

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor  
Council Members

City Attorney  
City Administrator  
City Clerk

Verlin Janssen  
Lonnie Warner  
J Buddenberg  
Jay Richeson  
Aaron Colwell  
Mike Bacon  
Gary Greer  
Tara Hite

Not Present:

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Noah Dea – Parks Director, Brian Copley, Colten Venteicher, Ken Christensen, and Dan Urman.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) City Council Minutes – December 16
- b) Tree Board Minutes - December
- c) Cemetery Board Report – November
- d) Park & Recreation Board Minutes – December 17

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

CLAIMS:

Warner moved, Colwell seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$107,536.12; Special Funds \$4885.68; PWD Fund \$116,393.74; December 24 payroll of \$59,453.58; January 7 payroll of \$62,949.52; and Payroll Transmittals of \$84,753.22. 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 \$363.31 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC \$718.44 Ut; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$67,805.09 Ps; Center Point Inc. \$604.48 Ma; Charter Communications Holdings LLC \$50.00 Ut; DreamShare Productions LLC \$105.00 Ex; Gall's Parent Holdings LLC \$89.86 Ex; Gothenburg Memorial Hospital \$42.00 Pe; Guardian \$2,114.06 Ps; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$1,001.45 Re; Lad & Ann Dishman \$2,000.00 Reim; PCAN-Police Chiefs Association of NE \$120.00 Misc; Rapid Fire Protection, Inc. \$150.00 Bu; State of Nebraska \$88.00 Dues; Stericycle Inc. \$179.66 Se; Vestis \$44.58 Se; Western Surety Company \$118.14 Misc; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$484.46 Su; American Legal Publishing Corporation \$450.00 Ma; AXXENT BUILDINGS, LLC \$245.66 Ma; Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$750.00 Se; City of North Platte \$5,115.55 Se; Dawson Public Power District \$45.18 Ut; Detectachem, Inc. \$81.03 Su; Eakes Inc. \$1,294.75 Ex; Franzen Inc. \$654.00 Bu; Fyr-Tek

\$155.00 Re; Gothenburg Improvement Company \$150.00 Misc; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$12.07 Ma; Hometown Leasing \$186.49 Ex; Honey Bee Cleaning Services LLC \$300.00 Se; Ideal Linen \$68.24 Su; J.P. Cooke Company \$23.40 Misc; James & Michelle Beenblossom \$216.69 Misc; MidStates Investment LLC \$1,485.00 Ci; Midwest Truck & Trailer Repair Inc. \$143.53 Re; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$42.02 Bu; Paulsen Inc. \$17,409.59 Ci; Pinpoint Holdings Inc \$660.03 Ut; Platte Valley Communications of Kearney \$551.25 Ci; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$276.29 Ex; Valley Promo LLC \$19.83 Ex; Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Com \$1,121.99 Ps.

Special Fund Claims: First Concord Benefits Group \$545.45 Ps; Hometown Leasing \$139.17 Ex; Hometown Leasing \$139.17 Ex; Eakes Inc. \$102.98 Su.

PWD Fund Claims: A.S.A.P. EXPRESS \$15.55 Ex; Allo Communications \$265.54 Ut; AT & T Mobility II LLC \$166.80 Ut; Blesanz Chemical Inc. \$206.83 Su; City of Cozad \$100.00 Se; Dreamshare Productions LLC \$315.00 Se; Stericycle Inc. \$179.65 Se; Vestis \$120.79 Se; Amazon Capital Services \$726.69 Su; City of Gothenburg \$105,229.07 Reim; Eakes Inc. \$49.21 Su; Franzen Inc. \$49.15 Ma; Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers \$2,850.00 Se; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$63.06 Bu; Pinpoint Holdings Inc. \$70.14 Ut; State of Nebraska \$90.00 Se; Wesco Distribution Inc \$6,381.48 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$39,112.52 Tax; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$21,313.48; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$19,426.86 Ps; AFLAC \$600.88 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$1,211.10 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$2,498.32 Ps; Credit Management Servc \$590.06 Ps.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

No Community Comments

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Noah Dea discussed 4-Plex Scoreboard Replacement & Sponsorship to replace all four scoreboards at the 4-Plex baseball/softball fields with upgrades featured LED lighting and modern wireless technology.

Richeson moved, Colewell seconded, to approve 4-Plex Scoreboard Replacement & Sponsorship. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed Pony Express Station management contract managed by Matt Weiss. Commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2026 and ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2029 with annual payable amount of \$15,000 on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year of the contract.

Buddenberg moved, Warner seconded, to approve Pony Express Station management contract managed by Matt Weiss. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Colten Venteicher discussed 2026 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grant program for the Gothenburg Impact Center. The Gothenburg Impact center would submit application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development on behalf of the City of Gothenburg.

Richeson moved, Colewell seconded, to approve 2026 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grand for the Gothenburg Impact Center. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, to enter into executive session at 5:45 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 Hite, Attorney Copley joined the Mayor and Council.

The purpose of the executive session is strategy session with respect to pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body.

The Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 6:10 p.m. No action taken.

Buddenberg moved, Warner seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

  
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Jay Richeson, City Council President

  
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Tara Hite, City Clerk