

February 11, 2021

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 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 by Mayor Russell at 6:00 p.m., February 11, 2021 in the Multipurpose Room adjacent to the Council Chambers of the City Auditorium. The Mayor noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws in the Council Chambers.

Present: Bounous, Evans, Russell, and Paul.

Absent: Grant.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting. Ayes: Evans, Russell, Paul, and Bounous.

The January 2021 Treasurer's Report was not available from Gardner, Loutzenheiser and Ryan.

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

Abbreviations for this legal: EX, expense; FE, fee; GR, groceries; MI, mileage; RE, Reimburse; RPT, report; SA, salaries; SE, services; SU, supplies.

PAID BILLS

EFTPS	Ally	EX	\$562.39
EFTPS	Ally	EX	\$523.52
EFTPS	Fleet Services	SU	\$858.65
EFTPS	FNBO	FE	\$297.59
EFTPS	NE Dept of Revenue	RE	\$3,979.51
EFTPS	National Pen	SU	\$109.60
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EFTPS	National Pen	SU	\$109.60
EFTPS	National Pen	SU	\$84.60
EFTPS	Xerox	EX	\$607.34
EFTPS	The Depository Trust Co	EX	\$800.00
EFTPS	The Depository Trust Co	EX	\$20,020.00
GF1016	First National Bank	EX	\$19,497.38
GF1017	First National Bank	EX	\$15,691.70
RS1275	Grocery Mart	SU	\$39.48
INS1096	Security 1st Insurance	EX	\$40.00
50043	Consolidated Management	SE	\$88.87
50044	DAS State Accounting	FE	\$77.00
50045	Galls	SU	\$690.00
50046	Homestead	SU	\$51.34
50047	Ingram	SU	\$99.42
50048	Infrastructure Sales Tax MM	EX	\$500.00
50049	Library Petty Cash	RE	\$50.30
50050	NWRPPD	SE	\$2,321.43

50051	Cengage	SU	\$99.42
50052	Payroll Fund	SA	\$33,678.67
50109	Xerox	EX	\$87.16
50110	Payroll Fund	SA	\$43,377.43
50111	City of Gordon	RE	\$75.37
50112	Michael Richstein	RE	\$24.63
50113	Consolidated Management	SE	\$76.19
50114	Croell	SU	\$620.95
50115	Madison National Life	EX	\$69.00
50116	Perpetual Care Fund	RE	\$400.00
50117	Black Hills Energy	SE	\$2,260.07
50118	USPS	SE	\$176.94
50119	Verizon	SE	\$80.02
50120	CPR Savers & 1st Aid Supply	EX	\$4,725.00
50121	Airport Authority	RE	\$1,310.20
50122	Airport Bond Savings	RE	\$1,080.69
50123	Special Assessment Bond Fund	RE	\$1,663.48
50124	Huck's Lazerwash	SE	\$500.00
50125	Payroll Fund	SA	\$30,299.88
50126	BC/BS	EX	\$14,311.20
50127	Sheridan County Journal	SE	\$458.90

Total February Paid Bills **\$202,584.52**

UNPAID BILLS

50128	Dan Bishop	RE	\$50.00
50129	Tony Bishop	RE	\$50.00
50130	Blue 360 Media	SU	\$83.75
50131	City of Chadron	EX	\$45.00
50132	Consolidated Management	SE	\$93.42
50133	Customized Billing	SE	\$465.00
50134	BC Tire Service	SE	\$110.00
50135	Hannah Calkins	RE	\$50.00
50136	Joe Carr	RE	\$50.00
50137	Emergency Medical Products	SU	\$257.54
50138	Essence	SU	\$59.00
50139	First National Bank of Omaha	SU	\$667.41
50140	JD Financial	SU	\$19.74
50141	Fyr-Tek	SE	\$131.50
50142	Scott Fisher	RE	\$50.00
50143	Fire Text Response	FE	\$250.00
50144	Gordon Chiropractic	SE	\$180.00
50145	GMHS	SE	\$2,203.00
50146	Great Plains Communications	SE	\$1,631.91
50147	Gall's	SU	\$226.21
50148	Grocery Mart	SU	\$56.24
50149	General Fund Money Market	EX	\$12,000.00
50150	Hinn's Auto Supply	SU	\$178.54

50151	Hillyard	SU	\$25.28
50152	Homestead	SU	\$35.65
50153	Hydro Optimization	FE	\$426.00
50154	Core & Main	EX	\$2,230.00
50155	Clay Heath	RE	\$50.00
50156	Kelly Construction	SU	\$1,100.26
50157	Kane Funeral Home	RE	\$50.00
50158	Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan	SE	\$800.00
50159	Brandon Mika	RE	\$50.00
50160	Municipal Supply, Inc	SU	\$864.98
50161	Joe McGough	RE	\$50.00
50162	Joe McGough	RE	\$59.60
50163	Midwest Engines	SE	\$206.68
50164	MacQueen Equipment	SU	\$447.49
50165	NPPD	SE	\$6,316.86
50166	NE Total Office	SU	\$217.89
50167	NW Pipe Fittings	SU	\$1,461.99
50168	NW Community Action	EX	\$192.93
50169	NE Mosquito & Vector Cont Assoc	FE	\$15.00
50170	Verizon Connect	SE	\$80.95
50171	NE Rural Water	FE	\$75.00
50172	One Call Concepts	SE	\$78.22
50173	Powerplan	SU	\$91.76
50174	Sam Piper	SE	\$50.00
50175	Petty Cash	RE	\$276.92
50176	Panhandle Sales & Service	SE	\$66.00
50177	Shane Pascale	RE	\$50.00
50178	Summit Fire Protection	SE	\$541.92
50179	NE Public Health Env Lab	SE	\$48.00
50180	Glen Spaugh	RE	\$50.00
50181	Dan Sasse	RE	\$50.00
50182	Sheridan County Journal Star	SE	\$441.60
50183	Smith, King, Simmons, & Conn	SE	\$200.00
50184	True Value	SU	\$140.75
50185	Westco	SU	\$1,529.80
50186	Water Reserve Fund	EX	\$2,000.00
50187	Water/Sewer Bond Fund	EX	\$17,200.00
50188	Kevin Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
50189	Keith Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
Total February Unpaid Bills			\$56,579.79
Total February Paid Bills			\$202,584.52
Total February Bills			\$259,164.31

The public hearing for the 2021 One & Six Year Street Plan was opened at 6:04 pm, and conduct of the meeting was turned over to Hearing Officer Glen Spaugh. Dan Bishop, Street Superintendent was present to review the plan and answer any questions that council or the public may have. The 2021 One & Six Year Street Plan includes resurfacing twenty-one blocks of city street and replacing and improving drainage in

several areas. Councilman Bounous asked about the longevity concrete vs asphalt streets. With no one from the public present offering any comments, written or oral, the hearing was closed at 6:12 pm, and conduct of the meeting returned to Mayor Russell. Motion by Bounous, seconded by Paul, to approve Resolution 2021-01. Ayes: Paul, Bounous, Evans, and Russell.

RESOLUTION 2021-01

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2021 ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gordon has reviewed the One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road and Street Improvements, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to receive citizen input was held at 6:00 p.m. on February 11, 2021 in the City Council Chambers of the City Auditorium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council has determined the need for improvements on the entire intersection of East Second Street and North Elm Street, the entire East side of the intersection of Highway 27 and Orin Street, the downtown Main Street parking stalls from Third Street to Fourth Street, the downtown Main Street parking stalls from First Street to Third Street, First Street from N Elm Street to N Main Street, First Street from N Main Street to Cornell Street, Fourth Street from Spruce Street to Ash Street, Fourth Street from Oak Street to Pine Street, Ash Street from Eighth Street to Tenth Street, Spruce Street from Second Street to Sixth Street, Spruce Street from Sixth Street to Eighth Street, Spruce Street from Eighth Street to Tenth Street, and Ash Street from Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Nancy I Russell

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan

City Clerk

Emily Morris and Ryan Chavez, Casey Peterson, Ltd., presented the 2019-2020 audit via Zoom. Council was given presentation slides and a draft copy of the audit to reference during the presentation. The City of Gordon had no compliance issues or findings. According to all ratios and measures, Emily Morris stated that the City of Gordon is in good financial shape and that city officials continue to monitor and control the city's budget. Motion by Paul, seconded by Evans to accept the 2019-2020 audit as presented. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

Ellen Yusten requested to address council regarding their decision to remove the trees from downtown. She feels that it will be detrimental to the overall appearance of downtown if the trees are not replaced once they are removed. Timothy Liebermann was also present to offer statements in favor of replacing the trees. Jerry Kearns was present to support the removal of the trees. At the January council meeting, council voted to remove the trees, but also wanted a plan for the removal and repair of sidewalks. The existing trees have outgrown their environment and have caused extensive damage to the sidewalks and to the watering system. Ellen Yusten agreed to reach out to organizations in an effort to find the necessary funding to replace the

trees. City officials will continue to gather information regarding costs and options regarding the replacement of the trees or other improvements to fill the void that the removed trees will create. Council took no action on this item.

Joan Yekel, Crossroad Resources, was not able to attend the meeting, but is asking that council allow Mayor Russell to sign the Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion by Evans, second by Paul, to allow Mayor Russell to sign the Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation. Ayes: Evans, Russell, Paul, and Bounous

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, our community is home to individuals and families adversely affected by problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, compulsive gambling is often hidden from family members, social services and mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS, compulsive gambling often occurs in combination with other disorders such as chemical dependency and depression; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of the warning signs of compulsive gamblers and connect them with professional help.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy I Russell, Mayor of Gordon, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim March, 2021, as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and urge citizens to learn more about the consequences of problem gambling.

/s/ Nancy I Russell

Mayor

Valerie Mann, Gordon Development Corporation, had approached council at a prior meeting regarding "trading" properties with the City of Gordon. The city currently owns the two empty lots on the southwest corner of N Elm and E Fourth Streets, and the Development Corporation owns the property that is currently occupied by Moore Baseball Field. The Development Corporation would like to develop the empty lots owned by the city. Council had previously agreed to this exchange, and Resolution 2021-02 will begin the process. Motion by Paul, seconded by Evans to approve Resolution 2021-02. Ayes: Russell, Paul, Bounous, and Evans.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA DIRECTING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO THE GORDON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO-WIT: Lots 1 & 2, Willow Tree Plaza Subdivision, Gordon, Sheridan County, Nebraska, AND ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE FROM THE GORDON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO WIT: Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Industrial Subdivision #1, Gordon, Sheridan County, Nebraska;

A full copy of Resolution 2021-02 is available at the City Office, 311 N Oak Street, and is also published separately from the minutes.

The Tystad family met with City Manager Glen Spaugh regarding property owned by them. This property houses the pivot which is connected to the city's lagoon system. The Tystad family wishes to sell this property and would like to give the City of Gordon first option at purchasing it. After some discussion, motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans to convey to the Tystads the city's interest in purchasing the property and initiating the first steps of a purchase. Ayes: Paul, Bounous, Evans, and Russell.

City Manager Spaugh has been researching the possibility of the City of Gordon issuing new Highway Allocation Bonds in order to facilitate the needed resurfacing of a portion of the city streets. Brad Slaughter, Piper, Sandler, & Co., suggested that the city call its outstanding bonds before issuing new ones, so that there is only one bond issue outstanding at a time. Motion by Paul, seconded by Bounous to pass Resolution 2021-03. Ayes: Paul, Bounous, Evans, and Russell.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That the following bonds, in accordance with their option provision, are hereby called for payment on March 18, 2021, after which date interest on the bonds will cease:

Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2013, date of original issue, February 14, 2013, in the outstanding principal amount of \$20,000, numbered as they are shown on the books and records of the Paying Agent and Registrar, maturing, in the principal amounts and bearing CUSIP numbers as follows:

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>CUSIP No.</u>
\$20,000	January 15, 2022	382779DD5

Said bonds are hereinafter referred to as the "Refunded Bonds."

Section 2. The Refunded Bonds are to be paid at the office of the City Treasurer, as Paying Agent and Registrar (the "Paying Agent"), in Gordon, Nebraska.

Section 3. A true copy of this Resolution shall be filed by the Clerk immediately with said Paying Agent at least thirty (30) days prior to call date and said Paying Agent is hereby irrevocably instructed to mail notice of redemption and take all other actions appropriate for the calling and redeeming of the bonds.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11TH day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

By /s/ Nancy I Russell
Mayor

/s/ Kim Buchan
Clerk

The City recently received the annual (P)ACE payment. This year's payment amount was \$5,429. Council will decide where to designate the funds at a future council meeting.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Paul to approve the Manager Application of David Staab for the Pizza Hut liquor license. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

City Manager Spaugh presented council with his February Manager's Report. Items included were:

1. The Planning Commission will meet next week. An agenda for the meeting is available at the city office.
2. City Manager Spaugh is attending the LNM Mid-Winter Conference virtually. This will satisfy the continuing education hours he is required to have as the city treasurer.
3. NE Dept of Natural Resources is heading up a Flood Plain Mapping project. City Manager Spaugh and Mike Winter attended the webinar on February 3rd.
4. The north hall on East Third that houses the ambulances was struck by a vehicle on February 4th. The city is currently waiting on an estimate for the repairs.

No action was taken on any item in the manager's report.

With no further business, motion by Bounous, seconded by Paul to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Ayes: Evans, Paul, Russell, and Bounous.

/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 February 11, 2021; 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 Gordon 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