March 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., March 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 February 27, 2025 meeting. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen and Evans.

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

Motion by Gates, seconded by Petersen to approve the February 28, 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 LIABILITIES

EFTPS	**Federal Tax Payment System**	**RE**	**$10,512.74**
EFTPS	**NE Child Support Pymnt Center**	**RE**	**$260.77**
55162	**City of Gordon**	**RE**	**$690.00**
55166	**Flex Spending**	**RE**	**$100.00**
55167	**Janelle Hotz**	**RE**	**$91.84**
55178	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$4,206.88**
55179	**NW Mutual**	**RE**	**$4,052.76**
EDEP	**Employee Paychecks 2/28/25**	**SA**	**$33,252.13**
	TOTAL PAYROLL WARRANTS		**$53,167.12**

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

EXPENSE WARRANTS

EFTPS	**BOK Financial**	**EX**	**$58,152.50**
EFTPS	**Fleet Services**	**SU**	**$1,763.52**
EFTPS	**NE Dept of Revenue**	**RE**	**$2,951.48**
EFTPS	**NE Dept of Revenue**	**RE**	**$3,027.55**
55197	**BC Tire**	**SU**	**$3,283.00**
55198	**AT & T Mobility**	**SE**	**$306.30**
55199	**Brewer Bucket Truck**	**SE**	**$6,025.00**
55200	**The Business Connection**	**SE**	**$557.44**
55201	**Bauerkemper's**	**SU**	**$118.57**
55202	**Tony Bishop**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55203	**City of Gordon**	**RE**	**$98.10**
55204	**Tim Chaput**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55205	**Hannah Calkins**	**RE**	**$72.07**
55206	**DAS State Acct**	**SE**	**$268.80**
55207	**DAS State Acct**	**FE**	**$77.00**
55208	**Bound Tree**	**SU**	**$380.19**
55209	**Curtis Elder**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55210	**First National Bank of Omaha**	**SU**	**$1,385.61**
55211	**JD Financial**	**SU**	**$1,008.46**
55212	**Scott Fisher**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55213	**Grocery Mart**	**SU**	**$92.60**
55214	**General Fund Money Market**	**EX**	**$20,000.00**
55215	**Hinn's Auto Supply**	**SU**	**$558.46**
55216	**Homestead**	**SU**	**$28.98**
55217	**Core & Main**	**SU**	**$315.10**
55218	**Huck's Lazerwash**	**SE**	**$800.00**
55219	**Jerry Hardin**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55220	**Hometown Leasing**	**SE**	**$114.27**
55221	**Insurance Fund Money Market**	**EX**	**$12,000.00**
55222	**Jefco Glass**	**SE**	**$953.37**
55223	**Max Meng**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55224	**NPPD**	**SE**	**$6,111.07**
55225	**NW Rural Public Power**	**SE**	**$2,752.00**
55226	**NW Pipe**	**SU**	**$51.65**
55227	**Verizon Connect**	**SE**	**$87.25**
55228	**One Call Concepts**	**SE**	**$9.84**
55229	**Open Range Beef**	**RE**	**$100.00**
55230	**Sam Piper**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55231	**PCC Ambulance Billing**	**SE**	**$893.52**
55232	**Petty Cash**	**RE**	**$478.47**
55233	**Marchelle Paul**	**RE**	**$1,021.05**
55234	**Shane Pascale**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55235	**Quill**	**SU**	**$33.58**
55236	**Sargent Drilling Co**	**SE**	**$1,400.00**
55237	**Simpson's Printing**	**SU**	**$706.00**
55238	**Glen Spaugh**	**RE**	**$50.00**

55239	**Stockmen's Drug**	**SU**	**$509.03**
55240	**Kalon Sauer**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55241	**Sheridan County Journal Star**	**SE**	**$1,200.20**
55242	**Smith, King and Simmons**	**SE**	**$773.75**
55243	**True Value**	**SU**	**$615.32**
55244	**Triangle Electric**	**SE**	**$4,432.94**
55245	**Westco**	**SU**	**$1,993.45**
55246	**Water Reserve Fund**	**EX**	**$3,000.00**
55247	**Water/Sewer Bond Fund**	**EX**	**$24,500.00**
55248	**Kevin Wolkins**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55249	**Keith Wolkins, Sr**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55250	**Keith Wolkins**	**RE**	**$50.00**
55251	**Eagle Communications**	**SE**	**$55.00**
55252	**Phil Harris**	**RE**	**$1.90**
55253	**Yaneimis Lopez**	**RE**	**$100.00**
	TOTAL EXPENSE WARRANTS		**$165,814.39**

Due to city officials not receiving all of the bids for the city office and police department copiers, no action was taken on awarding the bid for the copiers.

