

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
MARCH 13, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent was Councilmember Morrison. 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 there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse Council Member absence

Councilmember Gillen made a motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Ewing from the February 27, 2023 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. 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 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 27, 2023 regular City Council meetings
2. Approve Claims

Claims 2/28/23 thru 3/13/23

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$161.55, ACE HARDWARE \$1,617.08, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$9,807.74, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$3,110.49, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$329,501.00, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$1,527.28, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. \$562.86, AT&T MOBILITY \$195.6, B & C STEEL \$4,268.43, BAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$277.50, BEELINE SERVICE \$350.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$221.71, BERAUN PLUMBING \$91.50, BIBLIONIX LLC \$2,480.00, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$46.80, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$5,166.64, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$373.77, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$2,182.83, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$4,868.65, CHERI HUTCHISON \$1,440.30, CITY OF GERING \$15,577.32, CLARK PRINTING LLC \$69.45, CONNECTING POINT \$16.95, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$69.00, CORE & MAIN LP \$1,022.01, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. \$50.03, CROELL, INC \$427.50, DAVID BROWN \$84.00, DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY \$120.40, DEMCO, INC \$134.24, DOLAN CONSULTING GROUP \$585.00, DOOLEY OIL \$818.95, EAKES INC \$2,131.09, ECOLAB \$31.05, ESI \$518.93, EXPRESS TOLL \$22.25, FASTENAL COMPANY \$592.58, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$797.94, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$550.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$112.48, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$96.10, FYR-TEK, INC. \$502.28, GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY \$956.95, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG., INC. \$299.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$678.50, GWORKS \$6,057.00, HACH COMPANY \$351.16, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS \$120.75, HEALTHBREAK, INC. \$610.00, HGTV MAGAZINE \$21.00, HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES \$137.46, HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTOMATION \$300.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$311.24, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$1,115.47, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$450.22, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$45,434.84, INTERSTATE BATTERY \$289.90, INTRALINKS, INC. \$7,651.88, J RODZ \$125.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,582.98, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$690.93, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$7,915.72, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$120.85, KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO. \$767.59, LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT \$1,094.34, LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALITIES \$894.00, LEE ENTERPRISES \$555.22, LOGOZ LLC \$661.00, MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER HOTEL \$876.00, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$49.08, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$92.14, MATTHEW HUTT PH.D. \$450.00, MEAT SHOPPE \$10,207.34, MEL'S MOBILE LOCK & KEY \$622.00, MENARDS \$982.34, MIDTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, P.C. \$51.50, MIDWEST CONNECT \$3,798.17, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO. \$227,000.00, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$4,256.01, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER \$623.55, NE. FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION \$975.00, NE. MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEFS \$503.00, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL \$115.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$3,611.55, NEBRASKA UNEMPLOYMENT \$1,227.28, NKC TIRE \$101.89, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$36.18, OPEN A NINE, LLC \$15,118.95, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD. INC. \$2,324.00, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$12,771.92, PANHANDLE

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$1,496.00, PANHANDLE GOLF ASSOCIATION \$100.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$60,695.38, PAUL REED CONSTRUCTION & SUPP \$1,885.00, POWERPLAN OIB \$6.76, PRECISION AIR \$163.97, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$2.51, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$77,426.58, RIVERSTONE BANK \$573.00, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$902.24, SCB. COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$93.36, SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED \$180.00, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$396.21, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$221.25, SHAWNA WINCHELL \$560.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$4,346.55, SPEAK WRITE \$243.74, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$320.71, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY \$4,231.48, TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00, THE TORO COMPANY \$155.00, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE \$75.00, TRANSWEST \$2,048.00, TWIN CITY AUTO, INC \$625.60, UNANIMOUS, INC. 115.00, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$593.27, VERIZON CONNECT \$38.38, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$1,364.67, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$3,613.02, WESTERN STATES BANK \$13,798.58, \$947,771.81

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

BIDS/PROPOSALS:

1. Approve contract with Ayres Associates for Facility Master Plan for Five Rocks Amphitheater

City Engineer, Annie Folck, stated that \$50,000 was budgeted last year for a study for Five Rocks Amphitheater to consider ADA improvements and future plans for the Amphitheater, Grasslands, and RV Park. There has been a lot of interest from different groups to do larger scale events. The City needs an evaluation on the current facilities to see what improvements need to be made, and then figure out the best way to go about doing that. The planning process will include several different workshops for the public and Council. After putting out an RFQ, The City received one proposal from Ayres Associates, which is the same company that drafted the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2019. The RFQ was sent to several design firms, but only one proposal was received. Staff were extremely pleased with the work Ayres did for the City in 2019. Staff reviewed the proposal and feel confident that this company will have the ability to provide the services requested. Staff recommends approval of the proposal from Ayres Associates in the amount of \$45,940.00.

Councilmember Wiedeman asked about access in and out; will that be considered? Engineer Folck replied, yes, those are things that will be considered along with determining how large of an event can be held there.

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Ayres Associates for a Facility Master Plan for Five Rocks Amphitheater, the amount of contract is \$45,940. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

2. Approve purchase of 2023 Ford F150 4x4 SSV Pickup – Police Department

Chief Holthus stated as part of the 2023 budget process, the Police Department budgeted \$65,000 to replace a 2010 Chevy Silverado Pickup with 114,964 miles. Staff are requesting permission to purchase a 2023 Ford F150 4x4 SSV pickup through the State of Nebraska Bid for \$49,352.00 plus a shipping fee of \$750.00 for a total of \$50,102.00. By the time all the amenities are added, it will be close to the budgeted amount of \$65,000. Councilmember Bohl asked if there was any trade value, or is it better to sell at auction. Chief Holthus replied that selling it at auction would be the better option.

Councilmember O'Neal made motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 Pickup for the Police Department from Anderson Auto Group through the State Bid in the amount of \$50,102.00 with shipping. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

3. Approve purchase of 2023 Dodge Durango – Police Department

Chief Holthus stated this was another one of the marked units that was discussed during the budget process. The Police Department budgeted \$55,000 to replace a 2015 Ford Explorer with 95,044 miles. It's eight years old; they generally get about seven years out of them. It will be sold at auction as well. They are requesting to purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango through the State of Nebraska Bid through Gene Steffy Auto Group in Fremont in the amount of \$44,276 including shipping.

Councilmember Gillen made motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango for the Police Department from Gene Steffy Auto Group through the state bid in the amount of \$44,276. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Economic Development Assistance Agreement for Twin Cities Development for matching funds for the 2023 Western Nebraska Rural Workforce Housing Grant

TCD Executive Director, Jordan Deidrich, gave an overview of the Rural Workforce Housing Grant and why matching funds have been requested. The LB840 Application Review Committee met on February 21, 2023 to review and consider an application submitted by Twin Cities Development for matching funds for this grant. This grant is through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. It's a Rural Workforce Housing Fund which is low interest, short-term loans for builders, contractors and individuals for new construction houses and rehab houses. In 2020, the City of Gering approved LB840 funds to contribute a match amount of \$150,000. The total fund was \$1.8 million and there's roughly \$12,000 left. They allocated towards two projects in Gering for a total of \$302,000. New construction projects are 0% interest with a 1% origination fee. Rehabs are 2% interest fixed with a 1% origination fee. TCD would like to apply for the next round of funding in 2023. The last round was a one-to-one match, this round is a one half to one match requirement. A \$500,000 match is required to get the \$1,000,000 for a \$1.5 million total. This grant is a perpetual revolving loan fund. The municipalities that provided a match in the 2020 grant are being asked to consider providing a match for the 2023 grant. The LB840 Committee recommended providing matching funds of \$200,000 towards this grant. He stated that they have received a match from the City of Kimball and are working with the City of Scottsbluff for another \$200,000; that will go to the Scottsbluff City Council for approval next Monday. One of the biggest barriers in economic development in the country, and in our area, is housing. The housing study showed that 589 houses are needed in Scotts Bluff County over the next five years; 151 houses are needed in Gering alone. Anything we can do to get housing going is huge.

Councilmember Gillen made motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Economic Development Assistance Agreement for Twin Cities Development for matching funds for the 2023 Western Nebraska Rural Workforce Housing Grant. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Twin Cities Development's Rural Workforce Housing Fund Application

Councilmember Gillen made motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Twin Cities Development's Rural Workforce Housing Fund Application. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Lease Agreement by and between the City of Gering and HF Baseball, LLC pertaining to Oregon Trail Park Stadium

Councilmember Shields made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Gering and HF Baseball, LLC pertaining to Oregon Trail Park Stadium. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman.

Discussion: Councilmember Wiedeman stated that the Recreation Committee met about this lease on March 2. Mr. Heeman and City staff were present. The Committee recommend that the agreement is in the best interests of both parties and it should help Amy out quite a bit with not having to do so much field prep for each game. The Committee thinks it's a good agreement and recommend approval. She noted it is for only one year.

Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": Backus. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

4. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Addendum for Lease Agreement between the City of Gering and B & S Rask Grill, LLC

Councilmember Gillen made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Addendum for Lease Agreement between the City of Gering and B & S Rask Grill, LLC. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

5. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Addendum to Economic Development Assistance Agreement between the City of Gering and Hotel 21, LLC

Administrator Heath stated this is an addendum to define the full and part-time employee hours. It defines the full-time employee hours at a minimum of 32 hours per week. Part-time employees are 16-20 hours per week. Both staff and Legal recommend approval of the addendum.

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Addendum to the Economic Development Assistance Agreement between the City of Gering and Hotel 21, LLC. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

6. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Addendum to Management and Catering Contract for the Gering Civic Center II

Administrator Heath explained that the Meat Shoppe Inc. is in the process of renewing their Non-Class C Liquor License. In order for the Liquor Control Commission to renew the license, the Meat Shoppe has to have a Management & Catering Contract (with the City of Gering) for the Gering Civic Center for the entire renewal period which runs through April 30, 2024 (through the term of the liquor license). The current lease expires February 8, 2024. The addendum extends the lease to satisfy the State's requirements for the liquor license. Staff and Legal recommend approval of the addendum.

Councilmember O'Neal stated that her understanding is that they (the Kellers) plan to be done in February of 2024. Administrator Heath replied that their intent, he believes, is to retire in February when their lease ends. However, they cannot get a liquor license unless their lease extends through the period of the liquor license. The City Council approved something like this last year for the Pioneers, also. Staff and Legal are requesting to extend this lease to the point of April 30, 2024. Once they're done in February, their lease will expire anyway. Mayor Ewing asked if this is the first time the Civic Center has had to do this. Administrator Heath replied, yes, that he's aware of. Their last lease was a ten-year lease. City Attorney Ellison added that this still allows them to withdraw early if they want to, the main thing is that this satisfies the Liquor Control Commission.

Councilmember Gillen a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Addendum to Management and Catering Contract for the Gering Civic Center, noting this is the second addendum to the contract. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

7. Approve Resolution 3-1-23 pertaining to Avoided Costs related to the Interconnection Policy with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN)

RESOLUTION 3-1-23

Avoided Costs related to Interconnection Policy with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN)

WHEREAS, the Gering City Council approved a Policy and Guidelines for Interconnection for Parallel Installation and Operation of small (25 kW or less) and large (greater than 25 kW) Customer-owned Renewable Electric Generating Facilities on November 9, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the policy and guidelines was to establish standards for the Utility to interconnect and operate in parallel with customer-owned renewable electric generators, and

WHEREAS, Avoided Costs are the increment costs of the Utility's Electric Wholesale Supplier (EWS) energy or capacity or both which, but for the purchase from the Customer's Generating Facility, the Utility would generate itself or purchase from another source, and

WHEREAS, the Avoided Cost Rate (Less than or equal to 100 kW) Generator nameplate rating of 25 kW or less effective June 1, 2022 was \$0.04070 per kWh and the Generator nameplate rating greater than 25 kW effective June 1, 2022 was \$0.04209, and

WHEREAS, the Avoided Cost Rates have changed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GERING CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City of Gering adopts a new Appendix to the Interconnection Policy as outlined below.

**Appendix
Avoided Cost Rate
(Less than or equal to 100 kW)**

Avoided Cost Rate: Generator nameplate rating of 25 kW or less: \$0.04070 per kWh

Effective date: April 1, 2023

Generator nameplate rating greater than 25 kW: \$0.03452 per kWh

Effective date: April 1, 2023

(Rate is subject to change)

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Kent Ewing, Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Administrator Heath stated that this was done last year as well. Basically, the avoided cost is the cost that the City pays the solar customers that generate power. The City is required to buy any excess power. The avoided cost is what the City purchases that power at, which is the same price the City purchases regular power at. This is pursuant to a customer agreement the City has with solar customers. The cost for the 25 kW size system and smaller stays the same, but the 25 kW and larger actually goes down in price because that is the rate the City is paying for our power from MEAN. Staff recommends approval of the new avoided cost rate.

Councilmember Gillen asked for clarification of how many solar power customers the City currently has. Administrator Heath replied that he believes there are 12 right now.

Councilmember Gillen a motion to approve Resolution 3-1-23 pertaining to Avoided Costs related to the Interconnection Policy with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN). Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

8. Third reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2123 - An 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 Wiedeman made a motion to move the third reading of Ordinance No. 2123 – AN 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. Seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion.

Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Cowan moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2123 and the title thereof approved, and that the ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Shields. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

9. Approve Ordinance No. 2124 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 95, SECTION 95.02 OF THE CITY OF GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 130, SECTION 130.51 OF THE CITY OF GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO ADD CHAPTER 113, SECTION 113.10 TO THE CITY OF GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPLHET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

Councilmember Gillen made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2124 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 95, SECTION 95.02 OF THE CITY OF GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 130, SECTION 130.51 OF THE CITY OF GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO ADD CHAPTER 113, SECTION 113.10 TO THE CITY OF GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPLHET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Backus. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Bohl moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2124 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2124 was read by title only, Councilmember O'Neal moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

10. Approve Ordinance No. 2125 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THE GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM SUBSCRIPTION CONFIRMATION BY THE CITY OF GERING, NE, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA; TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

Councilmember Shields made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2125 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THE GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM SUBSCRIPTION CONFIRMATION BY THE CITY OF GERING, NE, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA; TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Backus moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2125 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES":

Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2125 was read by title only, Councilmember Wiedeman moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (None)

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

ADJOURN:

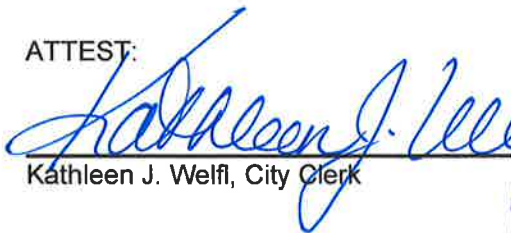
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

