

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Verlin Janssen

Council Members J Buddenberg  
Jay Richeson  
Aaron Colwell  
Lonnie Warner

City Administrator Gary Greer  
Deputy City Clerk Jill A. Rubenthaler

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Patrick Moore

Also present: Shane Gruber - Building and Facility Director, Rob Will – Building Inspector, Nick and Amy Brown with Chophouse of North Platte, Shawn Boyd, Dan Urman and Lane Vannatta

Verlin Janssen opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda was 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.

DISCUSSION ITEM # was moved up in the agenda to begin the meeting by the Mayor. The Special Designated License for Chophouse for January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Impact Center Building was discussed.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve the Special Designated License as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- a) City Council Minutes – December 17
- b) Tree Board Minutes – December 18
- c.) Approve Application and Certificate for Payment #5 for \$71,827.14 from Capital Project to Nielsen Contracting for 2024 infrastructure 126-A1-042

Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No – None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$74,968.34; Enterprise Fund \$230,574.24; and January 8 Payroll of \$59,785.91 except claim #10725015. Roll call vote: Yea – Colwell, Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – None. Motion carried.

Warner made a motion; Colwell seconded, to allowing payment of claim #10725015. Roll call vote: Yes – Warner, Buddenberg, Colwell. Abstain – Richeson. 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: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS LLC \$362.48 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$537.91 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$55,916.52 Ps; Charter Communications Holdings LLC \$129.98 Ut; Dawson County Election Commissioner \$100.00 Misc; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \$155.00 Se; Mutual of Omaha \$1,491.91 Ps; Power Plan \$659.24 Re; Saylor Screenprinting \$167.00 Ex; Tracey W Bell \$320.00 Re; Vestis \$128.60 Se; CARD SERVICES \$1,065.61 Ex; Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Com \$1,119.70 Ps; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$487.69 Su; American Legal Publishing Corporation \$869.00 Misc; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00 Se; City of North Platte \$5,115.55 Se; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$42.61 Ut; Eakes Inc. \$696.85 Ex; GOTHENBURG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY \$150.00 Du; Hometown Leasing \$186.49 Ex; Ideal Linen \$78.05 Se; MidStates Investment LLC \$1,122.21 Ci; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$32.64 Bu; NMC EXCHANGE LLC \$769.29 Re; Paulsen Inc. \$522.00 Ma; PCAN-Police Chiefs Association of NE \$120.00 Du; Pinpoint Holdings Inc \$468.34 Ut; Pony Express Chevrolet Buick \$193.31 Re; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$424.14 Misc; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$541.23 Ex; TK Elevator Corporation \$388.47 Bu; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$2.72 Tax; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$3.80 Tax

Enterprise Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$256.45 Ut; AT & T MOBILITY II LLC \$203.05 Ut; City of Cozad \$500.00 Se; Vestis \$354.19 Se; CARD SERVICES \$1,015.73 Ex; ALL ANDERSON ELECTRIC \$7.26 Ma; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$341.29 Su; City of Gothenburg \$153,409.05 Reim; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc. \$1,566.19 Ma; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$3,251.49 Se; Eakes Inc. \$697.44 Ex; FRANZEN INC. \$57.65 Misc; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$276.45 Re; Island Supply Welding Co \$119.04 Ma; MidStates Investments LLC \$14,777.50 Ci; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$48.96 Bu; One Call Concepts Inc \$26.74 Misc; Pinpoint Holdings Inc. \$37.56 Ut; Pony Express Chevrolet Buick \$579.96 Re; Richeson Inc. \$87.10 Ma; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$374.45 Re; Schaben Sanitation \$49,561.64 Se; Schaben Sanitation-Recycling \$737.94 Se; State of Nebraska \$504.00 Se; Stuart C. Irby Co \$288.90 Ma; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$350.00 Su; UNITECH \$226.15 Su; Wesco Distribution Inc \$918.06 Ma

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Mayor Janssen commented that the City Crew did a fabulous job with the recent snow removal. Administrator Greer reported that the 1987 snow blower has once again broken down and is probably beyond repair. A new one would cost approximately \$227,000.00 which is not in the current budget but is scheduled to be in the next budget year. They have already taken bids for a new one.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Change Order No B for \$5,910.97 on 2024 Infrastructure 126-A-042 was discussed. Greer stated that these things are outside of the contractor's scope.

Richeson moved, Warner seconded, to approve Change Order B as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas - Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No - none. Motion carried.

Code 152.057 Fence, Wall and Hedge Regulations were discussed. Shane Gruber told the Council that currently both commercial and industrial zones are allowed to have 6-foot fences, but at the discretion of the Building Inspector, they can go up to 8 feet. The administration recommends that only industrial zoned property be allowed to go up to 8 foot and that anything else must be approved by the Board of Adjustments, Planning and Zoning and the City Council. The council instructed the Administrator to make a change in the ordinance to be reviewed at the next Council Meeting.

The Liability Claim from Sureyma Wozny was discussed. She has presented paperwork and pictures saying that her tire was slashed by construction that the City was doing.

Richeson made a motion, Colwell seconded that the Liability Claim from Sureyma Wozny be submitted to our insurance. Greer mentioned that State Law dictates that if she is not happy with the outcome from the insurance, her only other recourse is to sue the City. Roll Call Vote: Yea - Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No - none. Motion carried.

Council President introduced Ordinance 1042 Utility Rates (Solid Waste Update 2025)

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea - Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No - none. Motion carried. Mayor Janssen declared motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1042.

Deputy Clerk Rubenthaler read Ordinance 1042. 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.

Warner moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of the Ordinance 1016. Roll call vote: Yea - Colwell, Warner, Richeson, Buddenberg. No - none. Motion carried. Mayor Janssen declared Ordinance #1042 adopted.

The February 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting date and time was discussed. Buddenberg made a motion; Colwell seconded, to meet at 7:00 p.m. for the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: Yea - Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No - none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No - None. Motion carried.

*Verlin Janssen*

Verlin Janssen, Mayor

*Jill A. Rubenthaler*

Jill A. Rubenthaler, Deputy City Clerk