

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on November 12, 2024, 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, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. 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 Morrison to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Shields, Bohl and O'Neal from the October 28, 2024 regular City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. 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 October 28, 2024 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. File for record TCD Quarterly Report

Claims 10/29/24 – 11/12/24

911 CUSTOM \$2,625.35, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$900.00, ACE HARDWARE \$602.94, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$3,234.98, ALMA SANCHEZ \$75.00, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$6,933.64, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$413.60, AMERICAN BUTTON MACHINES \$75.08, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$608.40, AT&T MOBILITY \$293.06, AULICK INDUSTRIES \$9,200.00, B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$367.50, BEEHIVE INDUSTRIES LLC \$17,568.00, BENEFIT PLANS, INC \$260.00, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$1,847.00, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$389.51, BONNIE WOOLSEY \$75.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$4,454.78, BRIAN EADS \$188.00, CENGAGE LEARNING/GAGE \$21.59, CLARK PRINTING LLC \$256.85, COLE SHULTZ \$193.00, COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC \$485.87, CONNECTING POINT \$29.94, CONTINUUM EAP \$3,750.00, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$1,626.50, CROELL, INC \$8,273.50, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO \$458.50, DIANA DAVIDSON \$75.00, DOMINIC WILLIAMS \$224.69, DOOLEY OIL \$24.18, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$533.07, EAKES INC \$141.38, EFI USA LLC \$206,100.00, EMPOWERING FAMILIES \$2,000.00, FAIRFIELD INN \$134.95, FASTENAL COMPANY \$790.64, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$159.51, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA \$8,254.41, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$584.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$46.52, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$599.48, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$3,780.00, FRESH FOODS INC. \$5.99, FRONTIER OVERHEAD DOOR \$565.00, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$3,269.50, GFOA \$320.00, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$100.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$8,052.13, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS \$388.41, HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY \$18.00, HD ARMS, LLC \$1,770.00, HEALTHBREAK, INC. \$625.00, HOMETOWN LEASING \$150.57, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$616.12, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$934.36, INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC. \$15,975.00, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$52,181.34, INTRALINKS, INC. \$13,044.96, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$2,891.75, J RODZ \$150.00, JACO COMMODITIES, LLC \$9,194.57, JEO CONSULTING GROUP \$750.00, JIRDON AGRI CHEMICALS, INC \$416.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$19,076.23, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$873.56, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$9,108.74, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$8.59, LEGACY COOPERATIVE \$1,888.46, LEGACY OF THE PLAINS \$20,000.00, LOGOZ LLC \$560.00, MANUEL BARRAZA \$15,000.00, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$109.84, MB KEM

ENTERPRISE \$2,258.41, MENARDS \$2,274.41, MIDWEST CONNECT \$4,196.90, MILLER & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C. \$2,127.00, MIZUNO USA, INC. \$118.28, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$1,879.34, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$4,579.23, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSN \$225.00, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$714.93, NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND EN \$600.00, NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$7,467.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$792.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$3,833.33, NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOC. \$550.00, NEBRASKA SAFETY AND FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC \$1,512.00, NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN CO. \$4,488.55, NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL \$81.00, NEBRASKA STATE TREASURER \$2,605.22, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$219.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$89.82, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORE \$47.90, PAGE MY CELL LLC \$600.00, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$225.00, PERMA-BOUND \$63.18, PETE'S QUICK LUBE \$90.43, PING INC \$196.67, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$1,000.00, POWER MANAGER \$2,761.84, POWERPLAN OIB \$1,757.68, PRECISION AIR \$375.00, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$392.61, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$141,224.96, RIVERSTONE BANK \$647.88, ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS IN \$389.82, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$401.93, SCB/GERING UNITED CHAMBER OF \$300.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$213.25, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$1,250.61, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$12,273.90, TEAM CHEVROLET \$425.00, TERESA TOSH \$13,392.87, THE HEIRLOOM MARKET \$500.00, THE MONTEREY COMPANY, INC \$1,448.00, THE TORO COMPANY \$175.00, THOMPSON GLASS, INC. \$3,360.00, TOUR EDGE MFG INC \$85.50, TRANSWEST \$72.59, TROY & LISA WEBORG \$89,760.94, USA BLUE BOOK \$1,720.19, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$20.00, VERIZON CONNECT \$25.90, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$6,556.48, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$415.00, WNCC FOUNDATION \$6,800.00, TOTAL \$796,311.09

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

BIDS/PROPOSALS:

1. Approve Marked Pursuit Vehicle purchases – Police Department

Police Chief Holthus stated that during FY25, the Police Department is authorized to purchase two police patrol vehicles. Staff are requesting permission to purchase two Dodge Durango Police Patrol Vehicles from Gene Stephy, which is the state bid for the Dodge Dealership, for \$42,255 each plus a \$500 delivery fee per vehicle. Additionally, approximately \$21,000 of equipment will be installed in each vehicle and \$8,000 for installation, graphics, etc. \$120,000 was budgeted; it will be at \$114,500 for both vehicles with equipment and upfitting. The two used vehicles (that will be replaced with this purchase) will be sold at auction. They are a 2017 Ford Explorer with 80,000 miles and a 2016 Dodge Charger with 94,000 miles.

Councilmember Bohl asked if more revenue could be generated on the used vehicles at auction versus trade value. Chief Holthus replied, yes. Also, he doesn't believe the state bid allows trade-ins. Councilmember Morrison asked if another department could buy them. Chief Holthus replied that they could if anyone was interested in them but at 94,000 miles, they're getting to end of life as far as for Police use. She asked about staff going to get the vehicles. Chief Holthus replied that by the time three officers are paid to drive eight hours and come back, the \$500 is fairly reasonable.

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve the purchase of two Dodge Durango PPVs in the amount of \$42,255 each plus \$21,000 for equipment and \$8000 for upfitting for a total of \$114,510. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of Keno Fund Requests:

- **Gering Multi-purpose Center**
- **Warrior Run**
- **Scotts Bluff County Volunteer Center**

Keno Committee Chairman, Darrell Bentley, was not able to attend. Administrator Heath stated that the Keno Committee met last Wednesday and approved recommending funding of \$20,000 for the Gering Multi-purpose Senior Center for HVAC furnace and air conditioner replacement, \$4000 for the Warrior Run, and \$4000 for the Scotts Bluff County Volunteer Center.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the Keno Fund requests as presented which is \$20,000 for the Gering Multi-purpose Center, \$4000 for the Warrior Run and \$4000 for the Scotts Bluff County Volunteer Center. Seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

2. Region 22 Emergency Management Update and introduction of Rob Crowder, Emergency Management Director

Rob Crowder, new director of Region 22 Emergency Management, addressed Council. Ashley Hopkins was also present and handed out information to the Mayor and Council regarding services that Region 22 provides. She noted that it's recommended by the federal government that elected officials and City staff obtain NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. She further explained. Mr. Crowder added that FEMA sent information last week regarding thresholds for public assistance; Scotts Bluff County is a little over \$170,000. The state threshold is over \$3,000,000.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

