

April 8, 2021

Notice of the meeting was given to 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., April 8, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the city auditorium. The Mayor noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws poster.

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

Absent: No One.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Grant to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

The March 2021 Treasurer's Report was not available from GLR.

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

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

PAID BILLS

EFTPS	Ally	EX	\$523.52
EFTPS	Fleet Services	SU	\$1,200.78
EFTPS	FNBO	FE	\$371.48
EFTPS	NE Dept of Revenue	RE	\$4,048.84
EFTPS	Xerox	EX	\$380.63
EFTPS	Xerox	EX	\$114.80
EFTPS	Bank of the West	FE	\$15.00
EFTPS	BOK Financial	EX	\$59,637.50
EFTPS	BOK Financial	EX	\$32,662.50
EFTPS	Depository Trust Co	EX	\$91.75
EFTPS	Depository Trust Co	EX	\$20,020.00
INS1101	Travelers	EX	\$417.00
50279	Payroll Fund	SA	\$38,372.11
50280	Airport Authority	RE	\$616.67
50281	Airport Bond Savings	RE	\$505.28
50282	Amazon.com	SU	\$610.85
50283	Biblionix	SE	\$1,100.00
50284	Consolidated Management	SE	\$157.18
50285	Cengage/Gale	SU	\$163.15
50286	Ingram	SU	\$216.09

50287	Library Petty Cash	RE	\$35.92
50288	Rivistas	SE	\$1,219.85
50289	Sales Tax Infrastructure MM	RE	\$11,142.95
50290	Special Assessment Bond Fund	RE	\$789.65
50291	Rocky Mountain Air	FE	\$192.60
50292	Xerox	EX	\$117.45
50293	Consolidated Management	SE	\$63.51
50294	Open Range Beef	RE	\$100.00
50295	Madison National Life	EX	\$127.65
50296	Perpetual Care Fund	RE	\$400.00
50297	Black Hills Energy	SE	\$2,049.09
50298	Sheridan County Clerk	FE	\$32.00
50299	USPS	SE	\$176.81
50300	Verizon	SE	\$80.02
50301	City of Gordon	RE	\$89.80
50302	Nawa Raj Banjade	RE	\$10.20
50303	Payroll Fund	SA	\$29,992.25
50304	BC/BS	EX	\$13,773.40
50305	DHHS Licensure Unit	FE	\$200.00

Total April Paid Bills **\$221,818.28**

UNPAID BILLS

50306	QLT	SE	\$19.64
50307	Beguvin Vet Clinic	RE	\$10.00
50308	Dan Bishop	RE	\$50.00
50309	Bierschbach	SU	\$1,769.90
50310	Black Hills Doors	SE	\$565.30
50311	Tony Bishop	RE	\$50.00
50312	City of Chadron	EX	\$45.00
50313	Consolidated Management	SE	\$97.36
50314	Customized Billing	SE	\$210.00
50315	Contractors Materials	SU	\$324.00
50316	Hannah Calkins	RE	\$50.00
50317	Joe Carr	RE	\$50.00
50318	DAS St Accounting	FE	\$66.00
50319	Emergency Medical Products	SU	\$372.41
50320	First National Bank of Omaha	SU	\$251.44
50321	JD Financial	SU	\$36.78
50322	Scott Fisher	RE	\$50.00
50323	Frontier Service and Supply	SE	\$220.00
50324	GMHS	SE	\$267.00
50325	GMHS	SE	\$40.00
50326	Great Plains Communications	SE	\$1,619.55
50327	General Fund Money Market	EX	\$12,000.00

50328	Hinn's Auto Supply	SU	\$646.97
50329	Hydro Optimization	SE	\$2,098.54
50330	Clay Heath	RE	\$50.00
50331	Insurance Fund	EX	\$13,000.00
50332	Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan	SE	\$800.00
50333	Brandon Mika	RE	\$50.00
50334	McLeod's	SU	\$853.97
50335	Michael Todd & Co	SU	\$4,633.20
50336	Joe McGough	RE	\$50.00
50337	Joe McGough	RE	\$59.60
50338	NPPD	SE	\$6,053.21
50339	NE Total Office	SU	\$78.02
50340	NW Community Action	EX	\$192.93
50341	Verizon Connect	SE	\$80.95
50342	One Call Concepts	SE	\$96.13
50343	Powerplan	SU	\$67.51
50344	Sam Piper	SE	\$50.00
50345	Perpetual Care Fund	RE	\$200.00
50346	Petty Cash	RE	\$96.70
50347	Shane Pascale	RE	\$50.00
50348	Quill	SU	\$307.55
50349	Sheridan County Treasurer	FE	\$2,602.62
50350	NE Public Health Env Lab	SE	\$48.00
50351	Glen Spaugh	RE	\$50.00
50352	Dan Sasse	RE	\$50.00
50353	Sheridan County Clerk	FE	\$16.00
50354	Sheridan County Journal Star	SE	\$605.74
50355	Smith, King, Simmons, & Conn	SE	\$357.50
50356	True Value	SU	\$166.14
50357	USPS	FE	\$245.00
50358	Westco	SU	\$6,709.99
50359	Water Reserve Fund	EX	\$2,000.00
50360	Water/Sewer Bond Fund	EX	\$17,200.00
50361	Kevin Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
50362	Keith Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
Total April Unpaid Bills			\$77,830.65
Total April Paid Bills			\$221,818.28
Total April Bills			\$299,648.93

Janelle Visser, Health Educator for Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD), attended the meeting via Zoom to inform council about the Activate Gordon Committee's "Crosswalk Proposal". The goal of this proposal is to make Gordon a safer place to walk, bike, and roll. To accomplish this goal, the Activate Gordon Committee has identified four crosswalks (two by the high school and two by the grade school) that have high walking traffic. The project would use local artists to design "Creative Crosswalks".

Research has shown that Creative Crosswalks raise awareness of pedestrian safety because the colors and patterns are more noticeable to drivers. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has provided a Walkable Communities grant to PPHD. PPHD is currently committing \$2,000 of this grant to the Gordon Crosswalk project, with a proposed budget of \$500 for each of the identified crosswalks. Nathan Livingston, Gordon/Rushville High School Principal and Ashley Tausan, Gordon/Rushville Public Schools Nurse were present as members of the Activate Gordon Committee to answer any questions and to provide more information regarding the project. The next steps in the project are for the Activate Gordon Committee to receive proposals from local artists, including the Art class at the G/R High School, and present the finished proposed plan to the Gordon City Council for approval. The committee will be working with City of Gordon officials to complete this plan. After some discussion, motion by Paul, seconded by Grant to allow the Activate Gordon Committee to begin taking the artists submissions and to organize a final plan to bring before the Gordon City Council for final approval prior to beginning the painting of the crosswalks. Ayes: Evans, Paul, Russell, Grant, and Bounous.

Shelley Anderson was not present to discuss the sale of the Gordon Country Club. Nick Rosane was present in his place to discuss the sale with council. At this time, the Gordon Country Club Board has not exercised their first right of refusal, and there is nothing that the City Council can discuss. No action was taken on this item.

Jim Puchner, the Business Connection and Steve Cogdill, Century Business Products were present to discuss the bids for the city office and police department copy machines. After some discussion, motion by Evans, seconded by Paul to accept the bid from Jim Puchner, Business Connection for the HP Copiers Lease bids. Ayes: Paul, Russell, Grant, and Evans. Nays: Bounous.

Council was given the latest guidelines for reopening public facilities that have been closed because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Councilmembers voiced concerns regarding the needed extra cleaning and sanitizing required to reopen the public restrooms in the park and the city building at this time. Motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans to keep the public restrooms closed at this time. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Paul. This topic will be on future council agendas as the guidelines change.

The "Tree Committee" that was formed by private citizens held two meetings in the past month. Attendees included Doak Nickerson, NE Forest Service (UNL) and Chrissy Land, Community Forestry Specialist with the NE Forest Service. Chrissy Land was in attendance to answer any questions that council may have regarding the downtown trees. Ms. Land stressed the importance of having a revolving plan for the replacement of the trees so that the trees will not all be the same age and can be routinely replaced without a large hit to the city's budget. In order to create this plan, an evaluation of each tree must be done. She will be working closely with the Tree Committee and City Officials to put a plan in place to remove the trees on a revolving schedule. She will also work to properly place and plant the trees so that there is no damage to the city's infrastructure. The next steps needed include reactivating the Tree Board, which was eliminated when the city's ordinances were recodified in 2019. Motion by Bounous, seconded by Grant to allow City Manager Spaugh to work with Chrissy Land to write an ordinance to reactivate the Tree Board. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

Motion by Paul, seconded by Evans to allow Mayor Russell to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Paul, Russell, and Grant.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Nancy I Russell, Mayor of the City of Gordon, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Gordon, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations. Dated this 8th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Nancy I Russell

Mayor

Motion by Evans, seconded by Paul to approve the agreement with NIC Inc to receive online payments from liquor license holders for license and occupation tax fees. Ayes: Evans, Paul, Russell, Grant and Bounous.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Grant to designate the 2021 (P)ACE funds in the amount of \$5,429 to the Cemetery Fund for the purchase of a new burial directory. Ayes: Paul, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

Council was given an FYI item containing the planned activities for Alcohol Awareness Month. There will be an ad in the Sheridan County Journal Star outlining the events.

Motion by Grant, seconded by Paul to allow Mayor Russell to sign the Police Week Proclamation. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Paul.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Gordon Police Department; and

Whereas, the Gordon Police Department plays an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all members of the community; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the Gordon Police Department unceasingly provide this vital public service; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Gordon City Council hereby declares the week of May 9 to May 15, 2021 to be National Police Week in the City of Gordon and May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community, to include Gordon Officer Gregory Holloway, or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Gordon City Council calls upon all citizens to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. The Gordon City Council publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. Signed this 8th day of April 2021 in the City of Gordon, State of Nebraska. In witness thereof the seal of the City of Gordon and the signatures of the City are affixed.

/s/ Nancy I Russell

Mayor

City Manager Spaugh presented council with the May Manager's Report. Items included were:

1. Fireworks 2021: Because of injuries sustained by two Gordon Volunteer Fireman during the detonation of the city's fireworks display, the GVFD will no longer denotate the display. City Manager Spaugh is researching possible solutions, including companies that detonate displays.
2. Swimming Pool 2021: The city is still searching for lifeguards for the season. As of the meeting, there have been zero applications.
3. Community Clean Up is May 1 - May 9. There will be a 20-yard dumpster located north of the firehall which is provided by SWANN.
4. Water and sewer income per 1,000 gallons.

No action was taken on any item in the Manager's Report.

With no further business, motion by Bounous, seconded by Paul to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:50 pm. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Paul, and Russell.

City Clerk

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 April 8, 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 have been extracted were in written form 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.

City Clerk