

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 10, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the City Auditorium. The Mayor noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: No One.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Evans, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting. Ayes: Dehart, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Grant to approve the December 2021 Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Dehart.

The January 2022 Treasurer's Report was not available from Gardner, Loutzenheiser and Ryan.

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

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	\$1,934.36
EFTPS	FNBO	FE	\$405.87
EFTPS	NE Dept of Revenue	RE	\$3,003.18
EFTPS	Ameritas	EX	\$323.20
EFTPS	AFLAC	EX	\$1,529.70
EFTPS	NE Dept of Revenue	RE	\$2,348.52
EFTPS	NW Mutual	EX	\$627.93
EFTPS	Vision Care Direct	EX	\$235.46
GF1022	First National Bank	EX	\$19,497.38
RS1282	JD Financial	SU	\$216.79
RS1283	Grocery Mart	SU	\$23.40
EDEP	Payroll Electronic Deposits	SA	\$24,272.19
EFTPS	Electronic Federal Tax System	EX	\$8,222.68
EFTPS	State of NE Child Support Serv	RE	\$115.39
51315	City of Gordon	RE	\$430.00
51316	Flex Spending	RE	\$407.50
51317	NW Mutual	RE	\$2,903.34
51318	Sales Tax Infrastructure MM	RE	\$15,618.80
51319	Special Assessment BF MM	RE	\$384.33
51320	Airport Authority	RE	\$2,203.95
51321	Airport Bond Savings	RE	\$1,760.35
GF1023	American Signal Corporation	EX	\$18,089.47
51322	EMC	SE	\$187.50
51323	Madison National Life	EX	\$58.83

51324	Municipal Code Services	SE	\$80.00
51325	BH Energy	SE	\$2,475.23
51326	USPS	SE	\$180.35
51327	Verizon	SE	\$80.02
EDEP	Payroll Electronic Deposits	SA	\$20,865.79
EFTPS	Electronic Federal Tax System	EX	\$6,573.72
EFTPS	State of NE Child Support Serv	RE	\$115.39
51328	NW Mutual	RE	\$2,449.28

Total February Paid Bills **\$137,619.90**

UNPAID BILLS

51330	C & R Electronics	SE	\$99.15
51331	Dan Bishop	RE	\$50.00
51332	The Business Connection	EX	\$375.59
51333	Tony Bishop	RE	\$50.00
51334	Blue360	SU	\$87.75
51335	Hannah Calkins	RE	\$50.00
51336	Joe Carr	RE	\$50.00
51337	VOID	VOID	VOID
51338	DAS State Acct	SE	\$66.00
51339	Epoch Times	SU	\$159.00
51340	First National Bank of Omaha	SU	\$259.88
51341	JD Financial	SU	\$234.09
51342	Scott Fisher	RE	\$50.00
51343	Scott Fleming	RE	\$50.00
51344	Great Plains Communications	SE	\$1,679.86
51345	Grocery Mart	SU	\$48.55
51346	General Fund Money Market	EX	\$12,000.00
51347	Hinn's Auto Supply	SU	\$383.25
51348	Homestead	SU	\$181.09
51349	Hydro Optimization	SE	\$428.00
51350	Clay Heath	RE	\$50.00
51351	Insurance Fund Money Market	EX	\$13,000.00
51352	Gardner, Loutzenhiser, & Ryan	SE	\$800.00
51353	Library Petty Cash	RE	\$39.96
51354	Brandon Mika	RE	\$50.00
51355	McLeods	SU	\$716.85
51356	Mid-States Organized Crime	FE	\$100.00
51357	Amy McGough	RE	\$20.29
51358	Joe McGough	RE	\$50.00
51359	NPPD	SE	\$5,633.73
51360	NE Total Office	SU	\$135.45
51361	NWRPPD	SE	\$2,464.49
51362	Verizon Connect	SE	\$80.95
51363	Powerplan	SE	\$830.47
51364	Sam Piper	RE	\$50.00
51365	Petty Cash Fund	RE	\$240.19
51366	Panhandle Sales & Service	SE	\$260.00
51367	Shane Pascale	RE	\$50.00

51368	Quill	SU	\$48.67
51369	Wyoming First Aid	SU	\$70.36
51370	Reina's Welding	SE	\$300.00
51371	Sargent Drilling Co	SE	\$1,500.00
51372	Summit Fire Protection	SE	\$708.36
51373	NE Public Health Env Lab	SE	\$48.00
51374	Glen Spaugh	RE	\$50.00
51375	Dan Sasse	RE	\$50.00
51376	Schumacher's Irrigation	SE	\$1,282.68
51377	Sheridan County Journal	SE	\$681.75
51378	Doris Spaugh	SU	\$71.65
51379	Smith, King, Simmons, & Conn	SE	\$795.05
51380	True Value	SU	\$678.27
51381	Triangle Electric	SE	\$4,487.16
51382	Traveler's Insurance	SE	\$7,621.00
51383	Westco	SU	\$1,453.30
51384	Water Reserve Fund	EX	\$2,000.00
51385	Water/Sewer Bond Fund	EX	\$17,200.00
51386	Kevin Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
51387	Keith Wolkins	RE	\$50.00
51388	Xerox	EX	\$218.22
51389	Display Sales	SU	\$912.00
51390	DAS State Acct	SE	\$224.00
Total February Unpaid Bills			\$81,375.06
Total February Paid Bills			\$137,619.90
Total February Bills			\$218,994.96

Due to a publication error made by the city clerk, the application made by Julie Otte, Essence, for a Class C Liquor License needs to be approved at this meeting. Motion by Dehart, seconded by Evans to approve the application made by Julie Otte, Essence, for a Class C Liquor License. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Dehart, Russell, and Grant.

Emily Morris and Ryan Chavez, Casey Peterson, Ltd., presented the 2020-2021 audit via conference call. 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. A single audit was required this year because of the Airport Runway Project. No compliance issues were found in the single audit. Motion by Evans, seconded by Dehart to accept the 2020-2021 audit as presented. Ayes: Evans, Dehart, Russell, Grant, and Bounous.

Street Superintendent Dan Bishop was present to review with council the 2022 One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan. The downtown parking stalls have been removed from the plan, as the State of Nebraska is assuming responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the parking stalls. Mr. Bishop also informed council that the contractor doing the highway project is unable to take on the city's street project. He is in the process of working with another contractor so that the project can begin late summer. No action was taken on the One & Six Year Plan.

The current Resolution establishing the rates and regulations for the Gordon Cemetery does not specify costs incurred for funerals held on holidays recognized by the city. Resolution 2022-01 establishes these rates. Motion by Dehart, seconded by Grant to pass Resolution 2022-01. Ayes: Dehart, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

RESOLUTION 2022-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR SERVICES AT THE GORDON CEMETERY.

WHEREAS, the City Council has passed and adopted Ordinance #483 pertaining to codification of the ordinances of the City of Gordon, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set certain rules, regulations, and fees to coincide with Ordinance #483, and

WHEREAS, the costs the City of Gordon incurs to provide services for the Gordon Cemetery have increased in past years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following rates for the Gordon Cemetery are established effective February 10, 2022, upon passage and publication of Resolution 2022-01.

OLD SECTION:

Half Lot (2 burials)	\$100 + \$200 perpetual care
Full Lot (4 burials)	\$200 + \$400 perpetual care
Single Burial Space	\$ 75 + \$150 perpetual care
Filing Fee with County	\$ 16

NEW SECTION:

Half Lot (2 burials)	\$100 + \$200 perpetual care
Monument Base (Half Lot)	\$300
Full Lot (4 burials)	\$200 + \$400 perpetual care
Monument Base (Full Lot)	\$600
Filing Fee with County	\$ 16

Sale of single burial spaces in the new section of the cemetery must have pre-approval of the Gordon Cemetery Sexton and the Gordon City Manager.

