

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
DECEMBER 26, 2024**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on December 26, 2024 at 5:05 p.m. at Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Gillen, Seay, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Star-Herald, the designated method of giving notice. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public except as otherwise indicated.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ewing called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

OPEN MEETINGS ACT - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14

Mayor Ewing stated: As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Claims

Claims 12/10/24 – 12/23/24

3 DIRTY BOYS \$272.00, 911 CUSTOM \$3,376.86, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$200.00, ACE HARDWARE \$1,050.80, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$708.25, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. \$616.36, AT&T MOBILITY \$1,589.69, B & C STEEL \$366.17, B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$18.50, BAD BIRDIE GOLF \$471.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$221.71, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$569.04, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$4,677.44, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$711.73, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$4,064.74, BROWN'S SHOE FIT COMPANY \$824.00, CAMPSPOT \$123.50, CHRIS THOMPSON \$780.00, CITY OF GERING \$243.74, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$6,835.56, COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC \$697.29, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$33.00, COZAD SIGNS, LLC \$1,100.00, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. \$82.42, CROELL, INC \$383.00, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO \$561.30, DEMCO, INC \$170.68, DETROIT INDUSTRIAL TOOL \$2,681.44, DOOLEY OIL \$291.28, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,020.74, EAKES INC \$133.12, ECOLAB \$397.15, EFI USA LLC \$22,900.00, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$10,000.00, ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS \$22,638.00, FASTENAL COMPANY \$363.55, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$50.00, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA \$9,107.41, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$618.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$915.07, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$1,271.94, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$4,410.00, FYR-TEK, INC. \$3,240.54, GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY \$869.69, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$468.00, GOOD SAM ENTERPRISES, LLC \$6,885.00, GORSUCH & SONS \$622.50, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$100.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$6,492.50, HAWKINS & COMPANY \$34,132.18, HOWDEN USA COMPANY \$9,088.63, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$545.48, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$233.69, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$447.39, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$58,919.96, INTERNATIONAL INST OF MUNICIPAL \$330.00, INTERSTATE BATTERY \$283.90, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$523.79, J RODZ \$295.00, JANINE SCHMIDT \$75.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP \$6,950.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$18,451.27, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$873.56, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$10,461.78, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$38.75, JORDAN TODD \$184.00, JULIE'S ANTIQUES \$268.75, KEVIN LEHR \$192.59, LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT \$1,454.46, LEGACY COOPERATIVE \$3,604.92, LOCALITY MEDIA INC \$7,400.00, LOGOZ LLC \$461.00, MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC \$913.50, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$581.70, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$192.19, MAXWELL PRODUCTS INC. \$16,226.16, MENARDS \$894.73, MIDWEST CONNECT \$3,334.94, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$322,317.72, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$714.93, NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$307.34, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE \$51,021.60, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$210.00, NOREGON SYSTEMS, LLC \$179.95, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$22.46, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$76.36, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORE \$41.88, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$200.00, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50, PATTEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$1,108.66, PETE'S QUICK LUBE \$117.52, PING INC \$496.65, POWERPLAN OIB \$74.64, PROTEX CENTRAL, INC. \$4,883.98, PVB VISA \$11,084.02, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$709.54, RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$12,500.00, RIVERSTONE BANK \$627.50, RVW INC \$361.00, RYAN'S WELDING LLC \$40.00, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$2,556.70, SCB CO PUBLIC TRANSIT \$5,000.00, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$44.00, SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE \$316.23, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY \$325.10, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$34.00, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY VOLUNTEER CENTER \$4,000.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$213.25, SCS ENGINEERS \$1,200.00, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$16,783.00, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$2,680.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$831.48, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$4,488.15, TEAM CHEVROLET \$578.01, TERESA TOSH \$41,450.83, TERRY CARPENTER, INC. \$650.00, TITAN MACHINERY INC. \$34,644.68, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV \$75.00, TRANSWEST \$373.49, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD \$3,800.31, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$236.38, WARRIOR RUN \$1,575.08, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$3,640.65, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$350.00, TOTAL \$839,724.62

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Seay, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Satisfaction Of Agreement regarding a 1996 Lease Purchase Agreement by and between the City of Gering Leasing Corporation and the City of Gering for a new municipal golf course and related facilities

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Satisfaction Of Agreement regarding a 1996 Lease Purchase Agreement by and between the City of Gering Leasing Corporation and the City of Gering for a new municipal golf course and related facilities. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Seay, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Form 521, Real Estate Transfer Statement, for property located at 2550 Clubhouse Drive, Gering, NE

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Form 521, Real Estate Transfer Statement, for property located at 2550 Clubhouse Drive, Gering, NE. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Seay, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Form 521-AFF, Affidavit Refuting Foreign Government Affiliation

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Form 521-AFF, Affidavit Refuting Foreign Government Affiliation. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Seay, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

(Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.) None.

OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only. None.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Gillen. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Seay, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

