

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
AFTER ADJOURNING SINE DIE, December 8, 2014**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on December 8, 2014 at 7:40 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred Shields, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Gering Citizen, 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 BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHRISTENSEN.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Administer Oath of Office for Mayor Elect Kaufman
The City Clerk Administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Kaufman
3. Administer Oath of Office for elected/re-elected Council Members
Mayor Kaufman instructed the Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to the elected/re-elected Council Members Smith, Holliday, Shields and Morrison
4. Roll Call
5. Excuse Councilmember Absence. None

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

(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 the Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CONSENT AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

BIDS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Elect a Council President

Mayor Kaufman entertained nominations for Council President. Councilmember Shields nominated Councilmember Gibbs. Councilmember Allred nominated Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Christensen requested that nominations cease. Mayor Kaufman asked Council to cast their votes and pass the ballots to him. At that time the Clerk read the votes. The votes were recorded as follows: Three votes for Councilmember Gibbs, five votes for Councilmember Smith. Mayor Kaufman congratulated Council President Smith.

2. Approve Appointments to Council Standing Committees

- o Public Works Committee
- o Public Safety Committee
- o Administrative Committee
- o Recreation Committee
- o Personnel Committee

Motion by Councilmember Holliday, second by Councilmember Smith to approve the appointments to the Council Standing Committees. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

3. Approve Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- o Planning Commission
- o Board of Adjustment
- o Park, Cemetery & Tree Board
- o Library Board
- o Board of Health
- o Twin Cities Development Liaison
- o Panhandle Human Society Board Liaison
- o Gering Merchants Liaison
- o CVB Liaison
- o Airport Authority Liaison
- o Panhandle RC&D Liaison
- o PADD Liaison
- o Economic Development Application Review Committee
- o Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee
- o Lottery/Keno Committee
- o Gering Safety Committee

Motion by Councilmember Morrison, second by Councilmember Cowan to approve the appointments to Boards and Commissions. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

4. Appointment of Official newspaper

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs, second by Councilmember Allred to approve the Gering Citizen as the Official Newspaper. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

5. Approve Appointment of Depositors

Mayor Kaufman declared a potential conflict of interest in making the appointment of the Depositors due to his employment with Platte Valley Companies.

Councilmember Gibbs moved to recognize the potential conflict of interest by Mayor Kaufman. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve the Appointments of Depositors as recommended by the City Treasurer. Seconded by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

6. Approve Appointments/Re-Appointments of City Administrator, City Engineer, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Attorney

Motion by Councilmember Cowan to vote on the appointments separately. Seconded by Councilmember Christensen.

Discussion: Councilmember Allred asked if there was any reason why specifically. Councilmember Cowan replied he didn't have to give one; he just wanted them voted on separately.

The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Shields, Cowan. "NAYS": Smith, Allred, Morrison. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Allred to reappoint Lane Danielzuk as the City Administrator, second by Councilmember Gibbs. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gibbs, Allred, Morrison. "NAYS": Christensen, Holliday, Shields, Cowan. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Mayor Kaufman broke the tie vote with a "YES" vote. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gibbs moved to appoint Paul Snarr as the City Engineer, second by Councilmember Allred. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gibbs moved to reappoint Kathy Welfl as City Clerk. Seconded by Councilmember Allred. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Morrison moved to reappoint John Mejia as the City Treasurer, seconded by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Christensen moved to reappoint Jim Ellison as the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilmember Gibbs. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

(Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.)

REPORTS OF STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Department/Staff Reports (informational only)
2. Committee Reports & Council Member Comments
3. Administrator's Report
4. Mayor's Report

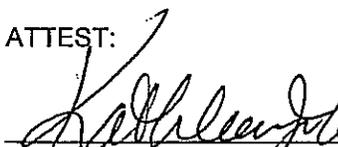
Mayor Kaufman closed by saying that he has visited with Senior Staff and Council and he is looking forward to working with all of them. He feels we can do great things for the community going forward.

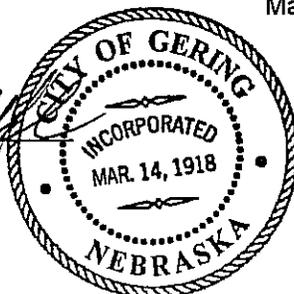
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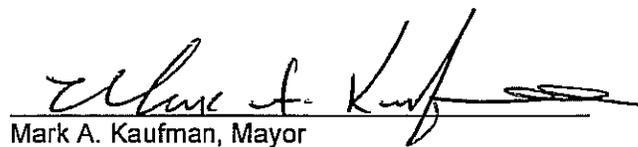
Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor