

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

Also present: Shane Gruber-Building and Facility Director, Rob Will-Building Inspector, Nate Baker-Electric Supervisor, Lonnie Warner, Dan Butterfield, Linda Butterfield, Dan Urman, Dawn Urman, Troy Franzen, Deb Egenberger.

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 Public Hearing to consider approval of Resolution 2024-8 Redevelopment Plan for Meadowlark.

Mike Bacon discussed Resolution 2024-8 Redevelopment Plan for Meadowlark. The Redevelopment Plan is for the Tax Increment Financing for JWC LLC (Meadowlark) project estimated to be \$750 million. The Tax Increment Financing amount to be \$50 million for 15 years. The Community Redevelopment Authority has hired an outside attorney to review.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:47 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Resolution 2024-8 Redevelopment Plan for Meadowlark. 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 16
- b) Police Report – April
- c) Cemetery Board Reports -April 2024
- d) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – April 17
- e) Planning & Zoning minutes – May 1
- f) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- May 2
- g) Approve payment of \$3,000.00 from LB840 to Community Redevelopment Authority for GIC REDLG Loan.
- h) 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:

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$130,008.05; Enterprise Fund \$178,446.32; May 1 payroll of \$57,436.10, and Payroll

Transmittals of \$27,955.01 except claims# 50724031 and 50724036. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve claim #50724031. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Janssen. No – none. Abstain-Richeson. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve claim # 50724036. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Abstain-Kennedy. 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 \$369.92 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$601.58 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$47,760.02 Ps; BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC \$363.97 Su; CARD SERVICES \$2,169.58 Ex, CI, Su; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$555.00 Misc; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; CNA SURETY \$175.00 Ex; CULLIGAN \$40.80 Su; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$349.50 Misc; GRABTEC \$234.72 Re; Internation City/County Management Assoc \$962.00 Du; MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT \$123.00 Se; Mutual of Omaha \$2,511.51 Ps; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$342.64 Su, Misc, Ma, Ex; Schumacher Brothers Fencing LLC \$8,962.00 Gu; SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC \$2,795.12 Ma, Gu; STERICYCLE, INC. \$167.65 Se; TOM FICKENSCHER \$150.00 Misc; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE \$120.00 Du; UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY \$200.00 Misc; VESTIS \$94.04 Se; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,103.95 Ps; Alexander Ballmer \$160.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$756.99 CI, Eq, Su, Bu, Misc; ARAMARK \$47.02 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$49.82 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$17.30 Su; FRANZEN INC. \$35.00 Su; FYR-TEK \$231.83 Re; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$765.60 Gu; GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$1,600.00 Du; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$14.72 Ma; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; IDEAL LINEN \$75.05 Bu; JEFFREY KENNEDY – LANDSCAPE \$366.96 Gu; MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CTR \$100.00 Du; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$5,646.63 Se; PAULSEN INC \$1,226.70 Ma; Pinpoint Communications \$502.07 Ut; PLATTE VALLEY AUTO MART \$221.28 Re; ROSE EQUIPMENT INC \$1,249.00 Re; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$757.10 Re, Su; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$434.24 Ex; VALLEY PROMO \$22.27 Ex; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$44,660.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$253.95 Ut; AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$202.81 Ut; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$52.90 Se; CULLIGAN \$61.20 Bu; DEERE & COMPANY \$7,087.81 CI; GRABTEC \$469.44 Re; LARM \$415.00 Reim; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. \$554.52 Ex; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$2,611.17 Su, Ma, Eq; STERICYCLE, INC. \$167.65 Ex; VESTIS \$238.76 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$456.74 Su; ARAMARK \$119.38 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$104,641.11 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$3,132.86 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,633.36 Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$779.55 Ex; FRANZEN INC. \$34.00 Bu; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$400.61 Ma; HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTO SOLUTIONS \$131.25 Ma; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$115.20 Ma; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$599.77 Gu; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$338.00 Ma; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$118.91 Ut; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$309.66 Re; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$42,640.38 Se; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$737.52 Se; STATE HEALTH LAB \$597.00 Ma; STUART C IRBY CO \$73.83 Bu; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$294.53 Ex; UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD \$3,000.00 CI; VALLEY PROMO \$22.27 Ex; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$6,155.18 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,470.96; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$8,393.98 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$738.94 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$224.21 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated the playground at E.G. West is open. The playground at Lake Helen will be open this week. The splash pad at E.G. West should be open in June after sod is installed.

City Administrator Greer stated the pool opens May 29th.

City Administrator Greer stated the 2024 Infrastructure program is in full force and ahead of schedule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Will Rahjes discussed Special Event Application for use of downtown street for Flatwater Hot Dog Feed on June 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. City Administrator Greer stated that now with Ace open may have to adjust the layout.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Special Event Application for use of downtown street for Flatwater Hot Dog Feed on June 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Troy Franzen discussed Special Event Application from Gothenburg Fire Department for use of Lake Helen for the firework show on July 4th.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded to approve Special Event Application from Gothenburg Fire Department for use of Lake Helen for firework show on July 4th. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Deb Egenberger discussed Special Event Application for Chamber Ag Committee to host Meat & Greet at Ehmen Park on May 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded to approve Special Event Application for Chamber Ag Committee to host Meat & Greet at Ehmen Park on May 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes introduced the Liability Claim for Jim Nelms. He then stated that the claim was to be turned into our insurance for approval or denial and did not require Council approval.

City Administrator discussed Ordinance 1034 Amend Zoning (Section 152.041 & 152.063) and permit. This will include language for temporary storage pods, no vertical siding, and accessory buildings.

City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1034. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 152, SECTION 152.041 AND SECTION 152.063; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded to approve the first reading of the Ordinance 1034. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Nate Baker discussed Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for underground wireline crossing.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for underground wireline crossing. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rahjes read the Proclamation Designating May as Mental Health Month.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded to approve appointment Jacob Mathies to Fire Department. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Motion carried.



Will Rahjes, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk