing authority currently doesn't receive enough funds to administer the choice vouchers so West Central was asked to administer the program.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2024-5 to Authorize West Central Joint Housing Authority to administer all housing choice vouchers and Agreement to Cooperate. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Senior Center Funding Agreement. This agreement will allow the City to help the senior center on capital expenses upon request to council not to exceed \$25,000.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Senior Center Funding Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Will Rahjes, Mayor

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk