Regular Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 20, 2026
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: Dirk & Kay Kolbo, Shane Gruber, Noah Dea

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 current copy of which is available for public inspection located on the podium in the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A public hearing was opened at 5:30 to consider approval of Special Use Permit #186 Dirk & Kay Kolbo to build and operate local commercial establishment providing services and supplies to the community and local trade area, at 215 5th Street, currently zoned R-3.

Kay Kolbo discussed Special Use Permit #185 Dirk & Kay Kolbo to build and operate local commercial establishment providing services and supplies to the community and local trade area, at 215 5th Street. A 60 x 80 shop will be constructed for the operation of Diggler's Lawn Service & K-Lawn. The permit shall run with the land and is transferrable to a new owner.

Richeson moved, Warner seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Warner second to approve Special Use Permit #186 Dirk & Kay Kolbo to build and operate local commercial establishment providing services and supplies to the community and local trade area, at 215 5th Street, currently zoned R-3. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

a) City Council Minutes - October 6
b) Treasurer Report - September
c) Police Report - September
d) Planning & Zoning Minutes – October 13
e) Building Permits – September
f) Community Redevelopment Authority Minutes - October 14

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

CLAIMS:

Warner moved, Colwell seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund $48659.42; Special Funds $5,723.28; PWD Fund $426,010.72; October 14 payroll of $68,962.02; Payroll Transmittal of $34,622.19 except claim #102026024; Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Richeson moved, Warner seconded, allowing payment of claim #102026024. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson. No – none. Abstained-Colwell. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. 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: Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing Co $2,698.40 Ma; Alexander Jorgenson $925.00 Bu; Al's Lock & Safe Inc. $804.00 Bu; AT&T Mobility II LLC $694.28 Ut; Axon Enterprise, Inc. $8,598.24 Bu; Bound Tree Medical LLC $490.71 Su; Ingram Book Company $52.20 Ma; John Deere Financial f.s.b $337.11 Su; LaQuinta $404.85 Ex; National Sign Company, LLC $274.00 Ma; Nebraska Department of Agriculture $164.70 Reim; Nebraska Municipal Clerk's Association $100.00 Du; Petty Cash $15.00 Ex; Platte Valley Glass $3,702.00 Bu; Police Officer Association of Nebraska $220.00 Du; SIDDHIVINAYAK LLC $178.88 Ex; Tad Haneberg $135.56 Re; Western Surety Company $20.00 Ex; Nebraska Department of Revenue $2.04 Tax; Nebraska Department of Revenue $2.87 Tax; Card Services $1,743.42 Ex; Alexander Ballmer $160.00 Se; Bacon, Vinton, & Venteicher LLC $300.00 Se; Country Partners Cooperative $5,994.16 Ex; Cubby's Inc. $166.20 Ex; Dawson Public Power District $134.70 Ut; Dawson County Register of Deeds $16.00 Ex; Eakes Inc. $37.98 Su; Eastside Animal Center $536.75 Ex; Franzen Inc. $1,683.65 Bu; Ideal Linen $80.77 Bu; John T Bell $1,690.75 Gu; Jones Automotive $902.50 Ci; Kirks Trenching & Septic Service LLC $160.00 Gu; Michael Todd & Company $934.46 Re; Paulsen Inc. $1,847.82 Ma; Platte Valley Arsenal LLC $945.00 Ex; Pony Express Chevrolet Buick $554.14 Re; Public Works Division $5,012.39 Ut; QT Petroleum on Demand LLC $1,971.22 Re; Reliable Pest Control Services Inc. $78.00 Se; Richard M Crown $400.00 Se; Riverside Painting LLC $3,450.00 Se; Syndicate Publishing LLC $39.67 Ex.

Special Fund Claims: Gothenburg Improvement Company $3,955.25 Ex; First Concord Benefits Group $1,403.24 Ps; City of Gothenburg $353.01 Reim; Amazon Capital Services, Inc $11.78 Ex.

PWD Fund Claims AT & T Mobility II LLC $417.09 Ut; CDL Academy LLC $2,000.00 Ex; City of Cozad $100.00 Se; Ditch Witch UnderCon $1,858.69 Re; John Deere Financial f.s.b $847.39 Bu; Kent Koehn $149.80 Reim; Municipal Supply Inc. $184.65 Ma; Quadient Finance USA Inc. $554.52 Ex; Amazon Capital Services $110.54 Ex; Card Services $0.00 Reim; Card Services $677.33 Reim; Franzen Inc. $87.55 Ma; Ideal Linen & Uniform $50.52 Bu; Midlands Contracting Inc. $34,920.00 Ci; Nebraska Public Power District $296,234.64 Ut; Paulsen Inc. $797.50 Ma; Public Works Division $10,323.70 Ut; Reliable Pest Control Services Inc. $72.00 Se; Riverside Painting $1,050.00 Se; Schaben Sanitation $3,799.52 Se; Syndicate Publishing LLC $100.80 Ex; Unitech $1,124.00 Su; City of Gothenburg $64,883.24 Reim; Country Partners Cooperative $5,667.24 Ex.

Payroll Transmittals: Internal Revenue Service $21,883.66 Tax; Empower Retirement $10,374.29 Ps; First Concord Benefits Gro $1,394.16; Nebraska Child Support $605.55 Ps; Credit Management Servic $202.87 Ps; Credit Management Servic $161.66 Ps.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Noah Dea discussed Lafayette Park Caretaker Independent Contractor's Agreement with Candice Baker. Baker shall operate as manager of Lafayette Park area from December 1st, 2026, and shall perform the services under the terms of the agreement as an independent contractor which shall continue until terminated.

Richeson moved, Colwell seconded Lafayette Park Caretaker Independent Contractor's Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Warner moved, Richeson seconded to approve appointment Noah Larson to Fire Department. Roll call vote: Yea –Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Warner moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Warner, Richeson, Colwell. No – none. Absent not voting: Buddenberg. Motion carried.

Verlin Janssen, Mayor

Tara Hite, City Clerk