GRAVE OPENING & CLOSING FEES:

Infant Grave (Under 2 Years of Age)	\$200
Small Grave	\$300
Large Grave	\$450
Cremation	\$200
Frost Removal	\$100
Snow Removal	\$100
Windbreak/Tent	\$ 50
Equipment Setup	\$ 50

There will be no funerals scheduled for Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or holidays. Funerals held on **Saturday morning** and disinterment will be billed at one and a half (1½) times the regular rate. Funerals allowed on a city observed holiday will be billed at two (2) times the regular rate. Both Saturday morning and holiday funerals must have approval of the Gordon Cemetery Sexton and the Gordon City Manager

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

/s/ Nancy I Russell

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan

City Clerk

.City Manager Glen Spaugh reviewed Resolution 2022-02 with the council. The current Resolution contains rates for items that are no longer rented to the public. After some discussion, motion by Dehart, seconded by Grant to pass Resolution 2022-02. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Dehart.

RESOLUTION 2022-02

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE RENTAL OF THE GORDON COMMUNITY BUILDING, ALSO KNOWN AS THE AUDITORIUM OR GYMNASIUM.

WHEREAS, new guidelines need to be adopted for the protection of the taxpayer property known as the Gordon Community Building, and

WHEREAS, this same building is referenced as the City Auditorium or City Gymnasium, and

WHEREAS, the rental rates need to be adjusted to coincide with the new regulations for usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following rates and regulations for the Gordon Community Building are established and effective February 10, 2022, upon passage and publication of Resolution 2022-02.

LOCATION	CIVIC / EDUCATIONAL	NON- COMMERCIAL / RELIGIOUS	COMMERCIAL
KITCHEN	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNCIL ROOM	No Charge	N/A	N/A
MULTI- PURPOSE	No Charge	\$15.00	\$50.00
MULTI- PURPOSE WITH KITCHEN USE	No Charge	\$30.00	\$65.00
CONFERENCE ROOM	No Charge	\$10.00	\$15.00
GYM	No Charge	\$20.00	\$60.00
GYM/DANCE	No Charge	\$20.00	\$60.00

Tables and chairs are not offered for off-premises rental. However, they are allowed to be used in the facility.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

Russell

/s/ Nancy I

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan
City Clerk

Jerod & Eva Petersen have applied for a Subdivision Approval. This subdivision was approved by the Gordon Planning Commission and is now being presented to the city council for approval. After some discussion, motion by Evans, seconded by Dehart to pass Resolution 2022-04. Ayes: Grant, Bounous, Evans, Dehart, and Russell.

**CITY OF GORDON, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04
SUBDIVISION APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, The Church of God, Gordon, Nebraska, owns certain described property more particularly described as:

(11) and East 55' of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), North 15' of the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Eleven South 45' of the East 55' of Lot Eleven (11), Block Fourteen (14), Original Town, Gordon, Sheridan County, Nebraska

WHEREAS the Applicant, Jerod and Eva Petersen, have entered into an agreement or other arrangement with the Church of Gordon, Gordon, Nebraska to subdivide the aforescribed property to create a separate tract which may be conveyed to Jerod and Eva Petersen to be described as follows:

Gordon, A part of Lot Eleven (11) in Block Fourteen (14) of the Original Town (now City) of Sheridan County, Nebraska, bounded and described as follows:

from the Southwest Corner of Block Fourteen (14), thence North along the West line of Block Fourteen (14), a distance of 175'; thence East along the North line of Lot Eleven (11) in Block Fourteen (14), a distance of 70' to the point of beginning; thence continuing East along the North line of Lot Eleven (11) a distance of 15', thence South 15' parallel with the East line of Lot Eleven (11), thence West and parallel with the North line of Lot Eleven (11) a distance of 15', thence North a distance of 15' to the point of beginning.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council of Gordon, Nebraska, does hereby approve and grant permission for the subdivision of the property as requested by the Applicants, Jerod and Eva Petersen, and more specifically to permit the subdivision of the following tract of real estate as requested:

A part of Lot Eleven (11) in Block Fourteen (14) of the Original Town (now City) of Gordon, Sheridan County, Nebraska, bounded and described as follows:

from the Southwest Corner of Block Fourteen (14), thence North along the West line of Block Fourteen (14), a distance of 175'; thence East along the North line of Lot Eleven (11) in Block Fourteen (14), a distance of 70' to the point of beginning; thence continuing East along the North line of Lot Eleven (11) a distance of 15', thence South 15' parallel with the East line of Lot Eleven (11), thence West and parallel with the North line of Lot Eleven (11) a distance of 15', thence North a distance of 15' to the point of beginning.

