

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Verlin Janssen
Jeff Kennedy
J Buddenberg
Jay Richeson
Aaron Colwell
Mike Bacon
Gary Greer
Misty Bussinger

Not Present:

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen and Patrick Moore

Also present: Randy Olson-Chief of Police, Mark Ostergard, Marci Ostergard, Jeff Jobman, Christy Jobman, Shawn Boyd, Ken Christensen, Dan Butterfield, Linda Butterfield, Lonnie Warner, Al Dishman, Laura Johnson, Craig Bennett-M & A Land Development & Planning, Joe Richeson, Marcy Slack, Steve Peterson, Ligia Peterson, Claire Edson, Dwight Edson, Roni McNally, Ben McNally, Keith Aden, Marcy Aden, and a few others.

Mayor Janssen 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 approval of Resolution 2024-23 Adopt Pony Express Master Trail Plan.

Craig Bennett at Miller & Associates discussed Resolution 2024-23 Adopt Pony Express Master Trail Plan. Bennett discussed the benefits of having the plan for quality of life for citizens, comprehensive plan, and funding to name a few. The agenda went over history, current and proposed routes, composition and specifications, crosswalks, signage, canopy, trailheads, and funding. A few destination points discussed were Lake Helen, Airport, Ballfields, Hospital. The council asked about the DOT allowing permits for cross walk to Lake Helen and Bennett said would have to apply for permit but thought it would be permissible. Mark Ostergard state concerns with east side of Ave M. Dan Butterfield asked if the public wanted this plan, and the council stated it has been in the top 5 of requests on public surveys done in the past. Joe Richeson discussed the benefits of having trails from a safety aspect and open trails with no canopy would be great. Al Dishman discussed concerns with diesel spill. Laura Johnson stated concerns with drainage and would also like to know the specifics of the plan and if there are other options available. Johnson also asked who would be paying for it. Ken Christensen stated he has recently got sidewalks and think they are beneficial to the citizens and thinks this plan is moving in the right direction. Dwight Edson stated that many drivers go fast on 27th and Avenue M and said those are safety issues. The council stated the project will be done in phases and engineered at the time of those phases and how those are constructed will be based on many factors.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Resolution 2024-23 Adopt Pony Express Master Trail Plan. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Colwell moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:
a) City Council minutes -November 5
b) Police Report – October

- c) Treasurer Report-October
- d) REDLG Reuse minutes-October 29
- e) Cemetery Board Reports -October 2024
- f) Cemetery Board Minutes -November 4
- g) Planning and Zoning minutes-October 23
- h) Planning & Zoning minutes – November 12
- i) Building Permits – October
- j) Library Statistical Report- October
- k) Library Director's Report – September 10 to November 11
- l) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- November 13

Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$252,906.86; Special Funds \$431,658.43; Enterprise Fund \$321,163.95; November 13 payroll of \$59,047.85 and Payroll Transmittals of \$29,273.27 except claims #111924013 and 111924039. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve claim #111924013. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Colwell. No – none. Abstained-Richeson. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve claim #111924039. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstained-Colwell. 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: AT&T Mobility II LLC \$533.06 Ut; BELLS CONSTRUCTION & CURB GRINDING \$180.00 Ma; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; CITY OF GOTHENBURG-REDLG \$380.14 Misc; EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION AGENCY \$911.52 Su; GALL'S LLC \$383.93 Su; GOTHENBURG IMPACT CENTER FACILITIES AGEN \$200,000.00 Ex; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES – OMAHA \$122.00 Ex; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$287.66 Su; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$568.72 Re, Bu, Misc, Su; LIBRARY \$72.82 Ex; NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOC \$100.00 Du; NELCO \$101.00 Su; PLATTE VALLEY GLASS \$274.00 Bu; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc \$1,108.95 Ex; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE \$120.00 Du; VESTIS \$104.00 Se; Alexander Ballmer \$120.00 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$997.80 Su, Ex, Ma, Re; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER LLC \$277.00 Ex; Black Hills Energy \$257.04 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$317.00 Se; Consolidated Management Co. \$45.40 Ex; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$5,378.67 Ex, Gu; Crown Services \$500.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$46.73 Ex; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$213.57 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$25.45 Su; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$24.89 Su; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$225.00 Se; FASTENAL \$622.04 Gu ;GOTHENBURG DISCOUNT PHARMACY \$10.00 Su; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$576.88 Re; HINTON LOCK & ALARM \$180.00 Bu; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$1,058.00 Se; IDEAL LINEN \$75.05 Bu; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING COMPANY \$253.42 Ma; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$165.00 Se; LANDMARK IMPLEMENT, INC \$20,826.26 CI; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$505.76 Ma; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$743.46 Se; PAULSEN INC \$608.34 Re; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$426.25 Ma; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$80.82 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$4,614.76 Ut; ROSE EQUIPMENT INC \$4,997.15 Re; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$215.15 Ma, Su; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$817.39 Su, Re; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$684.39 Ex; WEATHERCRAFT COMPANIES \$405.41 Bu; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,235.00 Ps.

