

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-Building and Facility Director, Rob Will-Building Inspector, Noah Dea-Park Director, Nolan Golter-Public Works Director, Lonnie Warner, Dan Butterfield, Linda Butterfield, Nate Wyatt.

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 Zoning Ordinance Application 2024-1Z -Gothenburg Storage LLC to consider revisions to the zoning ordinance in Lots 1,2,3, Block 40, First Addition to the City of Gothenburg, Dawson County, Nebraska, by changing zoning designation C-2 (Commercial) to I-1 (Industrial).

Nate Wyatt discussed the Gothenburg Storage Project and that rezoning to I-1 was prevalent for the location.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) City Council minutes -April 2
- b) Police Report – March
- c) Treasurer Report-March
- d) Planning & Zoning minutes – April 9
- e) Building Permits – March
- f) Cemetery Board Reports -February & March 2024
- g) Library Statistical Report- March
- h) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- April 10

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 \$60,978.56; Enterprise Fund \$377,078.10; April 17 payroll of \$56,264.53, and Payroll Transmittals of \$31,106.31. 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: Cengage Learning Inc / Gale \$546.50 Su; DEMCO INC. \$92.63 Su; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$42.00 Ex; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$225.50 Su; LEGAL & LIABILITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE \$150.00 Ex; LIBRARY \$118.30 Ex; PONY EXPRESS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION \$25,000.00 Gu; Psychological Resources \$150.00 Se; ROTARY CLUB \$600.00 Du; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$133.84 Bu, Su, Ma; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,103.95 Ps; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$247.62 Su; ARAMARK \$94.04 Se; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$1,310.00 Ex; Black Hills Energy \$320.84 Ut; BRODART CO. \$87.34 Su; CASELLE, INC. \$321.25 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$3,013.83 Ex; Crown Services \$1,600.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$113.40 Ex; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$60.24 Ut; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$303.69 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$87.00 Se; FYR-TEK \$5,297.00 Su; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$1,661.42 Bu, Ma, Su; HIRE RIGHT LLC \$150.58 Du; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$725.00 Se; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$150.00 Se; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$452.50 Se, Su; PAULSEN INC \$922.50 Ma; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$55.27 Su; Pinpoint Communications \$110.62 Ut; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$5,625.24 Se; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$4,602.40 Ut; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$30.00 Se; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$1,141.26 Su, Re, Ma; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$336.17 Ex; T & T CORPORATION \$60.00 Se; TK Elevator Corporation \$388.47 Se; VALLEY PROMO \$637.81 Ex; VITER SERVICES, INC \$250.00 Se; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,400.00 Ps; CARD SERVICES \$1,260.35 Ex, Re, Ut, Bu.

Enterprise Fund Claims: BRUCE HIRD \$145.20 Reim; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$150.34 Se; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$544.57 Ma, Su, Re, CI; KEARNEY WINNELSON \$3,461.05 CI; NDEE - PUBLIC WATER OPERATORS \$150.00 Du; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$103.60 Su, Re, Ma; SERVI TECH, INC. \$168.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$316.80 Su; ARAMARK \$238.76 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$606.96 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$963.75 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$79,423.61 Reim, Tax; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$2,318.95 Ex; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$128.90 Ma, CI, Ex, Su; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$1,249.82 CI; HIRERIGHT SOLUTIONS INC. \$150.57 Ex; HONEY BEE CLEANING, LLC \$975.00 Se; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$275.86 Ma; JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY \$2,970.05 Ma; METERING & TECHNOLOGY \$454.96 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$252,826.17 Ut; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$30.32 Se; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$11,701.31 Ut; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$120.00 Se; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$55.96 Su; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$3,574.53 Se; STUART C IRBY CO \$3,733.23 Gu, Bu; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$63.60 Ex; VALLEY PROMO \$563.62 Se; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$7,725.40 Ma; CARD SERVICES \$1,887.21 Ex, Re.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,083.77; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,269.21 Ps; AFLAC \$766.32 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,829.28 Ps; Gothenburg United Fund \$26.00 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$224.21 Ps, Dependent Care Cafeteria \$41.66 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated Community Wide Cleanup is taking place June 14-24th.

City Administrator Greer stated the city has been trying to deal with the turkey vulture problem at Ehmen Park humanely with some firecracker sounds.

City Administrator Greer stated that he is out of the office April 18-23.

City Administrator stated the city is currently taking bids for a micro surfacing project on Avenue F. If all goes well the council should be able to consider bids in May.

City Administrator stated the Employee Recognition Dinner is scheduled for May 17th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2024-9 LB840 Application Amended Gothenburg Improvement Company for Annual Support of \$52,000.00 and payment on remainder \$26,000. This will amend the current application and grant agreement from \$26,000 to \$52,000 since Dawson Area Development has ceased operation.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Resolution 2024-9 LB840 Application Amended Gothenburg Improvement Company for Annual Support of \$52,000.00 and payment on remaining \$26,000. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Noah Dea discussed bids for Campground Firewood. The city received one bid from Fireside Nights for \$7.00/bundle and/or 3 bundles for \$20.00. The city will receive 35 percent of the sales. Dea stated Fireside is owned by city employee Kasey Bogus.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded to approve Fireside's bid for Campground Firewood. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes read the Proclamation for Arbor Day on April 26, 2024. The tree board will plant trees at Ehmen Park at 10:45 a.m. and the second-grade class along with an employee of the Nebraska Forestry will join them.

Mayor Rahjes read the Proclamation for IIMC Professional Municipal Clerks Week on May 5-11, 2024.

Nolan Golter discussed Vision Obstructions located at 9th Street and Avenue D. The city was asked to survey the intersection. Golter stated zoning is not subject to sight triangle stipulations. The council discussed the option of removing the first parking places on both sides of the south side of 9th and Avenue D, the northwest corner parallel stall, and trim bush to lessen the visual obstruction of the motorist.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded to approve the option of removing the first parking places on both sides of the south side of 9th and Avenue D, the northwest corner parallel stall, and trim bush to lessen the visual obstruction of the motorist. Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator discussed Ordinance 1033 Zoning Change-Gothenburg Storage LLC from C2 to I1. This was part of the discussion in the public hearing.

Richeson 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. No – none. Motion carried. Mayor Rahjes declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1033.

City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1033. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, AMENDING BOUNDARIES OF ZONING DISTRICTS; DEFINING THE CHANGES IN SUCH BOUNDARIES; ORDERING THE CHANGE OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1033. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

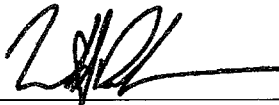
Jeff Kennedy asked to relinquish him as President of the Council. Kennedy stated he needed to relinquish the president position due to family and work time commitments.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to accept Relinquishment of President of the Council by Jeff Kennedy. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

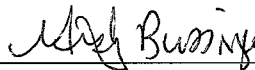
The council discussed President of the Council Replacement.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Verlin Janssen as the President of Council. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain-Janssen. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk