

Fiber optics coming to Gothenburg

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City council approves utility pole agreement with company

Faster and better telecommunication capabilities for Internet, telephone and cable television could soon be available in Gothenburg.

A North Platte company, MSI Incorporated, wants to install fiber optic lines on local utility poles that could provide such service.

At its Jan. 21 meeting, the Gothenburg City Council authorized the mayor to negotiate a pole agreement with Mid States Power which is also of North Platte.

Officials wouldn't comment yet on how the companies are involved with the building of and leasing of the service to a provider.

Council members decided to design a pole agreement similar to what the city has with Charter Communications.

Currently Charter is charged a \$10 per pole rental fee by the city to provide services.

Some of the lines will be underground.

City administrator Bruce Clymer said MSI president Greg Renner has a boring machine and has put a lot of wire in other cities for Charter and other companies.

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