

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Verlin Janssen
Lonnie Warner
J Buddenberg
Jay Richeson
Aaron Colwell

Not Present:

City Administrator
City Clerk
Deputy Clerk

Gary Greer
Tara Hite
Kay Kolbo

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: David Hall – Miller & Associates, John Bell, Colton May, Scott & Jennifer Stevens, Ken Christensen, Shane Gruber – Building

Mayor 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:

A public hearing was opened at 5:30 to consider approval of 2nd Public Hearing concerning the re-purposing of program income from Community Development Block Grant #10 - HO3049.

David Hall discussed the re-purposing of program income from Community Development Block Grant #10-HO3049.

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

Richeson moved, Warner seconded, to approve the re-purposing of program income from Community Development Block Grant #10 - HO3049. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) City Council Minutes - February 3
- b) Treasurer Report - January
- c) Police Report – January
- d) Cemetery Board Reports – January
- e) Planning & Zoning Minutes – February 10
- f) Building Permits – January
- g) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes - February 11
- h) Library Statistical Report - January
- i) Annual Library Report - October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025
- j) REDLG Reuse Minutes - February 4

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 \$44,203.28; Special Funds \$7,930.78; PWD Fund \$450,605.72; February 18 payroll of

\$62,959.86; and Payroll Transmittals of \$34,755.80. 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: John Deere Financial f.s.b \$(142.96) Re; Alexander Jorgenson \$4,750.00 Bu; Bound Tree Medical LLC \$429.86 Su; Center Point Inc. \$74.91 Ma; Community Development Office \$610.00 Ex; Heartland Clerk's Association \$10.00 Du; I.D. Checking Guide \$52.00 Su; Ideal Laundry & Cleaners, Inc \$25.30 Su; International Association of Chiefs of P \$220.00 Ex; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$113.20 Su; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$142.96 Re; Michael Houchin \$6,500.00 Misc; NDEE \$40.00 Misc; PCAN-Police Chiefs Association of NE \$200.00 Du; Transunion Risk and Alternative Data Sol \$137.00 Ex; Vestis \$26.12 Se; Yanda's Pro Audio & Video \$600.76 Re; Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Com \$1,133.89 Ps; Card Services \$2,259.98 Ex; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$636.68 Bu; Bacon, Vinton, & Venteicher LLC \$645.00 Se; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC \$380.53 Ut; Caselle, Inc. \$378.50 Se; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc. \$391.38 Bu; Country Partners Cooperative \$2,042.80 Ex; Cubby's Inc. \$120.63 Ex; Dan Wenger \$2,227.71 Bu; Darin Oliver \$2,065.53 Su; Dawson Public Power District \$60.85 Ut; Dick Nelson \$765.00 Misc; Eakes Inc. \$103.66 Su; Eastside Animal Center \$85.00 Se; Essential Resource Group Inc. \$7.82 Se; Fyr-Tek \$907.25 Ex; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$114.91 Bu; HireRight LLC \$12.47 Se; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$42.02 Bu; NSG Logistics LLC \$3,864.10 Ma; Paulsen Inc. \$699.00 Ma; Peterson's Supermarket Inc. \$17.98 Su; Pinpoint Holdings Inc \$588.38 Ut; Pony Express Chevrolet Buick \$1,760.87 Re; Public Works Division \$4,815.21 Ut; Richard M Crown \$1,000.00 Se; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$633.87 Bu; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$571.89 RE; Stuart C Irby Co \$303.00 Bu; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$287.16 Ex; Valley Promo LLC \$64.85 Ex; WAM Inc. \$14.21 Re; YMCA of the Prairie \$1,412.00 Ps.

Special Fund Claims: First Concord Benefits Group \$3,177.54 Ps; Gothenburg Improvement Company \$3,910.07 Ex; Ken Adhesive Products Company \$704.00 Su; Hometown Leasing \$139.17 Su.

PWD Fund Claims: A.S.A.P. EXPRESS \$20.00 Se; ABPA Region 12 \$400.00 Ex; Amber Lubben \$810.00 Reim; Casey & Kimberly Russman \$100.00 Reim; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$217.17 Su; Municipal Supply Inc. \$372.63 Ma; Roger Kennicutt \$65.80 Reim; Tattletale Portable Alarm Systems Inc \$720.00 Ma; Tim Strauser \$1,399.80 Reim; Vestis \$90.11 Se; Donna McConnell \$149.80 Reim; Card Services \$1,476.60 Ex; Amazon Capital Services \$730.32 Su; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC \$1,328.12 Ut; Caselle, Inc. \$1,135.50 Se; City of Gothenburg \$60,491.84 Reim; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc. \$331.52 Ma; Country Partners Cooperative \$1,419.46 Ex; Darin Oliver \$393.98 Se; Dutton-Lainson Company \$4,880.42 Du; Essential Resource Group Inc. \$23.43 Se; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$39.46 Ex; HireRight LLC \$37.38 Se; Island Supply Welding Co \$109.12 Su; Nebraska Public Power District \$303,192.60 Reim; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$63.02 Bu; One Call Concepts Inc.\$13.94 Se; Peterson's Supermarket Inc. \$39.26 Su; Pinpoint Holdings Inc.\$37.61 Ut; Public Works Division \$7,680.40 Ut; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$425.10 Su; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$394.60 Re; Wesco Distribution Inc \$358.97 Ma; City of Gothenburg \$61,388.09 Reim; City of Gothenburg \$269.67 Reim.

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$19,859.56 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$9,755.74 Ps; AFLAC \$618.08 Ps NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$605.55 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$3,354.50 Ps; Credit Management Servic \$201.38 Ps; Credit Management Servic \$360.99 Ps

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer stated that the mild weather has allowed the city to engage in some extra projects such as street panel replacement, tree trimming, extra park clean up and maintenance of equipment.

City Administrator Greer stated that the library received a \$1,700 grant for an AED at the library.

City Administrator Greer stated that he will be out of the city office from February 22nd-24th attending the League of Nebraska Municipalities for their Mid-Winter Conference.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Colton May discussed the Farmacy Seed & Chemical Class III DOT Sign Permit. Farmacy Seed & Chemical are requesting approval of placement of the Farmacy Seed & Chemical business sign in area zoned C-2 on City public property.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve the Farmacy Seed & Chemical Class III DOT Sign Permit with conditions of a lease agreement. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Colton Venteicher discussed Resolution 2026-3 REDLG Reuse Loan Application and Grant Agreement, Fourteen Haus Construction Revolving Loan Application, Loan Agreement, and payment of \$70,000.

Richeson moved, Warner seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-3 REDLG Reuse Loan Application and Grant Agreement, Fourteen Haus Construction Revolving Loan Application, Loan Agreement, and payment of \$70,000. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Present but not voting – Buddenberg. Motion carried.


Colton Venteicher discussed Gothenburg Impact Center Bylaws changes that consist of their annual meeting date from June to August and nomination of new board member Landen Haake.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to approve the Gothenburg Impact Center Bylaws changes that consist of their annual meeting date from June to August and nomination of new board member Landen Haake. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.


Shane Gruber discussed and requested councils' direction on the Municipal Code issues in Accessory Building Size Requirements, Vertical Steel Siding in Residential District, and Storage Container.

Richeson moved, Buddenberg second to direct the administration to include lot coverage and vertical steel siding in residential zones as discussion points in upcoming deliberations concerning the update of the comprehensive plan. Additionally, City Council directed that the codes concerning storage containers in residential zones remain unchanged. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.



Verlin Janssen, Mayor



Tara Hite, City Clerk