February 13, 2025

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 Council President 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., February 13, 2025 in the Council Chambers of the City Auditorium. The Council President noted the location of the Open Meetings Laws in the back of the room.

Present: Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, and Petersen.
Absent: No One.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Evans, to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2025 meeting. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen and Evans.

Motion by Evans, seconded by Woodbeck to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 special meeting. Ayes: Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, Evans, and Gates.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Gates to approve the January 31, 2025 Payroll Warrants. Ayes: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.

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

PAYROLL WARRANTS

EFTPS	**Federal Tax Payment System**	**RE**	**$10,612.57**
EFTPS	**NE Child Support Pymnt Center**	**RE**	**$260.77**
55090	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$4,790.42**
EFTPS	**Ameritas**	**RE**	**$560.24**
EFTPS	**NE Dept of Revenue**	**RE**	**$2,984.63**
EFTPS	**AFLAC**	**RE**	**$2,020.78**
EFTPS	**Ameritas**	**RE**	**$235.68**
EFTPS	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$405.35**
EDEP	**Employee Paychecks 1/31/25**	**SA**	**$34,521.07**
	TOTAL PAYROLL WARRANTS		**$56,391.51**

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Evans to approve the Expense Warrants. Ayes: Petersen, Evans, Gates, Woodbeck and Dehart.

EXPENSE WARRANTS

EFTPS	**General Checking**	**EX**	**$6,500.00**
GF1043	**First National Bank**	**EX**	**$15,691.70**
EFTPS	**Fleet Services**	**SU**	**$1,606.05**
EFTPS	**NE Dept of Revenue**	**RE**	**$3,064.00**
55117	**AT & T Mobility**	**SE**	**$306.30**
55118	**JEO Consulting**	**SE**	**$6,650.00**
55119	**The Business Connection**	**SE**	**$620.59**
55120	**Bauerkemper's**	**SU**	**$161.53**
55121	**Tony Bishop**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55122	**Tim Chaput**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55123	**DAS State Acct**	**SE**	**$268.80**
55124	**Enviro Services**	**SE**	**$72.00**
55125	**Curtis Elder**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55126	**First National Bank of Omaha**	**SU**	**$4,299.77**
55127	**JD Financial**	**SU**	**$308.80**
55128	**Scott Fisher**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55129	**Grocery Mart**	**SU**	**$71.09**
55130	**Greenamyre Contractor & Builder**	**SE**	**$3,750.00**
55131	**General Fund Money Market**	**EX**	**$20,000.00**
55132	**Hinn's Auto Supply**	**SU**	**$414.10**
55133	**Homestead**	**SU**	**$58.36**
55134	**Jerry Hardin**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55135	**Hencey Plumbing**	**SE**	**$3,826.00**
55136	**Hometown Leasing**	**SE**	**$114.27**
55137	**Johnson Hardware**	**SU**	**$65.01**
55138	**Max Meng**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55139	**NPPD**	**SE**	**$6,532.25**
55140	**NW Pipe**	**SU**	**$3,474.08**
55141	**Verizon Connect**	**SE**	**$87.25**
55142	**One Call Concepts**	**SE**	**$11.40**
55143	**Sam Piper**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55144	**PCC Ambulance Billing**	**SE**	**$801.71**
55145	**Pandhandle Sales & Service**	**SE**	**$625.00**
55146	**Shane Pascale**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55147	**Quill**	**SU**	**$252.23**
55148	**NE Public Health Lab**	**SE**	**$103.00**
55149	**Glen Spaugh**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55150	**Kalon Sauer**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55151	**Sheridan County Journal Star**	**SE**	**$699.17**
55152	**Smith, King and Simmons**	**SE**	**$492.50**
55153	**True Value**	**SU**	**$1,347.84**
55154	**Triangle Electric**	**SE**	**$208.54**
55155	**Westco**	**SU**	**$4,380.64**
55156	**Water Reserve Fund**	**EX**	**$3,000.00**
55157	**Water/Sewer Bond Fund**	**EX**	**$24,500.00**

55158	**Kevin Wolkins**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55159	**Keith Wolkins, Sr**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55160	**Keith Wolkins**	**RE**	**$50.00**

TOTAL EXPENSE WARRANTS **$115,013.98**

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart and Petersen.

Public Comment Speakers:

1. Anne Liebermann – spoke regarding the dismissal of John Reed. Mrs. Liebermann requested that the council provide a reason for his termination. Mrs. Liebermann also stated that the council needs to inform the public of what their vision is for the future of Gordon.
2. Joe Headrick – spoke regarding the search for a new city manager. Mr. Headrick feels that the council should hire a person who is willing to cut the budget and reduce spending.
3. Maureen Hess – expressed her opinion on the dismissal of John Reed. Mrs. Hess stated that she feels Mr. Reed was addressing the current nuisance issues within the city and that the council should state the reason for Mr. Reed's termination. Also, she is concerned about the future of Gordon.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to approve the request made by Jonnie Kusek, Director of Transportation for Open Plains Transit for matching funds from the City of Gordon in the amount of $7,113.66. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen and Evans. Open Plains transit is the public transportation provider for Sheridan County. The phone number to call for the transportation schedule is (308) 761-8747.

Tim Liebermann, Chairman of the Gordon Tree Board presented the Tree Board's 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 Annual Plan. The Tree Board had many accomplishments in 2024, including obtaining grant funds to remove dead and dying trees on public and private property. The board members logged 384.5 volunteer hours in 2024. The plan for 2025 includes replacing trees, which were removed, with trees that are purchased using the grant funds. A full copy of the report and plan is available at the city office. Mr. Liebermann thanked all of the board members and Arborist Jerry Hardin for their hard work. Motion by Gates, seconded by Woodbeck to approve the Gordon Tree Board's 2025 Annual Plan and to approve TJ Moore as a Tree Board member and Carolyn Green as an alternate. Ayes: Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, Evans and Gates.

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Woodbeck to allow President Dehart to sign the Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation. Ayes: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.

Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2025 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds;

WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities;

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole;

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment;

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling invite all residents of Gordon, NE to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

THEREFORE, I, Alyssa Dehart, Council President, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Gordon, NE and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling in their efforts to mitigate gambling-related harm nationwide.

Signature: ____/s/ Alyssa Dehart_____

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Gates to designate the (P)ACE funds towards the replacement of the map and directory case at the Gordon Cemetery. Ayes: Petersen, Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, and Dehart.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Gates to table Item P: Award of Skid Steer Bid to a future meeting. Ayes: Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart and Petersen.

Council was given an update on the Zoning Map of the City of Gordon. The map was updated in June, 2016. Since that date, there have been three zoning changes which need to be incorporated and new maps need to be printed. Glen Spaugh addressed council regarding the proposed survey of the southeast section of Gordon. Mr. Spaugh feels that this needs to be postponed since Kim Rosane has applied for zoning changes in this location. No action was taken on this item.

With no further business, motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen and Evans.

___/s/ Kim Buchan_____ ____/s/ Alyssa Dehart_____
City Clerk Council President

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 13, 2025 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