Regular Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 6, 2026
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:		Not Present:	
Mayor	Verlin Janssen	Council Member	Lonnie Warner
Council Members	J Buddenberg	City Clerk	Tara Hite
	Jay Richeson		
	Aaron Colwell		
Assistant City Attorney	Colten Venteicher		
City Administrator	Gary Greer		
Deputy City Clerk	Kay Kolbo		

Also present: Nate Wyatt

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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

a) City Council Minutes – September 15
b) Cemetery Board Reports – August
c) Cemetery Board Minutes – September
d) Library Statistical Report - September
e) Review, Discuss, and consider approval of Special Event Application for Munchkin Masquerade set for October 30, 2026, from 4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Warner. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Colwell moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund $220,299.63; Special Funds $55,951.15; PWD Fund $589,785.61; September 30 payroll of $72,079.85; September 19 Payroll Transmittals of $53,999.48; Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Warner. 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 $382.06 Ut; AT&T Mobility II LLC $693.38 Ut; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC $55.80 Ex; Blue Cross Blue Shield $67,966.32 Ps; Bound Tree Medical LLC $348.46 Su; Center Point Inc. $23.25 Ma; Gall's Parent Holdings LLC $55.70 Ex; Guardian $2,266.23 Ps; Ingram Book Company$543.33 Ma; League Association of Risk Management $61,076.26 Misc; League of Nebraska Municipalities $921.22 Du; National Industrial & Safety Supply $288.00 Ex; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center $400.00 Ex; NPAS Inc. $333.01 Su; SIDDHIVINAYAK LLC $533.63 Ex; Stericycle Inc. $199.79 Misc; Trans Risk and Alternative Data Solution $125.00 Du; Western Surety Company $247.43 Ex; Quadient Finance USA, Inc $500.00 Ex; Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Com $1,284.48 Ps; Amazon Capital Services, Inc $835.35 Ma; Beverly Bodgle Louthan, P.C. $750.00 Se; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC $260.57 Ut; City of North Platte $5,320.20 Se; County of Dawson School Dist 20 $600.00 Misc; Darin Oliver $785.16 Se; Dawson Public Power District $64.29 Ut; Eakes Inc. $1,053.14 Ex; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc $4.69 Su; Hometown Leasing $186.49 Ex; Ideal Linen

$124.70 Su; Logan Contractors Supply Inc. $4,255.00 Ma; Nebraska Water Experts LLC $42.02 Bu; NSG Logistics LLC $1,547.60 Ma; Paulsen Inc. $601.75 Ma; Pinpoint Holdings Inc $566.94 Ut; Pony Express Chevrolet Buick $58,282.10 Re; Public Works Division $210.00 Misc; Riverside Painting LLC $3,450.00 Se; RT ACE, LLC #18157 $710.52 Su; S & S Auto Parts Inc $112.72 Re; Syndicate Publishing LLC $357.91 Ex; T & T Corporation $415.00 Se; Werner's Sprinkler Inc $112.75 Gu; YMCA of the Prairie $1,391.00 Misc; Nebraska Department of Revenue $16.38 Tax.

Special Fund Claims: Flatwater Bank $3,078.97 Ex; Gothenburg Improvement Company $52,000.00 Ex; First Concord Benefits Group $201.50 Ps; First Concord Benefits Group $359.51 Ps; First Concord Benefits Group $311.17 Ps.

PWD Fund Claims: Ace Irrigation & Mfg Co. $258.80 Re; Allo Communications $278.80 Ut; AT & T Mobility II LLC $209.44 Ut; Automatic Systems Co. $78,447.00 Ci; John L Paul $198.75 Re; League Association of Risk Management $181,334.63 Ex; League of Nebraska Municipalities $264.78 Dues; Municipal Supply Inc. $1,373.34 Ma; Stericycle Inc. $199.80 Se; Sunbelt Solomon Services LLC $26,750.00 Ci; Quadient Finance USA Inc. $500.00 Ex; A.S.A.P. EXPRESS $80.00 Ex; Amazon Capital Services $338.33 Su; Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC $160.73 Ut; City of Gothenburg $162,242.30 Reim; Dan's Sanitation Inc. $4,223.04 Se; Darin Oliver $249.74 Se; Dutton-Lainson Company $13,940.26 Du; Hicken Lumber and Home Center Inc $6.99 Ma; Island Supply Welding Co $282.20 Ma; Nebraska Water Experts LLC $63.04 Bu; One Call Concepts Inc. $67.08 Misc; Paulsen Inc.$356.00 Ma; Pinpoint Holdings Inc. $84.99 Ut; Riverside Painting $1,050.00 Se; RT ACE, LLC #18157 $475.09 Ma; S & S Auto Parts Inc $831.72 Su; Schaben Sanitation $49,749.90 Se; Schaben Sanitation-Recycling $857.50 Se; State of Nebraska $1,163.00 Se; Weathercraft Company of North Platte $533.50 Bu; Wesco Distribution Inc $63,214.86 Ma.

Payroll Transmittals: Internal Revenue Service $22,511.16 Tax; Nebraska Department of Revenue $20,623.49 Tax; Empower Retirement $9,894.75 Ps; Nebraska Child Support $605.55 Ps; Credit Management Servic $202.87 Ps; Credit Management Servic $161.66 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

City Administrator Greer announced that there will be utility work happening on Avenue G between 10th and 11th street on Wednesday October 7, 2026, which will cause a traffic detour.

City Administrator Greer also advised that the State contractor was back in town, at the request of the City, to repair areas of Highway 47 that were missed in the first phase of the project. The contractor began work near I-80 last week and will continue north until the project is complete.

Finally, City Administrator Greer provided an update on the water main project on Lake Ave and the railroad crossing. Dewatering is set to begin this week. This project will provide adequate water supply to the southern areas of Gothenburg, as well as the new fertilizer plant.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Administrator Greer discussed the Line Routing Study from MKEC Engineering, Inc. for proposed 34.5kV Line from the NPPD Substation to JWC Substation. City Administrator Greer stated that Route #1 was determined to be the best option as it would follow the existing transmission line, which would eliminate the need for new easement agreements.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded to approve Route #1 of the Line Routing Study from MKEC Engineering, Inc for proposed 34.5kV Line from the NPPD Substation to JWC Substation. Roll call vote: Yea –Buddenberg, Colwell, Richeson. No – none. Absent not voting: Warner. Motion carried.

City Administrator Greer discussed the appointment of Tara Hite to the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce Board.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded to approve appointing Tara Hite to the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce Board. Roll call vote: Yea –Richeson, Colwell, Buddenberg. No – none. Absent not voting: Warner. Motion carried.

Buddenberg moved, Colwell seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Colwell, Buddenberg. No – none. Absent not voting: Warner. Motion carried.

Verlin Janssen, Mayor

Kay Kolbo, Deputy Clerk