Special Fund Claims: Gothenburg Impact Center \$430,000.00 Ex, First Concord Benefits Group \$1,130.60 Ps, City of Gothenburg \$210.45 Reim; Hometown Leasing \$139.17 Ex; Eakes Office Solution \$178.21 Ex.

Enterprise Fund Claims: AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$203.05 Ut; CHRIS GALAS \$80.00 Reim; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$517.50 Su, Re, Misc, Bu; LISA AND JAY LINDHOLM \$200.00 Reim; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$272.51 Ma; NEBRASKA

ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION \$145.00 Misc; SCOTT FOSTER \$130.00 Reim; VESTIS \$250.17 Se; ALL ANDERSON ELECTRIC \$218.20 Re; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$1,047.98 Su, Ma; BACON, VINTON & VENTEICHER LLC \$128.00 Se; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$151.41 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$951.00 Se; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$52,057.56 Reim; CORRPRO COMPANIES, INC. \$2,285.00 Se; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,473.29 Ex; DAN WENGER \$1,200.00 Reim; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$255.00 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$535.00 Re; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$228.36 Ma; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$116.00 Su; HONEY BEE CLEANING, LLC \$927.00 Se; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$418.50 Su; MIDLANDS CONTRACTING INC. \$7,800.00 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$215,934.61 Ut; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$880.44 Se; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$54.16 Se; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$14,760.89 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$12,054.89 Ut; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$213.67 Misc, Su, CI; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$949.24 Su; TRYON WELDING \$185.35 CI; WEATHERCRAFT CO. OF N.P. \$810.84 Re; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$3,729.33 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,930.72 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$9,139.39 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$391.86 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Credit Management Servic \$174.52 Ps; County Court of Frontier \$284.55 Ps; County Court of Buffalo \$225.31 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Mayor Janssen stated at City Administrator Greer wife's had surgery today and he was taking care of her.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Police Chief Olson discussed Resolution 2024-24 Sale of Excess Property at Brott Auction on November 30th.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Resolution 2024-24 Sale of Excess Property at Brott Auction on November 30th. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor asked to table discussion on the Sign Regulations. No action taken.

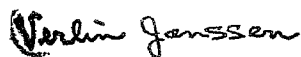
City Clerk Bussinger discussed Ordinance 1041 Utility Rates (Water/Sewer Updates 2024). This is a 3% increase in water and sewer.

City Clerk Bussinger read AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve second reading of Ordinance 1041 Utility Rates (Water/Sewer Updates 2024). Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Dan Butterfield took exception with the wording on the agenda concerning his resignation from the council seat he won in the November 5th, 2024 election. He indicated he had an eligibility problem as he no longer lives in Gothenburg. He asked the Council to change the city code so he could be on Council, but not live in the city. City Attorney Bacon indicated that State law would not allow him to be on the City Council if he did not live in the City Limits. No action taken.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.



Verlin Janssen, Mayor



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk