

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor

Verlin Janssen

Absent:

Administrator Gary Greer

Council Members

J Buddenberg  
Jay Richeson  
Aaron Colwell  
Lonnie Warner

City Attorney

Mike Bacon

Deputy City Clerk

Jill A. Rubenthaler Clerk/Treasurer Misty Bussinger

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Patrick Moore

Also present: Shane Gruber - Building and Facility Director, Shawn & Kendra Boyd, Karmen Keith on behalf of the Gothenburg Library Board, Bernie Straetker from Miller & Associates, Randy Isackson, Linda & Dan Butterfield, Helen Cool, Robert Meyer, Colten Venteicher, and Lane Vannatta,

Verlin 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 – March 4
- b) Planning & Zoning minutes – March 11
- c.) Building Permits – February
- d.) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes – March 12
- e.) Library Statistical Report – February
- f.) Library Director's Report – January 14 through March 10
- g.) Treasurer's Report – February
- h.) Police Report – February
- i.) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – February 26
- j.) Cemetery Board Reports – January & February
- k.) Application & Certificate for Payment #5 for \$34,045.12 to Paulsen Inc. for ADA Ramp Project 126-A1-039

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

CLAIMS:

Buddenberg moved, Warner seconded, allowing payment of claims against for the General Fund \$58,999.53; Enterprise Fund \$416,215.75; and March 19 Payroll of \$61,015.43. Roll call vote: Yea – Colwell, Warner, Buddenberg, 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: A&T Mobility II LLC \$608.40 Ut; Charter Communications Holdings LLC \$129.98 Ut; Flock Group Inc. \$15,000.00 Eq; Gall's Parent Holdings LLC \$28.77 Su; Gothenburg Senior Citizens Center Inc \$2,100.00 Ex; Huff's Airport Windsocks, Inc. \$97.90 Misc; Ingram Book Company \$156.80 Su; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$532.84 Su; Library \$71.43 Misc; Nebraska State Fire Marshal \$120.00 Se; Nebraska State Patrol \$465.50 Ex; Power Plan \$417.66 Re; Rapid Fire Protection, Inc. \$1,258.75 Bu; Transunion Risk and Alternative Data Sol \$120.00 Du; Vestis \$55.66 Se; Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Com \$1,177.67 Ps; Card Services \$496.99 Ex; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$500.40 Su; American Legal Publishing Corporation \$1,525.67 Ex; Bacon, Vinton, & Venteicher LLC \$370.00 Se; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC \$371.07 Ut; Caselle, Inc. \$334.00 Se; Country Partners Cooperative \$1,562.30 Ex; Cubby's Inc \$136.24 Ex; Dan Wenger \$428.11 Bu; Darin Oliver \$374.96 Se; Dawson Public Power District \$144.65 Ut; Dawson County Register of Deeds \$48.00 Misc; Dollar General \$20.00 Su; Eakes Inc. \$136.50 Su; Eustis 66 Service Inc. \$1,324.72 Re; Fyr-Tek \$1,411.40 Ex; Gothenburg Pony Express Association Inc. \$15,000.00 Se; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$725.00 Se; Jeffrey M Kennedy-Fire \$982.75 Se; Kirks Trenching & Septic Service LLC \$150.00 Se; Mitinet Inc. \$400.00 Se; Paulsen Inc. \$60.20 Ma; Platte Valley Communications of Kearney \$1,619.50 Misc; Public Works Division \$6,203.63 Ut; Rose Holdings Inc. \$1,461.19 Re; RT Ace, LLC #18157 \$344.85 Bu; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$65.71 Re; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$260.33 Ex;

Enterprise Fund Claims: AT & T Mobility II LLC \$203.05 Ut; Bruce Hird \$149.80 Reim; Credit Management Services Inc. \$291.38 Se; Jennifer Nelson \$50.00 Reim; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$1,623.49 Ma; Joseph Libal \$69.80 Reim; Logan Ricley \$784.50 Reim; Municipal Supply Inc. \$858.78 Ma; National Industrial & Safety Supply LLC \$209.70 Ex; Shirley Bertram \$1,300.00 Reim; Vestis \$184.63 Se; Card Services \$1,674.59 Ex; Amazon Capital Services \$265.97 Ex; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC \$1,836.93 Ut; Blackburn Mfg. Co. \$298.98 Ma; Caselle, Inc. \$1,002.00 Se; City of Gothenburg \$60,398.74 Reim; Country Partners Cooperative \$2,246.13 Ex; Darin Oliver \$100.44 Se; Dutton-Lainson Company \$1,210.47 Ma; Eustis 66 Service Inc. \$94.95 Re; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$399.94 Ex; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$975.00 Se; Island Supply Welding Co \$95.04 Ma; Jeffrey M Kennedy-Fire \$357.16 Bu; Nebraska Public Power District \$312,980.83 Ut; One Call Concepts Inc. \$11.87 Ex; Paulsen Inc. \$1,381.00 Ma; Peterson's Supermarket Inc. \$19.98 Misc; Public Works Division \$9,847.11 Ut; RT Ace, LLC #18157 \$696.39 Su; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$394.89 Re; Schaben Sanitation \$2,944.87 Se; Tryon Welding Inc \$63.00 Re; Wesco Distribution Inc \$11,194.34 Ma

Payroll Transmittals: Internal Revenue Service \$18,814.70 Tax; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$19,234.37 Tax; Empower Retirement \$9,136.37 Ps; AFLAC \$788.80 Ps; Nebraska Child Support \$348.01 Ps; South Dakota Division of C \$126.92 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2699.19 Ps; Credit Management Services \$424.34 Ps.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Shawn Boyd asked if he would be able to talk regarding discussion on Impact Center lease when it came up, or if he should voice his opinion at this point. Mayor Janssen assured him that he would be able to speak when the lease came up.

Mayor Janssen also said that Administrator Greer's mother had passed away and that he would be absent from the meeting tonight.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bob Meyer spoke on behalf of RJ Meyer Accounting Firm about the 2023-2024 Audit. He reported that things looked good. City & Enterprise proprietary funds are in good shape, with a strong cash position between cash and bonds. He commented that segregation of duties is a continual issue due to the small amount of people that work for the City. Meyer said that if anyone had any questions later to contact him.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, to approve 2023-2024 Audit as presented. Roll call vote: Yea- Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No - none. Motion carried.

Bernie Straetker from Miller & Associates presented the bid for the 2025 Avenue F Street Repair 126-A1-042 Microsurfacing. There was only one and it came from Midwest Coatings Company

for \$134,296.80 compared to the estimate of \$75,000.00 that was the opinion of Miller & Associates. Richeson asked how long the proposed recoating process results would last, and Straetker replied that it would last up to 10 years. The council decided to put this project on hold for now with a possible total redo of the street later, so no action was taken.

Buddenberg made a motion, Warner seconded, to approve Change Order 6 for ADA Ramp Project 126-A1-039. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No – none. Motion carried.

The receipt of the Liability Claim from Lloyd Hicken was acknowledged. No further discussion or action was taken by the Council.

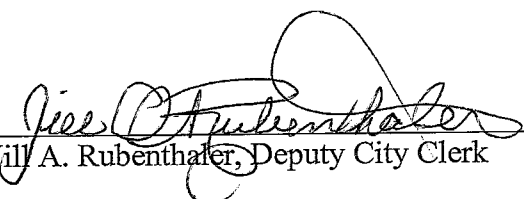
The Lease Agreement with Gothenburg Impact Center for Lot 16, 17, and 18, Block 43, Hyde Park Addition was discussed. This is better known as the old Building Blocks Building. Colten Venteicher spoke on behalf of the Gothenburg Impact Center. The Impact Center currently serves 200 students, and they would like to use the Building Block Building for a place for an after-school program. This would involve 60-70 students; the building has a capacity of 80-90 students. The proposed lease is for \$6,000.00 yearly rent (\$500.00 per month) with the Impact Center covering the utilities. Warner commented that the lease possibility had not been published in the paper. Venteicher said that it is not required by statute. Several people spoke in opposition to the lease. Shawn Boyd said that he thought that the building should be sold to the Impact Center for a \$1.00 and then the City should cease giving money to them. He also commented that he felt there was not a lot of transparency with the relationship between the City and the Impact Center. An error in dates was brought up by Linda Butterfield and Venteicher said that he would correct it. She also questioned how the City would be able to cover the insurance on the building with only the proposed rent. Helen Cool was a member of the Building Blocks Board and is now a member of the Impact Center board and feels that it has served the Community well since its opening. Mayor Janssen spoke in favor of the lease, saying that as he travels over the state, he hears how fortunate Gothenburg is to have the childcare facility that it has in the Impact Center. Patrick Moore said that he feels that the Impact Center is a good place for after-school care, as it is close to school and students don't have to cross a busy street to get there.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, to approve the Lease Agreement with the Gothenburg Impact Center for Lot 16, 17, and 18. Block 43, Hyde Park Addition. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No – none. Motion carried.

Karmen Keith of the Library Board reported that they had offered the Library Director position to Hannah Ballmer and that she had accepted. Buddenberg made a motion, Richeson seconded, to accept the appointment of Hannah Ballmer for Library Director. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell, Warner. No – None. Motion carried.

  
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Verlin Janssen, Mayor

  
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Jill A. Rubenthaler, Deputy City Clerk