Jake Stewart, Executive Director of the Solid Waste Agency of NW Nebraska (SWANN), was present to discuss SWANN operations and projects and to answer any questions from the council or the public in attendance. Councilman Gates raised the issue of the condition of some of the dumpsters in town. Several have large holes in the sides and bottoms. Mr. Stewart stated that he is planning to have many of the dumpsters that are in good shape painted to prevent rusting. Councilman Woodbeck asked if there was an annual inspection in place to identify the dumpsters that need repair or replacement. Mr. Stewart stated that SWANN relies on the drivers to identify and report these dumpsters. Joe Headrick asked Mr. Stewart why the SWANN rates didn't increase more when the price of gas increased. Because of this, Mr. Headrick feels that SWANN has been overcharging in the past. Mr. Headrick also wondered why it was necessary to have two garbage pick-ups per week. Mr. Stewart stated that SWANN had recently taken over the solid waste collection for the City of Hemingford. Prior to this, the private contractor only had one weekly pick-up. To accommodate this, there were twice as many dumpsters, meaning that twice as much trash collected within the city during the week. Mr. Stewart feels that the citizens of Hemingford are much happier having the twice a week pick-up. Councilman Petersen asked if there were any plans to start collecting recycling materials. Mr. Stewart stated that the cost associated with recycling cardboard and those types of materials is high and it is almost impossible to keep these materials dry, which is required to send them to a recycling facility. Mr. Stewart will look in to accepting aluminum recycling at the Gordon site.

Mr. Stewart then updated council on the SWANN Baler project. This project began in 2020. They will be breaking ground this spring on the building that will house the new baler. Once completed, this project will increase the efficiency of SWANN. Mr. Stewart also highlighted that currently with the land being utilized for the community site in Gordon has room for 82 more years of solid waste. There is also land available that isn't being used at this time. Mr. Stewart stressed the efforts of SWANN to educate it's customers on safely disposing of waste. He encouraged citizens to go to SWANN's website https://swannsites.com/ as there is information that is valuable in the safe disposal of solid waste.

Council was given information on the 2025 Dr. James Panzer Charitable Foundation donation. This year the city received $43,211. Possible uses of this donation were discussed, including updating the ball park lights at Moore/McCarthy field and the replacement of the curly slide at Fairview Park. No action was taken on this item.

Council was given the February department reports for the police department and the library. Reports for the remaining departments will be on the next agenda.

During the public comments agenda item, Joe Headrick spoke regarding the need to get youth involved in local government. Utility Superintendent Shane Pascale also spoke regarding a prior bill that had been approved by council. When the bill was approved, it was mistakenly identified as the 18" pipe that will become inventory. The items on this invoice were parts used for other projects.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Gates to go into executive session at 6:48 pm for Item N: Employee Review Code Enforcement Officer. Ayes: Evans, Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart and Petersen. The only item to be discussed in executive session is the employee review (personnel issues).

With no action taken, council reconvened in open session at 7:03 pm.

Motion by Gates, seconded by Evans to go into executive session at 7:04 pm for Item O: Review of Resumes submitted for City Manager Position. Ayes: Gates, Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, and Evans. The only item to be discussed in executive session is the review of resumes for the city manager position (personnel issues).

With no action taken, council reconvened in open session at 7:23 pm.

Motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to go into executive session for Item P: Review of Legal Issue. Ayes: Woodbeck, Dehart, Petersen, Evans and Gates. The only item to be discussed in executive session is the review of legal issue.

With no action taken, council reconvened in open session at 7:38 pm.

With no further business, motion by Woodbeck, seconded by Petersen to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Ayes: Dehart, Petersen, Evans, Gates and Woodbeck.

/s/ Kim Buchan
City Clerk

/s/ Alyssa Dehart
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 March 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