

ROLL CALL:

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

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Joe Wahlgren, Shannondoah Schram, Lonnie Warner, Rob Will, Shane Gruber-Building and Facility Director, Nate Fox-LARM, Deb Egenberger, Alex Jorgensen, Brandon Shimmin, Jason Meinke, Shawn Rupp.

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.

Mayor Will Rahjes discussed resignation as Mayor as moved out of city limits.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to accept resignation of Will Rahjes as Mayor. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

The council discussed statues regarding Mayor resignation as President of Council Verlin Janssen will automatically become Mayor and his seat on council will need to be filled. The council discussed that there will be a Notice of Vacancy posted in the paper if anyone is interested. The mayor will make a recommendation at the next council meeting.

City Administrator Greer discussed with the Janssen becoming Mayor will need to vote for President of the Council Replacement.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Jeff Kennedy as President. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A public hearing was opened at 5:34 for Public Hearing to consider approval of Special Use Permit # 176 – Kye Schram to build a 6’ fence, at 602 1<sup>st</sup> Street, currently zoned I-2.

Shannondoah Schram discussed Special Use Permit # 176 to build a 6’ fence, at 602 1<sup>st</sup> Street, currently zoned I-2. This permit will run with the land.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Special Use Permit # 176 – Kye Schram to build a 6’ fence, at 602 1<sup>st</sup> Street, currently zoned I-2. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- City Council minutes -July 2
- Police Report – June
- Treasurer Report-June

- d) Cemetery Board Reports -June 2024
- e) Planning & Zoning minutes – July 9
- f) Building Permits – June
- g) Library Statistical Report- June
- h) Library Director’s Report – May 15 through July 9
- i) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- July 10

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$67,523.34; Enterprise Fund \$446,332.15; July 10 payroll of \$63,313.75, and Payroll Transmittals of \$25,337.44 except claim#71624042. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claim #71624042. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen. No – none. Abstain-Richeson, 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: BLASE-STRAUSER MEMORIAL CHAPEL \$2,500.00 Gu; CHRIS GRAY \$558.77 Misc; CNA SURETY \$2,285.00 Du; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$149.83 Ma; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$1,466.20 Su, Re, Bu, Ma; JON ROBINSON \$300.00 Reim; KIRBY BUILT SALES \$3,285.31 Gu; LIBRARY \$68.17 Ex; M J TRAILERS LLC. \$3,066.68 CI; OCLC, INC \$2,369.68 Du; PLATTE VALLEY GLASS \$470.00 Bu; SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC \$206.13 Ma; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE \$124.00 Du; VESTIS \$85.63 Se; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,077.75 Ps; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; CARD SERVICES \$3,830.59 Su, Ex, Ma; Alexander Ballmer \$200.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$334.30 Gu; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$370.00 Se; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; Black Hills Energy \$257.40 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$334.00 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$6,057.77 Ex; Crown Services \$1,500.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$176.35 Ex; DAWSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$10.00 Misc; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$219.91 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$11.00 Su; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$236.18 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$44.00 Se; Essential Screens \$62.50 Se; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$137.30 Ma; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$537.50 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$327.21 Su, Bu; HIRE RIGHT LLC \$192.60 Ex; HOMETOWN LEASING \$186.49 Ex; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$988.00 Se; IDEAL LINEN \$75.05 Se; John T Bell \$90.00 Gu; Jones Automotive \$12,995.36 CI; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$465.00 Se; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$1,165.24 Gu; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$5,646.63 Se; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$405.00 Se; PAULSEN INC \$1,186.14 Se, Gu, Ma; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$30.44 Misc, Su; Pinpoint Communications \$587.60 Ut; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$6,870.92 Ut; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$90.00 Se; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$527.99 Su, Re; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$141.20 Ex; T & T CORPORATION \$350.00 Se; TK Elevator Corporation \$388.47 Ma; WERNER'S SPRINKLERS INC. \$407.07 Re; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,345.00 Ps.

Enterprise Fund Claims: JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$14,270.68 Su, Ma, Re, CI; KEN CRISMAN \$170.00 Reim; M J TRAILERS LLC. \$6,133.32 CI; MARK BALLMER \$2,400.00 Reim; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$969.96 Ma; NEBRASKA POWER REVIEW BOARD \$697.22 Du; REBECCA HINMAN \$42.69 Reim; ROBERT DESERSA \$323.82 Reim; RYAN BANZHAF \$39.80 Reim; VESTIS \$274.99 Se; CARD SERVICES \$130.53 Ex; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$1,270.65 Re; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$16.46 Su; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$129.36 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$1,002.00 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$81,758.74 Reim, Tax; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$3,653.53 Ex; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,400.19 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$10,160.29 Ma; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$773.97 Ma; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$569.69 CI, Ex, Ma; HONEY BEE CLEANING, LLC \$852.00 Se; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.

\$272.25 Ma; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$5,572.50 Ex; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$285,926.33 Ut; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$2,330.46 Gu; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$109.24 Se; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$11.97 Ex; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$119.00 Ut; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$616.42 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$11,082.31 Ut; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$60.00 Bu; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$136.46 Ma; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$5,917.75 Se; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$162.00 Ex; USA BLUEBOOK \$48.06 Ma; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$5,927.51 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$19,779.17 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$4,667.13 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$540.01 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$224.21 Ps.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Officer Jason Meinke introduced new police personnel; Brandon Shimmin-Community Service Officer and Shawn Rupp-Police Officer.

City Administrator Greer stated open house for Sergeant Matt Langley will be Friday July 26, 2024 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the council chamber.

City Administrator Greer stated the city received a survey of operational area pavement from NDOT. The following are the main comments from the inspection: Most of Gothenburg's apron and runway are in good or satisfactory condition; They encourage we keep the pavement on the maintenance schedule to preserve the pavement for as long as possible; The cracks and joints should be well sealed and free of weeds and debris. They commented that we appear to be doing a good job maintaining airside pavements.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Deb Egenberger and Alex Jorgensen discussed Application for Special Event Permit from Koby Rickertsen, Alex Jorgenson, and Deb Egenberger for closure of downtown street for Pony Mural Celebration on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve Application for Special Event Permit from Koby Rickertsen, Alex Jorgenson, and Deb Egenberger for closure of downtown street for Pony Mural Celebration on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea -Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Colten Venteicher discussed the Application for Special Event Permit from Impact Center Board for use of EG West Park for Impact Center Employee Appreciation BBQ on July 31.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve Application for Special Event Permit from Impact Center Board for use of EG West Park for Impact Center Employee Appreciation BBQ on July 31. Roll call vote: Yea -Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Joe Wahlgren discussed Application for Special Event Permit from Joe Wahlgren for use of Lake Helen for Livin Out Loud scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. They plan on it being the same as past but adding use of the vacant lot north of the canal.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Application for Special Event Permit from Joe Wahlgren for use of Lake Helen for Livin Out Loud scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Yea -Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed the request for additional handicap parking and handrails. There were multiple requests including Sun Theater to install a handicap stall on southwest corner of Avenue D and 10th Street. T Walkers to install a handicap stall on the northwest corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Lake Avenue. United States Post Office to install handicap stall on the southeast corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Lake Avenue. Dollar General to install 5 handrails.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve the request for additional handicap parking and handrails except for 3 handrails at Dollar General instead of 5. Roll call vote: Yea -Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2024-12 Update Fee Schedule (2024 temporary storage). The resolution added temporary storage and changes to the moving permit.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Resolution 2024-12 Update Fee Schedule (2024 temporary storage) including the change of adding per 30 days to the fee schedule for temporary storage. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Nate Fox-LARM discussed Resolution 2024-13 League Association of Risk Management for Property, Casualty, & Workers Compensation Insurance for 2024-2025. The cost went up 13%, which is average this year.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Resolution 2024-13 League Association of Risk Management for Property, Casualty, & Workers Compensation Insurance for 2024-2025. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

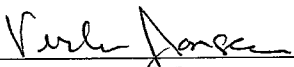
City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2024-14 Prepayment of Claims. This resolution is the ability to pay claims prior to council meeting if necessary for things such as payroll, claims that will be delinquent or charged penalties. These claims will be approved at the next meeting and marked with a star if paid prior.


Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve Resolution 2024-14 Prepayment of Claims. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Mayor Janssen discussed Appointment of Caresse Ross to the Park and Recreation Board.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve Appointment of Caresse Ross to the Park and Recreation Board.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

  
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Verlin Janssen, Mayor

  
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Misty Bussinger, City Clerk