

September 9, 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 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., September 9, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the City Auditorium. The Mayor noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws in the back of the room.

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

Absent: No One.

The regular meeting was closed and the public hearing for the property tax request was opened by the Mayor at 6:01 pm and conduct of the meeting was turned over to the hearing officer, City Manager Glen Spaugh. City Manager Spaugh reviewed with council this year's property tax request. With no one present requesting to offer testimony in favor or against the property tax request, the public hearing was closed at 6:03 pm.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Grant to pass Resolution 2021-14. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Dehart, and Russell.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Gordon passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Gordon resolves that:

1. The 2021-2022 property tax request be set at \$310,081.00 for the General Fund with no property tax being requested for the Bond Fund, for a total of \$310,081.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be .468332 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Gordon proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be .476126 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Gordon will increase from last years by 100%.

6. A copy of this resolution is to be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021.

Passed and approved this 9th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Kelly Grant
Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan
City Clerk

The budget hearing for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year was opened at 6:04 pm by Mayor Russell and conduct of the meeting was turned over to hearing officer, City Manager Glen Spaugh. There were no changes to the budget since the Budget Workshop held August 26, 2021. City Manager Spaugh reviewed the final budget numbers with the city council. With no one present requesting to offer testimony in favor or against the approval of the 2021-2022 budget, the special hearing was closed at 6:06 pm.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Grant to exceed the budget limit for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year by an additional 1%. Ayes: Evans, Dehart, Russell, Grant, and Bounous.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Dehart to pass the first reading of Ordinance 1209. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Dehart, and Russell.

ORDINANCE NO. 1209

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Gordon. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Sheridan County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority. The total budget of expenditures for all funds is \$5,726,792.00 plus necessary cash reserves of \$947,051.00 for a total of \$6,673,843.00. Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority \$137,765.61.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Nancy I Russell
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Kim Buchan
City Clerk

Motion by Grant, seconded by Evans to waive 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 1209. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Dehart, Russell, and Grant.

Mayor Russell opened the regular meeting of the Gordon City Council.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: Evans, Dehart, Grant, and Bounous. Abstain: Russell.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Grant to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021 special meeting. Ayes: Dehart, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

The August 2021 Treasurer's Report was not available from Gardner, Loutzenhiser, and Ryan.

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

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 | Fleet Services | SU | \$1,291.46 |
| EFTPS | FNBO | FE | \$415.73 |
| EFTPS | NE Dept of Revenue | RE | \$5,331.04 |
| RS1277 | Emergency Medical Products | EX | \$435.39 |
| RS1278 | Grocery Mart | SU | \$199.66 |
| 50746 | Payroll Fund | SA | \$40,795.93 |
| 50820 | Amazon.com | EX | \$1,671.55 |
| 50821 | Consolidated Management | SE | \$30.16 |
| 50822 | Centurion Technologies | SE | \$50.00 |
| 50823 | Fur-Fish-Game | SU | \$17.95 |
| 50824 | Gordon Chamber of Commerce | FE | \$725.00 |
| 50825 | Ingram | SU | \$47.20 |
| 50826 | Library Petty Cash | RE | \$50.90 |
| 50827 | NE Library Commission | SE | \$500.00 |
| 50828 | See The Trainer | SU | \$10.00 |
| 50829 | Xerox | EX | \$146.56 |
| 50830 | Manna Systems & Consulting | EX | \$716.00 |
| 50831 | Payroll Fund | SA | \$37,151.08 |
| 50832 | Airport Authority | RE | \$353.78 |
| 50833 | Airport Bond Savings | RE | \$289.87 |
| 50834 | City of Gordon | RE | \$199.62 |
| 50835 | CNH Capital | SU | \$234.65 |

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| 50836 | Katie Brotherton | RE | \$3.61 |
| 50837 | DAS State Accounting | SE | \$224.00 |
| 50838 | Madison Natl Life | EX | \$75.90 |
| 50839 | NE Law Enforcement Tr Ctr | SU | \$108.25 |
| 50840 | NE Law Enforcement Tr Ctr | FE | \$135.00 |
| 50841 | BH Energy | SE | \$559.53 |
| 50842 | Sales Tax MM | RE | \$14,744.20 |
| 50843 | Special Assessment Bond Fund | RE | \$444.06 |
| 50844 | USPS | FE | \$177.32 |
| 50845 | Verizon | SE | \$80.02 |

Total September Paid Bills \$107,215.42

UNPAID BILLS

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|-------|-------------------------------|----|-------------|
| 50847 | Arnold Pool Company | SU | 162.95 |
| 50848 | Arrow Manufacturing | SU | \$244.00 |
| 50849 | C & R Electronics | SE | \$234.60 |
| 50850 | Dan Bishop | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50851 | BC/BS | EX | \$15,575.29 |
| 50852 | Customized Billing | SE | \$225.00 |
| 50853 | Hannah Calkins | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50854 | Joe Carr | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50855 | Siyota Fast Horse | RE | \$36.77 |
| 50856 | Diamond Vogel | SU | \$364.10 |
| 50857 | DAS State Acct | SE | \$66.00 |
| 50858 | First National Bank of Omaha | SU | \$885.30 |
| 50859 | JD Financial | SU | \$256.64 |
| 50860 | Farmer's Coop | SU | \$488.67 |
| 50861 | Fish Trucking | SU | \$425.00 |
| 50862 | Scott Fisher | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50863 | Scott Fleming | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50864 | GMHS | SE | \$187.68 |
| 50865 | GMHS | SE | \$280.00 |
| 50866 | Great Plains Communications | SE | \$1,564.99 |
| 50867 | Grocery Mart | SU | \$8.96 |
| 50868 | Gworks | SE | \$3,780.00 |
| 50869 | Greenamyre Contractor | SE | \$15,350.00 |
| 50870 | General Fund Money Market | EX | \$12,000.00 |
| 50871 | Hinn's Auto Supply | SU | \$456.96 |
| 50872 | Homestead Building Supply | SU | \$81.58 |
| 50873 | Husker Steel | SU | \$7,159.00 |
| 50874 | Rylan Heesacker | SE | \$288.75 |
| 50875 | Hawkins | SU | \$1,187.33 |
| 50876 | Clay Heath | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50877 | Clay Heath | RE | \$150.83 |
| 50878 | Insurance Fund Money Market | EX | \$13,000.00 |
| 50879 | Gardner, Loutzenhiser, & Ryan | SE | \$800.00 |
| 50880 | Lynn Peavey Co | SU | \$128.50 |
| 50881 | Lee's Repair | SE | \$1,682.15 |

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| 50882 | Brandon Mika | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50883 | Brandon Mika | RE | \$25.40 |
| 50884 | Joe McGough | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50885 | NPPD | SE | \$8,894.42 |
| 50886 | NE Total Office | SU | \$265.09 |
| 50887 | NW Pipe Fittings | SU | \$459.89 |
| 50888 | NE Dept of Agriculture | FE | \$175.00 |
| 50889 | NE Dept of Env & Energy | SE | \$520.00 |
| 50890 | One-Call Concepts | SE | \$61.56 |
| 50891 | Powerplan | SE | \$9,310.44 |
| 50892 | Sam Piper | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50893 | Petty Cash Fund | RE | \$177.80 |
| 50894 | Panhandle Sales & Service | SE | \$159.00 |
| 50895 | Shane Pascale | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50896 | Radiology Imaging Nebraska | SE | \$27.00 |
| 50897 | NE Public Health Env Lab | SE | \$48.00 |
| 50898 | Glen Spaugh | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50899 | Dan Sasse | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50900 | Stockmen's Drug | SU | \$18.76 |
| 50901 | Sheridan County Journal | SE | \$574.95 |
| 50902 | Smith, King, Simmons, & Conn | SE | \$200.00 |
| 50903 | True Value | SU | \$1,503.85 |
| 50904 | USA Bluebook | SU | \$372.95 |
| 50905 | Rocky Mountain Air Solutions | FE | \$198.38 |
| 50906 | Van Diest | SU | \$5,557.41 |
| 50907 | Westco | SU | \$3,579.55 |
| 50908 | Water Reserve Fund | EX | \$2,000.00 |
| 50909 | Water/Sewer Bond Fund | EX | \$17,200.00 |
| 50910 | Kevin Wolkins | RE | \$50.00 |
| 50911 | Keith Wolkins | RE | \$50.00 |
| | Total September Unpaid Bills | | \$129,100.50 |
| | Total September Paid Bills | | \$107,215.42 |
| | Total September Bills | | \$236,315.92 |

Cheryl Ginkens, on behalf of the Ukena Foundation, requested to address council regarding the condition of the parks and swimming pool over the past summer. Mrs. Ginkens stated that she was representing numerous citizens that were very upset regarding the lack of maintenance of our swimming pool and Wayland and Winship parks. Councilman Bounous stated that he had been contacted by several individuals with the same concerns. City Manager Spaugh cited several reasons for the lack of maintenance, the most impactful being the lack of personnel. Tracy Baseggio and Mary Young also addressed council in regard to how neglected the parks and pool had been. City Manager Spaugh informed those present of the repairs that had been done at the pool this season, including the new handicap stairs, and of the upcoming repairs. New chlorinators will be installed, but this project must be engineered and approved by the State of Nebraska. This project has been started and the engineering will be completed this fall. Council and city staff will be reviewing the concerns and implementing plans to avoid these issues in the future.

Item N: Ordinance 1210 regarding mobile homes in the City of Gordon was not completed in time for the meeting. It will be on the October agenda.

Exit Mayor Russell.

City Manager Spaugh and Rescue Chief Misty Belsky have completed the needed updates to the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad's Constitution and Bylaws, a copy of which was given to all council members. Motion by Dehart, seconded by Bounous to approve the updates and adopt the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad's Constitution and Bylaws. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Dehart. No Vote: Russell.

Enter Mayor Russell.

City Manager Spaugh presented council with information on ArchiveSocial, a company that archives all social media posts made by public entities. The City of Gordon, the Gordon Police Department, and the Gordon Library all have Facebook pages which are utilized to get information to the public in a timely manner. All social media posts, and the comments made on them, are public record. In the event of a public records request regarding a post on social media, staff would have to search through all posts made on the sight. Archiving posts using a company like ArchiveSocial would make the search much quicker and guarantee that there is a record of the posts. After some discussion, motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans to table Item P: Archive Social Presentation to the October meeting and to request that City Manager Spaugh do more research including other companies that provide the same service. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Dehart, Russell, and Grant.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Dehart to approve the 2021 Gordon Volunteer Fire Department roster as presented and to thank them for there service to the community. Ayes: Evans, Dehart, Russell, Grant, and Bounous.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Bounous to pass Resolution 2021-15. Ayes: Dehart, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

Resolution 2021-15
Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of
Program Compliance Form 2021

Whereas, State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas, State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification form.

Be it resolved that the Mayor of Gordon is hereby authorized to sign the attached Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form.

Attest:

Kim Buchan
City Clerk

Barb Baker addressed council during the Public Comments section regarding her request to complete a speed study on Highway 27 north of 4th Street. City Manager Spaugh has contacted Alan Swanson with

the Nebraska Department of Transportation to request the study be completed. City Manager Spaugh has not received a response from NDOT yet, but will inform Ms. Baker when he has new information for her.

With no further business, motion by Bounous, seconded by Grant to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Dehart.

/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 September 9, 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