

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Gillen and Councilmembers Shields, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Ewing and Administrator Heath. 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**

Council President Gillen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse Councilmember absence (None)

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

Council President Gillen 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 Council President. 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 the Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. Approve minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Approve January, 2023 Financial Report

**Claims 2/14/23 thru 2/27/23**

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$710.74, 24/7 FITNESS \$211.00, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$150.00, AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE \$1,512.60, ACE HARDWARE \$109.93, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$379.60, ALLIANCE PUBLISHING COMPANY INC \$100.50, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$272.93, AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING \$6,063.25, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$566.84, BACKFLOW APPARATUS & VALVLE CO \$952.30, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$165.00, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$503.81, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$3,327.47, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00, CENGAGE LEARNING/GAGE \$554.18, CHASE DANIELZUK \$67.00, CITY OF GERING \$16,209.15, CORE & MAIN LP \$1,665.10, COZAD SIGNS, LLC \$125.00, CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES \$3.54, CROSSROADS COOPERATIVE \$1,299.12, DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT CENTER \$194.39, DLT SOLUTIONS, INC. \$1,232.55, DOCU-SHRED LLC \$38.05, DOMINIC WILLIAMS \$33.00, EAKES INC \$161.80, ECOLAB \$238.50, ELITE TOTAL FITNESS \$153.00, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$189.50, ESC ENGINEERING \$1,135.00, FASTENAL COMPANY \$471.16, FEDEX \$26.64, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$550.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$5,242.19, FRANCISCOS BUMPER TO BUMPER IN \$345.00, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$169.73, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$121.00, GOOD SAM ENTERPRISES, LLC \$647.40, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$126.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$169.22, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$78.65, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$997.95, INLAND POTABLE SERVICES, INC. \$5,850.00, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$40,528.84, INTERSTATE BATTERY \$141.95, INTRALINKS, INC. \$838.00, J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS \$619.40, JEFFREY VANCE \$130.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,241.82, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$690.93, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$7,306.83, KANSAS GOLF & TURF INC \$2,075.88, KENT EWING \$361.21, LEE ENTERPRISES \$35.67, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$5,400.00, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$103.00, MEAT SHOPPE \$22,853.31, MEL'S MOBILE LOCK & KEY \$1,133.16, MENARDS \$1,194.60, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$407.31, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$800.80, NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) \$13,578.36, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$1,298.59, NE DEPT. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$40.00, NE DEPT. OF REVENUE \$70,204.01, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$360.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,694.13, NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. \$583.18, NEBRASKA SAFETY AND FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC \$116.85, NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN CO. \$9,106.33, NEBRASKA SECRETARY OF STATE \$30.00, NKC TIRE \$40.00, NMC INCORPORATED \$2,062.85, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORE \$13.99, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$275.43, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$953.00, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50, PLATTE VALLEY BANK \$530.55, POWERPLAN OIB \$113.31, PRECISION AIR \$954.02, PSI DIGITAL IMAGING SOLUTIONS \$383.10, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$1,153.49, PVB VISA \$23,646.91, QUADIENT LEASING USA \$1,961.61, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$38,273.28, RICH'S WRECKING & USED CARS, I \$60.00, RIVERSTONE BANK \$587.28, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$595.29, SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY \$114.00, SARAH WYNN \$425.00, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$40.00, SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE \$316.23, SCOTTS BLUFF CO.

CONSOLIDATED \$125.00, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$378.21, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY TREASURER \$12,270.55, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$273.25, SCS ENGINEERS \$34,882.00, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$1,200.00, SETH DEBOER \$67.00, SHAWNA WINCHELL \$820.00, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$1,990.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$239.87, SPECIALTY ELECTRICS, INC \$19,945.00, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$1,408.18, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY \$2,094.14, TERRY CARPENTER, INC. \$650.00, TROY & LISA WEBORG \$3,862.85, TWIN CITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOC \$12,500.00, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$390.00, UNANIMOUS, INC. \$1,250.00, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$929.41, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$9,470.66, WESTERN STATES BANK \$18,787.54, WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$29,041.13, YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$1,006.00, Total \$478,970.95

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

#### **BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

##### **1. Award Bid for Oregon Trail Park Pickleball Courts and Parking Area**

City Engineer, Annie Folck, stated that this is a project the City has been working on for a while; it's being funded with Keno Funds. \$600,000 was budgeted for the entire project. The bids for the courts/post-tension concrete and lighting have already been awarded. This is the third of three big contracts that are part of this contract. This bid is for all of the site work. The contractor will come in and do all the grading, all the prep for the post-tension concrete and they'll do all the concrete walkways around the post-tension concrete. They will also come in and do the parking area which is going to be a crushed concrete surface; it won't be paved but it will have curb and gutter. The City received two bids for this project. The low bid was \$264,275.50 from Mark Chrisman Trucking which was just below the engineer's estimate of \$285,000. With this bid, it puts the project at \$550,000 which is under the \$600,000 that was budgeted. There are other odds and ends and pieces to the project, but this is the bulk of it. Staff are very pleased with this bid and have done some checking because this is not a contractor the City has worked with in the past. This particular contractor did basically the same work at the Gering High School tennis court project and they've done a couple other projects for which City staff called and checked references. Staff feel comfortable awarding this bid to this contractor.

**Motion by Councilmember Shields to award the Oregon Trail Park Pickleball Courts and parking area bid to Mark Chrisman Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$264,275.50. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Second reading of Ordinance No. 2123 – A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ANNEX TO THE CITY OF GERING CERTAIN LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM**

**Councilmember Morrison made a motion to move the second reading of Ordinance 2123 - A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ANNEX TO THE CITY OF GERING CERTAIN LANDS DESCRIBED HEREIN WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

**2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for LB148**

Motion by Councilmember Shields to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for LB148. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": O'Neal. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**3. Request for Public Safety Committee meeting – Agenda items: 1. Consider amendment to ordinance pertaining to ATVs, 2. Consider amendment to Emergency Snow Route Ordinance**

Motion by Councilmember Bohl to approve a request for Public Safety Committee meeting with agenda items: 1. Consider amendment to ordinance pertaining to ATVs, 2. Consider amendment to Emergency Snow Route Ordinance. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Councilmember Cowan to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welf, City Clerk



  
Kent E. Ewing, Mayor