

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Not Present:
Mayor	Verlin Janssen
Council Members	Lonnie Warner
	J Buddenberg
	Jay Richeson
	Aaron Colwell
Assistant City Attorney	Colten Venteicher
City Administrator	Gary Greer
City Clerk	Misty Bussinger

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Facility and Building Director, Nolan Golter-Public Works Director, Chris Miller-M&A, Bernie Straetker-M&A, Ken Christensen, Dan Urman, Jason Rudolf.

Mayor Janssen opened the meeting at 7:00 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:

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

- a) City Council minutes -January 21
- b) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – January 15
- c) Cemetery Board Reports -December

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

CLAIMS:

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$107,709.53; Special Funds \$233,243.97; Enterprise Fund \$90,458.14; January 28 payroll of \$3,759.40; February 5 payroll of \$58,503.35 and Payroll Transmittals of \$44,568.02. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. 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 \$360.13 Ut; Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Servi \$2,149.00 Ex; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$55,058.81 Ps; Charter Communications Holdings LLC \$129.98 Ut; Kohler Trailer Sales, Inc. \$790.00 Re; Linda S. Egle \$25,000.00 CI; Mutual of Omaha \$1,481.61 Ps; NDEE \$80.00 Misc; Stericycle Inc. \$165.91 Misc; Vestis \$84.66 Se; Weathercraft Company of North Platte \$116.25 Bu; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$212.76 Su; Caselle, Inc. \$317.00 Se; County of Dawson School Dist 20 \$90.00 Misc; Dawson Public Power District \$43.12 Ut; First Concord Benefits Group \$900.00 Ps; Franzen Inc. \$1,532.50 Bu; Fyr-Tek \$1,261.96 Re;Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$486.09 Ma, Misc, Re; Ideal Linen \$78.05 Bu; Kirks Trenching & Septic Service LLC \$10,297.10 CI; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$24.48 Bu; Paulsen Inc. \$586.40 Ma; Pinpoint Holdings Inc \$468.32 Ut;Pony Express Chevrolet Buick \$114.95 Re; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$239.50 Misc; Van Diest Supply Company \$5,640.95 Gu.

Special Fund Claims: Nielsen Contracting LLC \$215,215.21 CI; GOTHENBURG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY \$4,059.02 Ex; First Concord Benefits Group \$2,432.34 Ps; Nebraska Department of Economic Developm \$5,000.00 Ex; City of Gothenburg \$6,537.40 Ex.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ABPA Region 12 \$270.00 Ex; AJ Sheet Metal, Inc. \$499.72 Bu; Allo Communications \$257.03 Ut; Area Services Inc. \$965.00 Se; Credit Management Services Inc. \$238.07 Se; Electric Pump \$10,598.63 Eq; League of Nebraska Municipalities \$450.00 Ex; Quadiant Finance USA Inc. \$554.52 Ex; Stericycle Inc. \$165.90 Se; Vestis \$232.62 Se; Amazon Capital Services \$1,971.03 Su; Caselle, Inc. \$951.00 Se; City of Gothenburg \$9,848.21 Reim; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc. \$365.35 Ma; Dan's Sanitation Inc. \$3,306.62 Reim; Eakes Inc. \$164.39 Ex; Franzen Inc. \$1,671.25 Ma, Re; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$413.88 Ex, Ma; Kirks Trenching & Septic Service LLC \$10,297.10 CI; Metering & Technology Solutions \$1,559.85 Ma; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$36.72 Bu; Pinpoint Holdings Inc. \$37.56 Ut; Platte Valley Communications of Kearney \$75.00 Ex; Schaben Sanitation \$43,688.65 Reim; Schaben Sanitation-Recycling \$755.08 Reim; State of Nebraska \$115.00 Se; Weathercraft Company of North Platte \$232.50 Bu; Wesco Distribution Inc \$737.46 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$24,051.96 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$19,681.04 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$348.01 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Credit Management Servic \$360.09 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated the city is currently recruiting for Library Director to replace Mary Koch, who is retiring April 1, 2025.

Greer stated it is time for the City Council retreat which kicks off the budget process. The meeting is proposed to take place Tuesday, March 25th at noon.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Clerk Bussinger discussed automatic liquor license renewals.

Richeson moved, Warner seconded to approve automatic liquor license renewals. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Mayor discussed Special Event Application for Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Warner moved, Colwell seconded to approve Special Event Application for Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Chris Miller of Miller and Associates discussed Notice regarding Water Service Line Material to be sent to all residents. The city has had to get an inventory of Lead Service Lines and at this point the city and citizen will have 10 years to replace the lines to eliminate lead depending on what happens in legislature. Miller stated this is not a water supply issue, but private plumbing material and funding is only eligible for metered communities. Notices will be sent to all residents.

City Administrator Greer introduced Ordinance 1043 Amend Electrical Inspector (Section 30.043).

Richeson moved, Warner seconded that statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended for introduced Ordinance. Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried. Mayor Janssen declares motion adopted by vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of Ordinance 1043.

City Clerk Bussinger read Ordinance 1043 Amend Electrical Inspector (Section 30.043). AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ARTICLE 30 SECTION 30.043 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded to approve final passage of Ordinance 1043. Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer introduced Ordinance 1044 Amend Fences, Walls, and Hedges (Section 152.057).

City Clerk Bussinger read AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOTHENBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ARTICLE 152 SECTION 152.057 RELATING TO FENCE, WALLS, AND HEDGES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance 1044. Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Verlin Janssen

Verlin Janssen, Mayor

Misty Bussinger

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk