

ROLL CALL:

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

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Building and Facility Director, Bernie Straetker-Miller and Associates, CJ Stoddard, Sandra Jacobson, Tom Fickenscher.

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 2025-19 1 & 6 Year Road Program and Special Use Permit # 179 – Tom and Cindy Fickenscher (Storybook Cottage) to have short term rental, at 414 14th Street, currently zoned R-1.

Bernie Straetker-Engineer at Miller & Associates discussed Resolution 2025-19 1- & 6-Year Road Program. The purpose of the public hearing is to establish a program of street improvements and is the planning tool required for Highway Allocation funds.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Warner moved, Colwell seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-19 1- & 6-Year Road Program. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Tom Fickenscher discussed Special Use Permit # 179 – Tom and Cindy Fickenscher (Storybook Cottage) to have short term rental, at 414 14th Street, currently zoned R-1.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Warner moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve Special Use Permit # 179 – Tom and Cindy Fickenscher (Storybook Cottage) to have short term rental, at 414 14th Street, currently zoned R-1 with the permit expiring upon sale of the business. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Planning & Zoning minutes – October 14
- b) Building Permits – September
- c) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes- October 15
- d) Review, Discuss, and consider approval of Special Event Application for Magic on Main Street set for December 2, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- e) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – October 15

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

CLAIMS:

Colwell moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$48,419.58; Special Funds \$580.32; PWD Fund \$196,199.98; October 15 payroll of \$61,226.22 and Payroll Transmittals of \$32,096.20. 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: Al's Lock & Safe Inc. \$315.00 Re; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$689.06 Ut; Bound Tree Medical LLC \$539.90 Su; Ingram Book Company \$473.73 Ma; Linda S. Egle \$20,500.00 CI; Midwest Petroleum Equipment LLC \$2,332.62 Re; Nebraska Statewide Arboretum \$150.00 Du; Stryker Sales LLC \$91.26 Su; Vestis \$9.90 Se; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$1,582.70 Tax; All Star Auto Glass \$311.10 Re; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$479.75 Su, Ex; Caselle, Inc. \$378.50 Se; Country Partners Cooperative \$4,452.88 Ex; Cubby's Inc. \$68.98 Ex; Darin Oliver \$12.50 Ex; Dawson Public Power District \$168.13 Ut; Dollar General \$17.12 Su; Eakes Inc. \$163.13 Su; Eastside Animal Center \$198.02 Se; Essential Resource Group Inc. \$31.25 Se; Eustis 66 Service Inc. \$92.00 Re; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$1,496.25 Se; Ideal Linen \$78.05 Bu; Kirks Trenching & Septic Service LLC \$160.00 Se; Paulsen Inc. \$1,006.00 Gu; Pony Express Chevrolet Buick \$292.45 Ex, Re; Reliable Pest Control Services Inc. \$60.00 Se; Richard M Crown \$2,500.00 Se; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$7,362.49 Eq; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$119.89 Ex; Tryon Welding Inc. \$186.76 Re; WAM Inc. \$636.16 Re; Home Works Inc. \$1,464.00 CI.

Special Fund Claims: First Concord Benefits Group \$480.32 Ps; George Trevio \$50.00 Reim; Theresa Whitney \$50.00 Reim.

Enterprise Fund Claims: AT & T Mobility II LLC \$196.61 Ut; Christopher Demoret \$390.68 Bu; City of Cozad \$100.00 Se; Environmental Compliance Solutions LLC \$1,295.00 Se; Gothenburg Memorial Hospital \$42.00 Ex; John T Bell \$1,472.00 Gu; Texas Underground \$103.03 Re; Vestis \$53.47 Se; Amazon Capital Services \$2,317.74 Ma, Su, Ex; Caselle, Inc. \$1,135.50 Se; City of Gothenburg \$57,258.82 Reim; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc. \$795.42 Ma; Country Partners Cooperative \$2,813.06 Ex; Dutton-Lainson Company \$3,782.09 Ex, CI; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$468.75 Se; John T Bell \$802.40 Gu; MidStates Investments LLC \$17,305.40 Ma; Reliable Pest Control Services Inc. \$90.00 Se; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$12,097.98 CI; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$7,362.50 Eq; Stuart C. Irby Co \$1,950.46 Ma; T & R Electric Supply Co Inc. \$390.00 Se; USA Bluebook \$2,344.95 Ma; WAM Inc. \$1,908.49 Re; Ward Laboratories Inc \$16.56 Se; Wesco Distribution Inc \$79,707.07 Ma, CI.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$19,014.31 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$9,189.88 Ps; AFLAC \$600.88 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$348.01 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,755.82 Ps; Credit Management Servis \$187.30 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated the city received letter regarding the Wastewater facility that passed inspection for one year.

Mayor Janssen stated the railroad crossing has been improved and thank all those who worked on getting it done.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Janssen asked to table Resolution 2025-20 Authorization to accept REDLG grant funds- Impact Center until a later meeting when representative is available.

Buddenberg moved, Warner seconded, to enter into executive session at 5:40 p.m. out of clear necessity for the public interest. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried. Administrator Greer, Clerk Bussinger, Deputy Clerk Hite, Attorney Bacon joined the Mayor and Council.

The purpose of the executive session is possible litigation.

The Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 6:18 p.m. No Action Taken

Buddenberg moved, Warner seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Verlin Janssen
Verlin Janssen, Mayor

Misty Bussinger
Misty Bussinger, City Clerk