

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor	Verlin Janssen
Council Members	Lonnie Warner
	J Buddenberg
	Jay Richeson
	Aaron Colwell
City Attorney	Mike Bacon
City Administrator	Gary Greer
City Deputy Clerk	Kay Kolbo

Not Present:

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Bob Meyer – RJ Meyer & Associates, 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:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) City Council Minutes – March 3
- 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 18

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

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$99,408.47; Special Funds \$9,564.58; PWD Fund \$499,261.75; March 18 payroll of \$58,139.97; and Payroll Transmittals of \$51,025.48. 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 \$355.63 Ut; Al's Lock & Safe Inc. \$1,447.75 Bu; Cline Willaims \$10,565.05 Su; Deere & Company \$10,591.45 Ci; Flock Group Inc. \$15,000.00 Ci; Ingram Book Company \$389.61 Ma; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$952.24 Ma; Nebraska State Patrol \$532.00 Du; PCAN-Police Chiefs Association of NE \$80.00 Du; Riverside Painting LLC \$3,230.00 Se; Transunion Risk and Alternative Data Sol \$262.00 Du; Vestis

\$26.12 Se; Wade Viter Inc \$3,500.00 Misc; Card Services \$1,636.38 Misc; Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Com \$1,225.61 Ps; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,716.82 Ma; Bacon, Vinton, & Venteicher LLC \$1,350.00 Se; Beverly Bodgle Louthan, P.C. \$750.00 Se; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC \$371.88 Ut; Caselle, Inc. \$378.50 Su; City of North Platte \$5,115.55 Se; Country Partners Cooperative \$1,798.16 Ex; Cubby's Inc. \$157.30 Ex; Darin Oliver \$890.58 Se; Dawson Public Power District \$63.92 Ut; Eastside Animal Center \$80.00 Se; Eustis 66 Service Inc. \$597.50 Re; Fyr-Tek \$3,087.13 Eq; Gothenburg Pony Express Association Inc. \$15,000.00 Se; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc \$38.24 Ma; Hometown Leasing \$186.49 Ex; Kirks Trenching & Septic Service LLC \$320.00 Se; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$42.02 Bu; Paulsen Inc. \$504.10 Ma; Public Works Division \$5,311.98; Richard M Crown \$2,400.00 Se; RJ Meyer & Associates LLC \$6,300.00 Se; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$879.77 Su; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$506.52; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$415.17 Ex; YMCA of the Prairie \$1,353.00 Ps;

Special Fund Claims: First Concord Benefits Group \$4,999.54 Ps; First Concord Benefits Group \$142.50 Ps; City of Gothenburg \$219.30 Ex; City of Gothenburg \$154.00 Ex; Hometown Leasing \$139.17 Ex; Gothenburg Improvement Company \$3,910.07 Ex;

PWD Fund Claims: Gothenburg Housing Authority \$1,000.00 Reim; Allo Communications \$259.11 Ut; City of Cozad \$100.00 Se; Clayton & Keri Waddle \$600.00 Reim; Deere & Company \$10,591.44 Ci; Herb Doering \$245.33 Reim; John Deere Financial f.s.b \$1,082.89 Ex; Municipal Supply Inc. \$4,466.39 Ci; Rebates \$0.00 Reim; Riverside Painting \$1,050.00 Se; Tim Fecht \$1,000.00 Reim; Vestis \$90.11 Se; Card Services \$3,121.57 Ex; Amazon Capital Services \$686.41 Ma; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC \$970.74 Ut; Caselle, Inc. \$1,135.50 Se; City of Gothenburg \$109,478.32 Reim; Country Partners Cooperative \$1,718.77 Ex; Dan's Sanitation Inc. \$3,797.56 Se; Darin Oliver \$386.93 Se; Dutton-Lainson Company \$7,753.23 Ma; Eakes Inc. \$163.04 Su; Hydro Optimization & Automation Solution \$3,303.10 Ma; Island Supply Welding Co \$98.56 Ma; Nebraska Public Power District \$252,135.73 Ut; Nebraska Water Experts LLC \$63.04 Misc; One Call Concepts Inc. \$27.80 Se; Peterson's Supermarket Inc. \$19.95 Misc; Public Works Division \$9,366.98 Ut; RJ Meyer & Associates \$6,300.00 Se; RT ACE, LLC #18157 \$164.30 Ma; S & S Auto Parts Inc \$993.95 Su; Schaben Sanitation \$56,638.00 Se; Schaben Sanitation-Recycling \$857.50 Se; Stuart C. Irby Co \$805.44 Ma; Syndicate Publishing LLC \$162.00 Su; Union Pacific Railroad Company \$9,740.00 Misc; USA Bluebook \$323.44 Re; Vermeer High Plains \$924.04 Re; Wesco Distribution Inc \$7,640.58 Ma;

Payroll Transmittals: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$18,547.45 Tax; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$18,032.41 Tax; EMPOWER RETIREMENT \$9,312.62 Ps; AFLAC \$618.08 Ps; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$605.55 Ps; Healthcare Cafeteria \$3,347.00 Ps; Credit Management Servc \$201.38 Ps; Credit Management Servc \$360.99 Ps

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer announced that Gothenburg was awarded the Project of the Year award from Alliance for Community Energy. The award is in recognition of the Pony Express Sculpture project in Ehman park. He will be accepting the award on Thursday, in Lincoln. In addition, there will be a dedication ceremony for the sculpture on April 22nd at 2:00 pm at Ehmen park.

City Administrator Greer updated Council on the progress between the Meadowlark engineers and City engineers regarding the electric, water, and sewer needs for the project.

City Administrator Greer stated the strategic plan session will be on March 24th, 2026, at 12:00pm.

City Administrator Greer announced that all City employees participated in CPR and first aid training last week.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

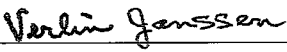
Bob Meyer, from RJ Meyer & Associates in North Platte, presented the findings of the 2024-2025 fiscal year audit. He announced all transactions were fairly presented and an unmodified opinion was reported.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, to approve the 2024-2025 Audit Report. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

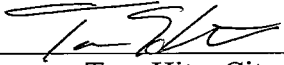
Gruber discussed the Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded, to approve the Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Motion carried.



Verlin Janssen, Mayor



Tara Hite, City Clerk