It is further resolved that this Resolution be made a part of the record of such real estate so that the record title owners shall have the power and right to own and/or convey each parcel separately from the other parcel.

DATED this 10th day of February, 2022

/s/ Nancy I Russell
MAYOR, City of Gordon, Nebraska

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Buchan
CITY CLERK

Council was given a copy of the purchase agreement with the Estate of Gordon Greenamyre to purchase Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 4 W.M.L. Addition. The purchase price is \$10,500 with the city paying all closing costs. Motion by Evans, seconded by Dehart to allow Mayor Russell to sign the Greenamyre purchase agreement as presented. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Dehart, Russell, and Grant.

The Tystad family has presented the city with a counter offer for the purchase of the property surrounding the City of Gordon's lagoons. Councilmember Bounous expressed concerns regarding giving the Tystad family hunting rights on this property, sighting the possible need for increased insurance and possible damage to the lagoon system. After some discussion, motion by Evans, seconded by Grant to decline the request for hunting rights on the property, to allow the request to move cattle on the south edge of the property, but to limit it to the current owner and accept all other items in the counter offer as presented. Ayes: Evans, Dehart, Russell, Grant, and Bounous.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans to approve the application made by Harley Carr to become a member of the Gordon Volunteer Rescue Squad and to thank him for his service. Ayes: Dehart, Russell, Grant, Bounous, and Evans.

The City of Gordon has received the 2022 (P)ACE contribution in the amount of \$3,117. Chief of Police Clay Heath has requested that \$2,000 of the contribution be designated for the purchase of an in-car police camera, and Cemetery Sexton Dan Bishop has requested the remaining funds be designated toward the purchase of an electronic cemetery directory. Motion by Bounous, seconded by Dehart to designate the (P)ACE funds as requested by Chief Heath and Sexton Bishop. Ayes: Russell, Grant, Bounous, Evans, and Dehart.

Motion by Bounous, seconded by Evans to designate City Manager Glen Spaugh as the Primary Representative and Vice-Mayor Kelly Grant as the Secondary Representative to the SWANN Board. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Dehart, and Russell. Abstaining: Grant

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Grant to allow Mayor Russell to sign the Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation. Ayes: Bounous, Evans, Dehart, Russell, and Grant.

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, there are individuals and families in our community 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, 2022, as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and urge citizens to learn more about the consequences of problem gambling.

 /s/ Nancy I Russell

Mayor

Council was given one FYI item – there will be a special meeting of the Gordon City Council on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 pm in the council chambers. The only item on this agenda is the public hearing for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan.

City Manager Glen Spaugh presented council with his February Manager’s Report. No action was taken on any of the items in the report. Items included:

1. The chlorinators for the swimming pool have arrived. The city is waiting to receive bids for the installation.
2. The city is advertising for lifeguards for the 2022 season.
3. The city is advertising for applications for the Public Works Department.
4. Brandi Fleming has been hired as the new custodian for the city.
5. Janet Pascale has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant for the Rescue Squad.
6. Mike & Sherry Smith have donated \$3,500 to offset the wages for the Rescue Squad Administrative Assistant.
7. The Choice Gas Period is April 1 – April 21 this year.

8. Election Reminders: Filing deadline for incumbents is February 15 and non-incumbents is March 1.

Mayor Nancy Russell announced that she will not be seeking re-election this year. Mayor Russell is retiring after twenty-five years of dedicated service to the City of Gordon.

With no further business, motion by Bounous, seconded by Dehart to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Ayes: Evans, Dehart, Russell, Grant 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 10, 2022; 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