

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Not Present:
Mayor	Verlin Janssen
Council Members	Lonnie Warner
	J Buddenberg entered 5:44
	Jay Richeson
	Aaron Colwell
City Attorney	Mike Bacon
City Administrator	Gary Greer
City Clerk	Misty Bussinger

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Dan Butterfield, Linda Butterfield, Patrick Moore, Mercedes Torres, Gwen Jensen, Rob Will-Building Inspector, Lane VanNatta, Shane Gruber-Facility and Building Director.

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:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) City Council minutes -December 3
- b) Police Report – November
- c) Treasurer Report-November
- d) Park and Recreation minutes -November 20
- e) Planning & Zoning minutes – December 10
- f) Building Permits – November
- g) Library Statistical Report- November
- h) Cemetery Board Reports -November 2024
- i) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- December 11
- j) REDLG Reuse minutes-December 2
- k) Storage Lease Agreement-Sander Furniture
- l) Storage Lease Agreement-Sanders Furniture
- m)Storage Lease Agreement-Farmacy LLC
- n) Spray Pad Lease Agreement-Werth Aerial Spraying LLC dba Johnson Lake

Flying Service.

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Warner seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$38,695.25; Special Funds \$1,215.45; Enterprise Fund \$423,425.53; December 11 payroll of \$61,017.58 and Payroll Transmittals of \$29,203.71 except claim #121724044. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Colwell moved, Warner seconded, to approve claim #121724044. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Colwell. No – none. Abstained-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: AJ SHEET METAL, INS \$287.77 Re; BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC \$665.79 Su; DreamShare Productions LLC \$420.00 Se; BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY, INC. \$2,844.00 Du; CARD SERVICES \$1,426.60 Su, Du, Ex; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$129.98 Ut; GALL'S LLC \$2,279.67 Ex; HEISLER CONCRETE \$475.00 Re; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$234.55 Su; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$1,547.31 Bu, Ma, Re, Su; KAPCO \$163.80 Su; KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY \$1.52 Misc; LARM \$172.48 Ex; LIBRARY \$34.21 Ex; MEAD LUMBER COMPANY \$160.00 Su; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC \$1,152.96 CI; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPM'T INC \$150.00 Se; PLATTE VALLEY GLASS \$307.50 Bu; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE \$120.00 Du; VESTIS \$86.06 Se; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$1,119.70 Ps; Dayspring Bank \$25.00 Se; Quadient Finance USA, Inc \$1,314.81 Ex; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$142.41 Su; Black Hills Energy \$303.39 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$317.00 Se; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT \$140.31 Re; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$3,039.22 Ex; Crown Services \$250.00 Se; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$52.44 Ex; CULLIGAN \$40.80 Bu; DAWSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$10.00 Misc; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$109.19 Ut; DOLLAR GENERAL \$4.50 Su; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$999.81 Su; FRANZEN INC. \$571.25 Su, Re; FYR-TEK \$9.00 Su; GOTHENBURG IRRIGATION \$58.40 Re; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$50.00 Re; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$145.88 Su; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$706.00 Se; IDEAL LINEN \$75.05 Bu; JEFFREY KENNEDY – FIRE \$44.50 Se; JEFFREY KENNEDY – LANDSCAPE \$768.00 Misc; KIRK'S TRENCHING & SEPTIC SERVICE \$165.00 Se; MIDWEST TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR \$2,533.31 Re; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$6,364.26 Ma; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$356.21 Se; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$9.99 Ex; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$4,336.68 Ut; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$204.69 Re, Su, Bu; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$141.71 Su; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC \$392.54 Ex; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$1,235.00 Ps.

Special Fund Claims: First Concord Benefits Group \$692.37 Ps, City of Gothenburg \$258.91 Reim; Hometown Leasing \$139.17 Ex; Gothenburg Area Chamber of Commerce \$125.00 Ex.

Enterprise Fund Claims: B G & S TRANSMISSIONS \$3,400.00 Re; CARD SERVICES \$453.68 Su, Misc; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$284.17 Se; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$1,155.98 Ex, Re, Su; LARM \$52.34 Ex; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$1,152.96 CI; STATE OF NEBRASKA \$367.23 Reim; VESTIS \$235.70 Se; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$232.10 Su; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$412.78 Ut; CASELLE, INC. \$951.00 Se; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT \$420.96 Re; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$102,901.80 Ex, Reim, Tax; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,447.86 Ex; CULLIGAN \$63.20 Ex; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$3,268.42 Se; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,454.97 Ma; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$20.32 Su; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$976.05 Ma; FRANZEN INC. \$17.45 Misc; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$453.66 Ex, Misc; HONEY BEE CLEANING, LLC \$639.00 Se; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$115.20 Ma; ITRON, INC. \$5,677.86 Se; METERING & TECHNOLOGY \$552.66 Ma; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL \$1,024.60 Ma; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$235,860.85 Ut; NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION \$500.00 Du; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$149.19 Se; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$38.74 Se; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$720.02 Re; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$9,770.59 Ut; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$2,545.40 Su, Eq, Re; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$20.07 Misc, Su; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$42,816.80 Se; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$737.52 Se; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$2,534.40 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$19,369.73 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$9,140.68 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$391.86 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Credit Management Servc \$174.52 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Janssen discussed the appointment J Buddenberg as East Ward council member.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded to approve the appointment J Buddenberg as East Ward council member. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed Ordinance 1040 Amend Sign Regulation (Revision of Section 152.056). This will have the deletion of the political sign section and well as updating the several other sign regulations.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried. Mayor Janssen declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1040.

