

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
January 27, 2014**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Mayo and Councilmembers Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmember Smith and City Administrator Lane Danielzuk. 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**

Mayor Mayo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor noted that there was a quorum of the Council and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Bishop Merlin Anderson
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse Councilmember absence

**Motion by Councilmember Gibbs, second by Councilmember Shields to excuse the absence of Councilmember McFarland from the January 13, 2014 Regular City Council meeting. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

Mayor Mayo noted that Gering High School students Savanna Walker, Danielle Esac and Kayla Todd from the American Government class were present in the audience.

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT-NEBRASKA REV. STATUATE CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14**

Mayor Mayo indicated Nebraska Revised Statutes, Chapter 84, Article 14, requires at least one copy of the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room and he indicated where the Open Meetings Act is posted.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**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 January 13, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Approve Gering Volunteer Fire Department roster for Worker's Comp
4. File for Record Community-wide Assessment Grant for Hazardous Substances

**Claims:**

1-7-14 to 1-21-14

ACCUSTAR SURVEYING \$500.00 SET CORNERS FOR FIRE DEPT. TRAINING, ALLO COMM. \$759.00 TELEPHONE/INT. CHR.G., ALTEC INDUSTRIES \$1,637.92 VEHICLE RPR., ATLAS LAWN EQUIP. CO. \$145.18 BUSHING FOR MOWER, B & C STEEL \$208.57 RPR. SNOW BLADE, BLUFFS SANITARY \$1,015.65 JAN. CLEANING, CENTURY LINK \$4,854.87 DEC 2013 TELEPHONE BILL, CHARTER COMM. \$389.50 CABLE TV, CHRISTIAN MEDIA INC. \$240.00 RADIO AD, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$71,279.28 PAYROLL WITHHOLDING, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY \$650.10 METER SCHOOL, CONNCECTION POINT \$62.00 COPIER SUPPORT, CRESCENT ELECTRIC \$411.46 HEATER, CULLIGAN \$44.00 SALT, DALES TIRE \$163.50 TIRES, DOOLEY OIL \$393.40 OIL, DUTTON-LAINSON \$30.39 CONDUIT, ECOLAB \$159.50 PEST CONTROL, ENERGY LABORATORIES \$456.00 WATERLAB, ENVIRO SRV. \$64.00 WWTP LAB, EXCALIBUR FLORAL \$275.00 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, FASTENAL \$476.84 MISC SUPP., FERGUSON SIGNS \$11,498.50 KENO FUNDS, FIRST STATE BANK \$342.39 IBEW UNION DUES, FIRST WIRELESS \$54.50 RADIO RPR., FLOYDS SALES & SRV. \$5,366.19 PARTS, GERING CITIZEN \$360.22 CLASSIFIED DIR. ENV. SRV., GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$169.60 COOLER RPR., GREENLINE EQUIPMENT \$58.15 BUSHING/PULLY, HEILBRUN \$1,552.29 WWTP VALVE RPRS., HENSLEY BATTERY & ELEC. \$185.05 GOLF CART BATTERIES, HOKE WELDING & RPR. \$34.24 WWTP VALVE RPRS., HOME DEPOT \$138.83 WATER PLANT RPRS., HONEY-WAGON EXPRESS \$120.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HORIZON WEST INC. \$133.07 AIR FILTER, ICMA \$842.40 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$516.00 ICMA CITY ADMIN., IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY \$433.41 BATHROOM SUPP., INDEPENDENT PLUMBING \$13.95 SPRINKLER HEADS/PARKS, INGRAM LIBRARY SRVS., \$483.71 BOOKS/PERIODICALS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV. \$36,923.50 FED/FICA TAX, INTERSTATE BATTERIES/RAPID \$389.75 BATTERIES, INTRALINKS \$4,682.57 KENO FUNDS, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$12,284.36 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY \$3,248.35 MCKINLEY/DOORS, KARENS CLEANING

\$425.00 JANITORIAL SRVS., KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN \$165.00 GARNISHMENT 2, KLASSERT SAM \$1,136.77 31-HOURS INSPECTIONS , KNEB \$363.50 RADIO ADS, KRIZ-DAVIS \$528.68 ELECT WIRE DEVICE, LANE DANIELZUK \$601.97 TRAVEL EXP/CONFERENCE, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MANAGEMENT \$374.43 INSURANCE, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES \$816.16 ANNUAL DUES/DANIELZUK, MAKEK GOLF CAR CO. \$175.68 BATTERY TIE DOWN, MATHESON TRI-GAS \$33.30 ACETYLENE BOTTLE RENTAL, MATT FRIEND TRUCK EQUIPMENT \$394.75 PLOW CYLINDER, MCMASTER – CARR SUPPLY CO. \$37.40 RIVETS, MEAT SHOPPE \$16,190.01 CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$783.29 SHELVING, MG TRUST CO. \$5,584.44 MG – T POLICE, MIZUNO USA \$830.49 CLOTHING, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$100.72 PRINTER CARTRIDGE, MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SRV. \$350.01 BLK BOOTS, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$373,089.53 WAPA/MEAN, MUNIMETRIX SYSTEMS CO. \$499.00 SOFTWARE SUPPORT, MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT \$1,391.80 344J SRV., NDEQ – FISCAL SRV. \$7,982.57 QUARTERLY DISPOSAL PYMT., NDOR – LODGING \$346.08 DEC 2012-13 LODGING TAXES, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT. \$894.60 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT. OF REVENUE \$56,462.70 DEC. SALES & USE TAX, NE ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS \$100.00 ANNUAL DUES/MEJIA, NE PUBLIC POWER DIST. \$119.93 UTILITIES/240066 HWY 92, NE WASTEWATER OPERATORS \$20.00 SUBSCRIPTION, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$140.00 FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION, NE DEPT OF ROADS \$72,430.60 NORTH TENTH STREET, NE MUNICIPAL POWER \$6,000.00 FINANCIAL PLAN, NE SALT & GRAIN \$8,065.19 ICE SLICER, OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS \$77.33 STAMP/CLOCK, ONE CALL CONCEPTS \$30.00 LOCATE FEES, PANHANDLE AREA DEV. \$6,588.28 PADD MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013, PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH \$137.50 WELLNESS MEMBERSHIP DUES 2014, PANHANDLE RC & D \$5,000.00 PROGRAM SUPPORT, PARACLETE PRESS INC. \$57.27 DVD'S, POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC. \$50.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2014, POWERS ELECTRIC PRODUCTS \$294.30 TOOL RPR., PRINT EXPRESS \$528.03 WINDOW ENVELOPES, ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$28.79 UTILITIES, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC. \$11.28 PAINT/KUBOTA MOWERS, SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING \$144.00 JACKETS, SCOTTSBLUFF TOWING SRV. \$170.00 TOW SRV., SCOTTSBLUFF GERING UNITED WAY \$17.00 UNITED WAY CTRB., SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON \$17,000.00 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZING, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 PROSECUTIONS 2013, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$80.00 CONCRETE, SOURCE GAS \$399.87 GERING FIRE HALL UTILITIES, STATE OF NE/DAS COMM. \$247.41 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHRGS., STONECO INC. \$139.23 BLANK SHELLS-GEESE CONTOL, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$1,268.08 CREDIT UNION, SWEENEY & ASSOCIATES \$445.00 LANDFILL PERMITS/CONTRACT RVW, THOMAS PSZANKA \$87.50 TREE PLANTING REBATE, THOMPSON GLASS \$955.20 BUILDING RPRS., THOMPSON PUBLISHING GROUP \$536.99 FAIR LABOR HANDBOOK, UPSTART \$1,427.00 SUMMER READING PROGRAM, US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE \$245.43 COPIES LEASE, VALLEY BANK – POLICE \$300.00 PO UNION DUES, VALLEY BANK & TRUST \$26,015.60 LANDFILL SINKING FUND, VERIZON WIRELESS \$515.56 IPADS DEC 2013, WARD LABORATORIES \$32.00 SOIL TEST, WESTCO \$777.24 CHEMICAL PUMP, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$84.60 DOT TEST, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV. \$250.00 JANITORIAL, YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN \$5.00 YOUNT MEN'SCHR

**Motion by Councilmember McFarland, second by Councilmember Christensen to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

##### **1. One and Six Year Plan, Street Program**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the One and Six Year plan at 7:04 p.m.

Casey Dahlgrin, Street Superintendent, stated that the One Year Street Project will hopefully be Rundell Road tying in from D Street to Highway 71. The Six Year Project is Five Rocks Road/ Oregon Trail Blvd - an intersection, Second Street to Hwy 92 access will be an intersection and 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the Expressway. Mr. Dahlgrin said that hopefully those will be done in the next few years; all we have this year is Rundell Road.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the One and Six Year Plan. Councilmember McFarland said we'll have to deal with going north on D Street in the future. Mr. Dahlgrin said it looks like in 2016 we'll start receiving Federal funds again for projects but he doesn't know how much. Councilmember Gibbs said the Public Works Committee recommends approval of the One and Six Year Plan.

The Administrative Record and Public Hearing were closed at 7:09 p.m.

**Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve Resolution 1-14-2, the One and Six Year Street Program, second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

**BIDS:** None

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Consider approval of Management and Catering Contract with Rick and Judy Keller (the Meat Shoppe) for the Gering Civic Center**

Councilmember McFarland and Gibbs stated that the Administrative Committee recommends approval of the contract.

**Councilmember McFarland made a motion to approve the Management and Catering Contract with Rick and Judy Keller (the Meat Shoppe) for the Gering Civic Center. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

**2. Consider approval of Keno Applications**

- Gering Merchants Association
- Gering Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Gering High School

Keno Committee Chairman, Darrell Bentley, said the committee approved three of the five requests they received. Councilmember Gibbs asked how much effort has been applied by the band and parents to raise money for the band uniforms. Mr. Bentley said they have raised \$10,000 towards it and hope to raise more. The uniforms are older than the kids wearing them. Part of the agreement is that they have to relinquish everything they have before they use the Keno funds. Brad Staman stated that the Junior and Senior High bands participate in the Oregon Trail Days Parade. Councilmember Christensen asked why the Schools can't budget for this. Mr. Bentley stated that his understanding is that there are two different bank accounts, but he doesn't know exactly how their budget works.

**Councilmember McFarland made a motion to approve the Keno Applications for the Gering Merchants, Gering Convention & Visitors Bureau and Gering High School as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

**3. Authorize Mayor to sign Grant Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Gering regarding the Implementation of the Litter Reduction & Recycling Grant Program (Project)**

Acting Sanitation Director, Darrell Vance, stated the grant will help fund a 40 x 80 foot addition to the baler building. It will considerably increase the amount of recyclable materials we're able to send out of our community each month; the grant was for \$100,000, the maximum amount the State awards for this grant.

**Councilmember McFarland made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreement between the NDEQ and the City of Gering regarding the Implementation of the Litter Reduction & Recycling Grant Program (Project). Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

**REPORTS OF STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**1. Department/Staff Reports (informational only):** Reports were given by Diane Downer, Paul Snarr and Darrell Vance

**2. Committee Reports & Council Member Comments**

Councilmember Christensen stated he and Councilmember Gibbs attended a meeting last week called by Mayor Meininger to come up with new ideas on how we can improve Scotts Bluff County in various ways. Experts from the University of Nebraska will compile the information and hopefully come back with some options for solutions.

**3. Administrator's Report:** None

**4. Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Mayo reminded Council that the League of Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference is February 23-25 and we may need to move the February 24 Council meeting.

- There will be a CVB Retreat on January 29 from 5-7; Council Members are encouraged to attend.

**5. Gering Merchants:**

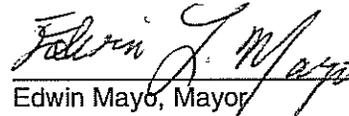
RaNae Garton reported on behalf of the Gering Merchants Association. They are grateful for assistance by the City staff during Santa's Village.

**ADJOURN:**

**Motion by Councilmember Christensen to adjourn, second by Councilmember Allred.**

**There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Christensen, Gibbs, McFarland, Allred, Shields, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. The motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
Edwin Mayo, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

