

January 10, 2019

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Sheridan County Journal Star, the designated method for giving notice as shown by the affidavit of publication on file in the City Clerk's office. Agendas of the meeting were simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Gordon was called to order at 6:00 p.m., January 10, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the City Auditorium. The Mayor noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws in the back of the room.

Mayor Russell welcomed Marti Haag, the new reporter for the Sheridan County Journal Star, to the meeting. She will now be covering the council meetings for the paper.

Present: Paul, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

Absent: No One.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Grant, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Paul.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Paul to approve the December 2018 Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Bounous to approve the bills. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Paul, Russell, and Grant.

Abbreviations for this legal: EX, Expense; FE, Fee; GR, Groceries; MI, Mileage; RE, Reimburse; RPT, Report; SA, Salaries; SE, Services; SU, Supplies.

#### PAID BILLS

<b>EFTPS</b>	<b>Ally</b>	<b>EX</b>	<b>\$562.39</b>
<b>EFTPS</b>	<b>Ally</b>	<b>EX</b>	<b>\$523.52</b>
<b>EFTPS</b>	<b>Fleet Services</b>	<b>SU</b>	<b>\$1,429.35</b>
<b>EFTPS</b>	<b>FNBO</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>\$106.66</b>
<b>EFTPS</b>	<b>NE Dept of Revenue</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>\$3,467.70</b>
<b>GF1001</b>	<b>Murphy Tractor</b>	<b>EX</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>
<b>GF1002</b>	<b>Bacon &amp; Vinton, LLC</b>	<b>EX</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
<b>INS1039</b>	<b>Security 1st Insurance</b>	<b>FE</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>INS1040</b>	<b>Strong Insurance</b>	<b>EX</b>	<b>\$4,883.50</b>
<b>RS1249</b>	<b>Candy Allison</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>\$95.20</b>
<b>RS1250</b>	<b>First National Bank of Omaha</b>	<b>SU</b>	<b>\$67.24</b>
<b>RS1251</b>	<b>JD Financial</b>	<b>SU</b>	<b>\$187.22</b>
<b>RS1252</b>	<b>Grocery Mart</b>	<b>SU</b>	<b>\$76.57</b>
<b>RS1253</b>	<b>Candy Allison</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>\$72.73</b>

EFTPS	1st National Bank	SU	\$15.42
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47613	Chad Edwards	RE	\$3,162.25
47614	Payroll Fund	SA	\$28,182.19
47687	Airport Checking	EX	\$1,100.00
47688	BC/BS	EX	\$11,413.76
47689	Cosmopolitan	SU	\$24.97
47690	Consolidated Management	SE	\$55.52
47691	Field & Stream	SU	\$19.97
47692	Cengage	SU	\$163.15
47693	Greenheart	SE	\$348.80
47694	Ingram	SU	\$21.38
47695	Library Petty Cash	RE	\$46.11
47696	Madison National Life Ins	EX	\$51.75
47697	NPPD	SE	\$48.50
47698	NWRPPD	SE	\$3,313.08
47699	NE Law Enf Tr Center	FE	\$50.00
47700	O Magazine	SU	\$18.00
47701	Saturday Evening Post	SU	\$45.89
47702	Vogue	SU	\$29.95
47703	Xerox	EX	\$175.78
47704	City of Gordon	RE	\$128.37
47705	Ellie Otte	RE	\$21.63
47706	Payroll Fund	SA	\$33,246.32
47707	Airport Authority	RE	\$88.74
47708	Airport Bond Savings	RE	\$99.08
47709	Consolidated Management	SE	\$96.75
47710	Powerplan	SU	\$45.93
47711	BH Energy	SE	\$2,225.18
47712	Special Assessment Bond Fund	RE	\$127.36
47713	USPS	SE	\$169.03
47714	Verizon	SE	\$451.39
47715	B&T Lazerwash	SE	\$300.00

**Total January Paid Bills**

**\$133,313.75**

**UNPAID BILLS**

47717	Chris Anderson	RE	\$50.00
47718	QLT	SE	\$19.55
47719	Baker & Associates	SE	\$1,832.32
47720	Dan Bishop	RE	\$50.00
47721	Shelby Berger	RE	\$50.00
47722	Tony Bishop	RE	\$50.00
47723	Blue 360 Media	SU	\$71.25
47724	City of Chadron	EX	\$45.00

47725	Consolidated Mngmnt Co	SE	\$50.72
47726	Customized Billing	SE	\$315.00
47727	Data Technologies	SU	\$146.83
47728	Enviro Service Inc	SE	\$66.00
47729	First National Bank Omaha	SU	\$237.69
47730	JD Financial	SU	\$100.52
47731	Farmer's Coop	SU	\$354.74
47732	Fed Ex	SE	\$21.41
47733	Ford Motor Credit	EX	\$374.09
47734	Gordon Memorial Health Serv	SE	\$1,968.51
47735	Great Plains Communications	SE	\$1,673.07
47736	Gall's	SU	\$581.05
47737	Grocery Mart	SU	\$37.51
47738	The Glass Wizard	SE	\$65.00
47739	GPM Enterprises, Inc	SE	\$773.33
47740	General Fund Money Market	EX	\$8,000.00
47741	Hinn's Auto Supply	SU	\$691.13
47742	Homestead	SU	\$119.58
47743	Colin Hyatt	RE	\$50.00
47744	Clay Heath	RE	\$50.00
47745	Ideal Linen	SE	\$96.89
47746	Intoximeters	SU	\$62.85
47747	CoDee Johns	RE	\$50.00
47748	Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan	SE	\$750.00
47749	Lynn Peavey	SU	\$193.25
47750	Lee's Repair	SE	\$186.00
47751	McLeods	SU	\$149.90
47752	Mid Continent	SE	\$554.00
47753	NPPD	SE	\$6,159.97
47754	NE Total Office	SU	\$40.01
47755	NW Pipe Fittings	SU	\$1,069.68
47756	NW Community Action	EX	\$124.33
47757	One Call Concepts	SE	\$9.12
47758	Petty Cash Fund	SU	\$248.98
47759	Shane Pascale	RE	\$50.00
47760	Pollardwater	SU	\$318.76
47761	Ben Plemons	RE	\$50.00
47762	Ben Plemons	RE	\$35.00
47763	Quill	SU	\$48.26
47764	NE Public Health Env Lab	SE	\$80.00
47765	Stockmen's	SU	\$12.27
47766	Sheridan County Journal Star	SE	\$388.86
47767	Smith King & Simmons	SE	\$200.00
47768	Sasse Vet Clinic	RE	\$30.00
47769	Truax Patient Services	SU	\$525.00

47770	True Value	SU	\$605.09
47771	Triangle Electric	SE	\$227.50
47772	Westco	SU	\$2,008.66
47773	Water Reserve Fund	RE	\$1,716.00
47774	Water/Sewer Bond Fund	EX	\$17,200.00
47775	Water/Sewer Bond Fund	EX	\$5,000.00
47776	Kevin Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
47777	Keith Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
47778	Xerox	EX	\$499.01

<b>Total January Unpaid Bills</b>	<b>\$56,633.69</b>
<b>Total January Paid Bills</b>	<b>\$133,313.75</b>
<b>Total January Bills</b>	<b>\$189,947.44</b>

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans, to appoint Deputy Clerk (Future City Manager) Glen Spaugh as the Primary Representative and Vice-Mayor Grant as the Alternate Representative to the Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN) Board. Ayes: Evans, Paul, Russell, Grant, and Bounous.

Motion by Paul, seconded by Evans to approve Mitch Gallant's (Gordon American Legion) request for extended liquor sale hours on Sunday, February 3, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm for SuperBowl Sunday. Ayes: Paul, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Paul to allow Mayor Russell to sign the NE Department of Transportation Certificate of Compliance. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Paul.

Deputy Clerk Glen Spaugh updated council on the Medical Air Services Association (MASA) ambulance coverage for ambulance transports. It was discussed at the December council meeting, and council had several questions they wanted answered before making a decision. Councilman Bounous had concerns regarding the extra cost of MASA compared to AirLink. In prior years, the city had carried both AirLink (Scottsbluff) and Air Methods (Rapid City). The combined premiums for both of these coverages are very close to the cost of MASA. Air Methods will no longer be offering a plan, and by using AirLink only, members would not have any coverage if Air Methods transported them. MASA also covers ground transports and 911 ambulance calls. After some discussion, motion by Grant, seconded by Paul to move the city's ambulance transport coverage to MASA. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

Interim City Manager Dan Bishop updated council on the Well Field Solar Project. Two employees of GenPro have been on sight since Monday. They are completing the first stage of installation and the panels at Well #11 are completed. This phase of the installation should be completed next week.

Interim City Manager Dan Bishop updated council on the Wastewater Project. Crews from KL Wood Construction have been working on the Lift Station By-Pass portion of the project. The by-pass has been installed, but they are waiting on the pump that is currently on back order. Work on this phase will continue after February 1 when it is proposed that the pump and other parts will be received.

Motion by Grant, seconded by Paul to allow Mayor Russell to sign the Radon Action Month Proclamation. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Paul, Russell, and Grant.

**PROCLAMATION  
Radon Action Month**

**WHEREAS**, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of citizens and their families;

**WHEREAS**, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.;

**WHEREAS**, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers;

**WHEREAS**, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year;

**WHEREAS**, radon is found in one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels;

**WHEREAS**, any home in Gordon may have elevated levels of radon (even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not);

**WHEREAS**, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive;

**WHEREAS**, identified radon problems can be fixed;

**WHEREAS**, Panhandle Public Health Department, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gordon do hereby proclaim January 2019 as Official Radon Action Month in Gordon, Nebraska. In recognition of the importance of testing homes for radon, I hereby proclaim the month of January, 2019 as

**National Radon Action Month,**

And, I urge every member of the community to test their homes by contacting the Panhandle Public Health District at 308-487-3600 ext 108 to request a free radon test kit.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

          /s/ Nancy I Russell            
Nancy I Russell  
Mayor, City of Gordon

Interim City Manager Dan Bishop, City Clerk Kim Buchan, and Deputy City Clerk (Future City Manager) Glen Spagh will be conducting interviews tomorrow for the position of Deputy City Clerk. There are seven applicants being interviewed. After tomorrow's interviews, the field will be narrowed to two or three applicants, and second interviews will be conducted next week.

After some discussion, motion by Bounous, seconded by Grant to approve the contract with Glen Spaugh for the position of City Manager, and allow Mayor Russell to sign the contract. Ayes: Evans, Paul, Russell, Grant, and Bounous. Mr. Spaugh will be the city's ninth city manager since 1950, when the City of Gordon went to the City Manager form of government.

Motion by Grant, seconded by Paul, to remove Interim City Manager Dan Bishop and add City Manager Glen Spaugh as a signer to all City of Gordon checking and money market accounts. Ayes: Paul, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

Robin Pitts is requesting that council release all liens on a property that he is purchasing in Gordon. The property in question is dilapidated and in need of major repair and clean up. The releasing of the liens, totaling almost \$900, will make the purchase and clean up more affordable to him. There are also outstanding bills for clean up done by the city crews. After some discussion, Mayor Russell requested that City Manager Spaugh contact Mr. Pitts to get more information so that a decision can be made. No action was taken on this item.

Motion by Grant, seconded by Paul to go into executive session at 6:55 pm for the purposes of litigation discussion. The only topic to be discussed in executive session is the Plum Street Litigation. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Paul.

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:08 pm. With no further business, motion by Bounous, seconded by Paul to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

          /s/ Kim Buchan            
          City Clerk

          /s/ Nancy I Russell            
          Mayor

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Gordon, Nebraska hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on January 10, 2019; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said minutes of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gordo from which the foregoing proceedings were written from and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

          /s/ Kim Buchan            
          City Clerk