City Clerk Bussinger read AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ARTICLE XV CHAPTER 152 RELATING TO SIGN REGULATION, REPEALING PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Colwell moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of Ordinance 1040 Amend Sign Regulation (Revision of Section 152.056). Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Mayor Janssen discussed Committee & Personnel Appointments. This roster is approved annually.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – 2025

Expiring Term Appointment Expires January ...

Board of Adjustment

Hal Fecht (P & Z Rep) 2026

Linda Bowman 2026

Dan Yancy 2027

Linda Rodine 2027

Dick Nelson 2027

Kent Kline-Alternate 2028

Cemetery Board

Kim Kitzing 2026

Alex Ballmer 2026

Casey Metzger 2027

Dee Miller 2027

Patrick Moore 2028

Community Redevelopment Authority

Shane Bryant 2026

Dr. Ashton Hecox 2027

Joyce Hudson 2029

Joe Libal 2030

Travis Anderson 2030

Housing Authority

Jill Rubenthaler 2026

Brennon Malcom 2027

Chevas Shaw 2028

Kyle Fornoff 2029

Cindy Soller 2029

Joni Birnie 2030

LB840 Citizen Advisory Committee

Jesse Ambler

Mishayla Freburg

Caroline Scott

Morgan Fornoff

Dave Zorn

Library Board

Shanna Keiser 2026
Rita Thomalla 2027
Sue Ostergard 2028
Karman Keith 2028
Mary Lou Clark 2029

Planning & Zoning Commission

Marcy Slack 2025
Logan Ricely 2026
Jason Wagner 2026
Tanner Focken 2026
Roger Koehler 2027
Hal Fecht 2028
Casey Metzger 2028

REDLG Reuse

Will Rahjes 2026
Morgan Fornoff 2026
City Administrator

Tree Board

Jeff Kennedy 2026
Kathleen Hartman 2026
Dave Zorn 2027
Dan Frerichs 2028
Kim Slack 2028
Nate Baker 2028
Mark Brand 2028

Park & Recreation Board

Ellen Mortenson 2027
Alec Foster 2027
Marc Mroczek 2027
Caresse Ross 2027
Kayla Paul 2027

Board of Health

Verlin Janssen, Mayor
Randy Olson, Police Chief
Jeff Kennedy
Dr. Garret Shaw

PERSONNEL

Position Currently held by:
City Administrator Gary D. Greer
City Attorney Mike Bacon
Assistant City Attorney Colten Venteicher
City Prosecutor Beverly Louthan
City Clerk / Treasurer Misty Bussinger
Deputy City Clerk Jill Rubenthaler
Police Chief Randy Olson
Police Sgt Open
Police Officers
 Jason Meinke
 Samuel Golson
 Shawn Rupp
 Tim Schweitzer
 Vacant

Community Service Office/Police Officer Brandon Shimmin
Fire Chief Mark Ballmer
Building Inspector Rob Will

Building & Facility Director Shane Gruber
City Physician Dr. Garrett Shaw
Municipal Engineer Miller & Assoc., Reed Miller Street Superintendent

Fire Dept Roster

Mason Ackerman	Ron Alexander	Brock Anderson	Trevor Anderson
Alan Ballmer	Alex Ballmer	Mark Ballmer	Brandon Bihlmaier
Shane Butterfield	Justin Carlson	Brandon Carter	Richard Crown
Matt Farr	Wiley Farr	Adam Finke	Craig Franzen
Larry Franzen	Troy Franzen	Trent Good	John Hecox
Tyrel Hite	Jon Hudson	Archer Jensen	Riley Kort
Cole Lorenzen	Jacob Matthies	Shane Max	Dan Meisinger
Trayven Miller	Troy (Scott) Munster	Cody Ostergard	Mark Ostergard
Robb Ostergard	Josh Reinhard	Jarrid Rickertsen	Blake Ristine
Jacob Rosse	Nick Spiegle	Lane VanNatta	Jason Wagner
Michael Wagner	Stephan Wehtje	Keith Williamson	Marty Ziemba

Fire Department Officers
Fire Chief Mark Ballmer
1st Ast Chief Mark Ostergard
Trustee Rick Crown
Rescue Captain Mike Wagner
Asst Rescue Captain Jason Wagner
President Adam Finke
Trustee Jon Hudson
Treasurer Jacob Rosse
Vice Pres/Training Lane VanNatta
2nd Asst Chief Matt Farr
Secretary Archer Jensen
¼ Master Riley Kort

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded to approve Committee & Personnel Appointments. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent and not voting-Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Buddenberg entered 5:44

Gwen Jensen -Schaben Sanitation discussed rate increase by sanitation haulers. They are asking for a 2.7% increase. They are planning in the future to come in June or July to discuss prior to budget to discuss current CPI. Administrator Greer stated the increases will have to come back on an Ordinance.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded to approve the drafting of Ordinance for rate increase by sanitation haulers. Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Shane Gruber discussed Easement from Paulsen Inc. to the City for utilities. This is an easement that was not filed previously.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded to approve Easement from Paulsen Inc. to the City for utilities. Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Resolution 2024-25 Appoint Administrator as Airport Agent.

Warner moved, Buddenberg seconded to approve Resolution 2024-25 Appoint Administrator as Airport Agent. Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

City Attorney Bacon administered the oath of office to newly elected Council member J Buddenberg.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Verlin Janssen

Verlin Janssen, Mayor

Misty Bussinger

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk