

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, JULY 22, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmembers Shields and Bohl. 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 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

Motion by Councilmember Cowan to approve the absence of Councilmembers Shields and Backus from the July 8, 2024 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Bohl. Motion Carried.

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 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 July 8, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims

Claims 7/9/24 thru 7/22/24

911 CUSTOM \$4,073.14, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$1,035.00, ACE HARDWARE \$1,760.24, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. \$779.40, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$3,637.65, ALLRED BROTHERS FIREWORKS \$6,000.00, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$1,959.61, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE POLYGRAPHERS \$125.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$605.16, ANDERSON & SHAW CONSTRUCTION \$271.55, AT&T MOBILITY \$1,972.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$565.05, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$1,007.03, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$5,483.52, BRENNEN MARTINEZ \$257.00, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00, C & C MANUFACTURING LLC \$381.83, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$1,282.96, CAMPSPOT \$1,220.49, CENGAGE LEARNING/GAGE \$32.79, CITY OF GERING \$26,340.23, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$20,740.75, CLARK PRINTING LLC \$189.05, CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL PRODUCTS \$507.39, COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC \$968.01, CONNECTING POINT \$232.32, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPAN \$253.95, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$1,268.00, COZAD SIGNS, LLC \$550.00, DEMCO, INC \$262.60, DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT CENTER \$1,887.56, DOOLEY OIL \$53.64, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$24,174.53, EAKES INC \$327.26, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$7,412.50, FASTENAL COMPANY \$74.91, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$661.36, FEDEX \$146.84, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA \$9,976.21, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$618.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$17,937.44, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$1,525.15, FRANK POWERSPORTS \$300.00, FRESH FOODS INC. \$1,177.15, FYR-TEK, INC. \$2,720.71, GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY \$58.94, GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC. \$8,940.00, GERING PUBLIC LIBRARY \$3,018.39, GOLDSTAR PRODUCTS INC \$1,085.99, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$100.00, GREGORY'S LOCK SHOP LLC \$16.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$8,072.13, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS \$33.26, HAWKINS, INC. \$3,291.10, HIGH PLAINS AUTO CLUB \$3,500.00, HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES \$67.88, HOMETOWN LEASING \$150.57, HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS, INC. \$137.00, HUSKER AUTO GROUP, LLC \$45,599.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$1,608.46, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING & HEATING \$766.20, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$1,420.87, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$973.10, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$59,310.62, INTERSTATE BATTERY \$299.90, INTRALINKS, INC. \$5,704.39, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$7,542.74, JAMES JACKSON \$95.00, JIRDON AGRI CHEMICALS, INC \$418.00, JM STUCCO \$9,800.00, JOE RAMREZ \$300.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$18,360.06, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$799.83, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$9,902.55, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$107.10, LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT \$41.42, LEGACY COOPERATIVE \$1,795.11, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$1,241.25, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$246.64, MENARDS \$209.19, MIDWEST CONNECT \$2,679.01, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$326,933.28, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT

PAYMENT CENTE \$714.93, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$150.00, NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND EN \$13,531.10, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT \$75.00, NEBRASKA POWER REVIEW BOARD \$1,275.61, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$105.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$4,306.43, NEBRASKA SAFETY AND FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC \$30.00, NMC INCORPORATED \$1,002.38, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$157.22, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$1,565.00, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$1,226.78, PERMA-BOUND \$46.99, PETE'S QUICK LUBE \$72.23, POWERPLAN OIB \$1,403.31, PRECISION AIR \$237.12, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$269.46, PVB VISA \$12,446.35, QUADIENT LEASING USA \$83.58, R & C WELDING & FABRICATION \$300.00, RANDY RAINES \$1,350.00, REGION 22 EMERGENCY MANAG \$4,665.80, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$52,715.98, RIVERSTONE BANK \$606.06, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$4,838.30, SAPP BROS \$14,963.79, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$50.00, SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE \$316.23, SCHANK ROOFING SERVICE \$208,774.70, SCI SALES, LLC \$490.49, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$17.00, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY TREASURER \$3,378.85, SCOTTSBLUFF/GERING STATE GOLF C/O OTCF \$6,000.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$230.67, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$1,000.00, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$1,545.69, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$1,580.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$11,320.40, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY \$894.71, TERESA TOSH \$23,168.07, TERRY CARPENTER, INC. \$650.00, THE TORO COMPANY \$175.00, THOMPSON GLASS, INC. \$200.00, TICO CUSTOMS, LLC \$3,510.13, TOUR EDGE MFG INC \$138.00, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV \$75.00, TRAVIS ENLOW \$296.00, TWIN CITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOC \$12,500.00, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$5,362.50, UNANIMOUS, INC. \$225.00, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$216.78, VERIZON CONNECT \$25.90, W & R INC. \$1,195.24, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$5,147.70, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$284.00, WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$107.17, TOTAL \$1,087,792.11

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

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Agreement for Road Maintenance by and between the City of Gering and the City of Terrytown

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement for Road Maintenance by and between the City of Gering and the City of Terrytown. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Bohl. Motion Carried.

BIDS/PROPOSALS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

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

REPORTS:

1. Liaison Report, Gering Merchants Association, presented by RaNae Garton

Gering Merchant Association Chairperson, RaNae Garton, reported the following:

- The Summer Bash is a free family event held at the Gering Civic Plaza. There is live, local entertainment, food trucks, face painting by the Gering cheerleaders, animals brought in by the zoo, games and bouncy houses for the kids.
- The 2023 Oktoberfest was held last October at the Civic Plaza. This year it will be held on October 12. There will be a Polka band again as well as games, adult beverages and food vendors.
- For Halloween each year, they rally all of the Gering businesses to participate in a trick-or-treating activity in the downtown corridor. It has become very popular in Gering. City departments participate with a Trunk or Treat at the Civic Center parking lot.
- The 2024 Holiday Parade will be held on November 29. It starts at Gardner Park and works south down 10th Street. The Gering American Legion Color Guard leads the parade and Santa makes his grand entrance at the end. They will also have live reindeer again this year in the Holiday Parade.
- Regarding Santa's Village, they made a tough decision to move the Santa's Village to the Gering Civic Plaza. They have auctioned off the village buildings. The Santa House, built by Tom Cozad, will be made into a "museum" for the Gering Merchants. They are working on building smaller buildings which will be more manageable for moving and storage. The village opens every year at the end of the Holiday Parade. All of the buildings are interactive for the kids. They hand out

cookies and hot chocolate and have a mailbox for families to put their letters in. Kids also have an opportunity to talk to Santa. Different groups host the village every week.

- The Gering Merchants thanks the Gering Keno Committee for their continued financial support.
- Ms. Garton also thanked all the City of Gering employees as they could not do what they do without their hard work.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Weiff, City Clerk

