

**CITY OF GERING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Regular meeting of the Gering City Council, February 9, 2015 at 7:00pm, in the Gering City Hall, 1025 "P" Street.

All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate.

CALL TO ORDER.

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

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 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 January 26, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve claims

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

BIDS:

1. Water Chemical Treatment bid of four wells
2. P Street Water Main Replacement bid (5th to 10th Street)
3. Mower bids
 - Park Mower
 - Golf Mower
4. Lane Auction House Demolition bid

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of LB840 recommendation for demolition and removal of Lane Auction Building – corner of 11th and P Street
2. Consideration of potential vacancy in Ward II
3. Consider approval of modified Request for Future Agenda Item
4. Citizen Agenda item – Public Comment Period, A.J. Moore
5. Citizen Agenda Item – Request for letter of support for LB168, Ben Backus
6. Library Annual Report

CLOSED SESSION:

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

REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report

- Local governments mostly win all - Tower Supreme Court Case
- What Obama's 2016 Budget means for states and localities
- What the CBO's latest predictions mean for states and localities
- Western's FY 2016 budget request at FY 2015 level
- LB150 – Legislative update

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**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
January 26, 2015**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent was Councilmember Shields. 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 Kaufman 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 Pastor Meade**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Excuse Council Member absences (None)**

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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 12, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims & Financials

Claims:

1-9-15 to 1-22-15

7-ELEVEN \$35.37 FUEL, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC. \$802.59 RADIO, ADVANCE AUTO PARTS \$31.01 REAR DEFOGGER – PERALIS CAR, ADVANCED WEIGHING SYSTEMS \$140.00 INSTALLED INTERACT ON NEW PC, AHLER'S BAKING INC. \$10.99 SUPPLIES FOR STAFF MEETING, ALAMAR UNIFORMS \$44.49 BELT – DUTY GEAR, ALLIANCE TIMES HERALD \$100.50 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AD, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$1,239.69 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHRGS., ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC. \$278.82 TOOLS, AMAZON \$223.97 DVD'S, AMERICAN FLOOR MATS \$207.96 SHOP SUPPLIES, ANDERSON FORD \$28,218.00 FORD 2015 INTERCEPTOR UTILITY, ARMADA MEDIA CORP. \$300.00 RADIO ADVERTISING, ATLANTIC \$29.95 MAGAZINE SUB. 10 ISSUES, ATV WORKS \$103.79 RPR'S, B & C STEEL \$775.51 METAL FOR TRAILER, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$858.34 JANUARY CLEANING, BOMGAARS \$185.56 GLOVES, BROADWAY OFFICE CENTRE \$1,243.08 COPY COUNT CHARGES, BROWNS SHOE FIT CO. \$232.00 LEATHER FF BOOTS, BUDGET TIRE & SRV. \$185.00 CHEVY IMPALA NEW BATTERY, BURGER KING \$10.68 MEAL FOR TRAINING, C & M AIR COOLED ENGINE \$489.31 TIRES, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$90.44 TV/INTERNET CHRGS., CHRISTIAN MEDIA INC. \$382.50 ADVERTISING, CITY DIRECTORIES \$249.69 YELLOW PAGES SUBSCRIPTION, CITY OF GERING \$2.25 COPIES, CITY OF GERING – GENERAL AC \$130,000.00 TRANSFER ACH PAYROLL, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$3,729.67 FSA MEDICAL 125, CONNECTING POINT \$62.00 COPIER SRV. CONTRACT, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$296.20 INSPECTION MEASURING WHEEL EGN, COUNTRY WOMAN \$11.98 MAGAZINE SUB. RENEWAL, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$107.49 WELL RPR., CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$103.80 SALT, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$2,472.73 NEW TIRE FOR G8, DEMCO \$76.23 CATALOGING SUPPLIES, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$179.00 HHS BLOOD ALCOHOL TEST, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #077 \$8.56 SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME, DOOLEY OIL INC. \$1,276.00 OIL BALER, ECOLAB \$71.42 WWTP RODENT CONTROL, EMBASSY SUITES \$284.69 MOTEL STAY FOR CO SPRING TRNG., ENLOW TRAVIS \$100.00 NYPD FUNERAL MEALS, ENVIRO SRV. INC. \$1,266.00 WASTE WATER LAB, ESRI \$32.00 ONLINE EDITING PARCELS CLASS, EXXON \$20.51 FUEL, FAIRFIELD INN \$129.95 HOTEL STAY, FASTENAL CO. \$334.51 BATTERY & GLOVES, FIRST STATE BANK \$350.37 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV. \$1,013.04 FUEL PUMP, FRANK IMPLEMENT CO. \$724.95 MOWER RPR., FRESH FOODS \$7.47 SUPPLIES FOR LB840 MTG., GALE \$32.38 LARGE PRINT BOOKS, GERING CITIZEN \$80.41 P C PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, GERING COURIER \$239.00 TALK OF THE TOWN NEWSLETTER, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING/HEATING \$3,072.20 HOBART DISHWASHER PARTS, GLEIM ROBERT \$92.00 MEAL ALLOWANCE FOR NLETC – 2, GREASE N GO \$77.78 OIL CHANGE CHEVY SILVER 24238, GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP. \$178.49 COPIER LEASE, HEILBRUN \$507.66 NEW BATTERY CHEVY SILVERADO 10, HOME DEPOT \$38.98 PAINT, HONEY – WAGON EXPRESS \$140.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HORIZON WEST INC. \$53.00 FILTERS, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$546.42 ICMA CITY ADMIN., IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC. \$519.39 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV. \$364.07 BOOKS/PERIODICALS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV. \$41,366.35 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTION \$8,237.83 WORKSTATION FOR DARRELL, JACKSON JAMES \$100.00 NYPD FUNERAL MEALS, JO – ANN FABRICS & CRAFTS \$26.15 SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,453.02 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$9,189.21 SIDING, MOLDING, CAULK, NAILS, KAPCO \$204.70 CATALOGING SUPPLIES, KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN \$165.00 GARNISHMENT 2, KOVARIK, ELLISON, MATHIS \$2,888.75 RETAINAGE FEE – JANUARY, KRIZ – DAVIS CO. \$1,222.48 STIRRUP, LANE DANIELZUK \$107.00 MID WINTER CONF. FEBRUARY TRAVEL, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MANAGEMENT \$618.82 GENERAL PROPERTY ENDORSEMENT, LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALITY \$348.00 MID WINTER CONFERENCE 2015 FEBRUARY, LEWANDOWSKI RENEE \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, LOAF N JUG \$6.59 PANHANDLE LIB. MTG. IN BRIDGEPORT, LOGOZ LLC \$1,139.44 CITY SHIRTS, MATHESON

TRI – GAS INC. \$6.70 RPR'S., MEAT SHOPPE \$12,167.68 CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$136.36 CHANDELIER FOR MCKINLEY HOME, MG TRUST CO. LLC \$6,119.94 MG – T POLICE, MIZUNO USA INC. \$103.70 SHIRTS, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$298.00 INK CARTRIDGES, MOTOR TREND \$10.00 MAGAZINE SUB. 12 ISSUES, MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$933.22 WINTER JACKETS & OVERALLS, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOC. \$39.00 MAGAZINE SUB. 12 ISSUES, NDEQ – FISCAL SRV'S. \$7,973.35 SOLID WASTE DISP. FEE OCTOBER – DECEMBER, NDOR – LODGING \$308.10 DECEMBER LODGING TAX, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT. \$722.79 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE. SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$321.00 HOOD INSPECTION, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO. \$41.18 STARTING FLUID, NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$8,230.60 ICE SLICER, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$469.69 NEW SHOP PLUMBING, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC. \$27.45 LOCATE FEES, ORIENTAL TRADING CO. \$39.06 SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$569.60 DYED DIESEL, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,170.34 ANIMAL CONTROL & FEES, PAYROLL CHECKS \$111,585.72 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 1-9-15, PEOPLE \$51.48 MAGAZINE SUB. 52 ISSUES, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$7,046.22 PLUMBING WORK FOR 1440 6TH STREET, PONY EXPRESS STATION \$37.01 GAS FOR TRAVEL, POSTMASTER \$1,209.17 MAILING PERMITS, POWERPLAN OIB \$19,106.69 WORK ON SCRAPER, PRINT EXPRESS \$165.65 TIME SHEETS, PT HOSE & BEARING \$613.35 HYDRAULIC HOSE, QUALITY BOOKS INC. \$14.04 SLOW COOKER RECIPE BOOK, RANDALL LORETTA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CO. \$274.05 TIRES, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$7,304.12 WWTP RPR'S., ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER DI. \$28.60 UTILITIES, RUSSELL'S EXCAVATION & CO. \$59,292.76 FINAL BALANCE FOR BALER WORK, SANTIAGO'S MEXICAN \$20.87 MEALS WHILE AT TRAINING, SCB. CO DISTRICT COURT \$75.00 ALIMONY, SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SRV. \$316.23 AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SCOTTSBLUFF TOWING SRV. \$155.00 CHEVY AVALANCHE TOX, SCOTTSBLUFF – GERING UNITED \$10.00 UNITED WAY CTRB., SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SEVERSON COMMUNICATIONS \$125.00 PHONE RPR'S., SHAW DIANA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, SHELL \$107.91 GAS – CITY PUMP NOT WORKING, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 CITY PROSECUTOR BILL, SLAFTER OIL CO. \$854.61 GEAR OIL, SLEUTH SOFTWARE \$3,598.24 YEARLY BILL, SOLOMON CORP. \$28,055.40 TRANSFORMER, SOURCE GAS \$53.94 UTILITIES – 525 O STREET, SOUTHWEST PUBLIC SAFETY \$282.46 SAFETY LIGHTS, STAGECOACH STOP \$56.01 GAS – CITY GAS PUMP NOT WORKING, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$333.01 TELEPHONES FOR NEW BUILDING, STAR HERALD \$277.94 CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING, STATE OF NE/DAS COMM. \$275.23 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHRGS., STERKEL ROD \$62.95 ENGINEERING SUPPLIES, STOTZ EQUIPMENT \$833.19 MOWER RPR., STRAUCH LINDA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CR. \$1,268.08 CREDIT UNION, TERRY CARPENTER INC. \$650.00 WATER WELL LAND RENT – JANUARY, TEST AMERICA \$65.00 WATER SAMPLE, THE LIBRARY STORE INC. \$147.84 CATALOGING SUPPLIES, THE WEEK \$40.80 RENEWAL OF 51 PRINT ISSUES, THOMPSON GLASS INC. \$140.00 DOOR RPR., TOMMY'S JOHNNY'S INC. \$135.00 PORTABLE TOILET – JAN. BILL, TOPTOYSNET \$8.74 STOLEN CARD PURCHASE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SRV. \$19.99 OVERNIGHTED DOCUMENT, US AUTO FORCE \$472.36 TIRES, VALLEY BANK – POLICE \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO. \$31,783.27 SINKING FUND – DEC., VERIZON WIRELESS \$377.06 AIR CARDS FOR PORTABLE CAMERAS, WALMART COMM. \$156.88 HEADLIGHTS FOR TARUS, WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEA. \$124.57 LEASE PYMT., WESTCO \$6,588.23 DYED #1 DIESEL, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$467.20 DRUG SCREENING, WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS \$80.93 COPIER MAINTENANCE, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV. \$390.00 CLEANING SRV., WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$373.97 WORK ON CENTRAL BOX, YOUNG MENS CHRSTIAN \$5.00 YOUNG MEN'S CHR.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. One and Six Year Plan, Street Program

Mayor Kaufman opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Casey Dahlgrin, Street Superintendent, addressed the Council regarding the One and Six Year Plan.

Summary of City of Gering 1 & 6 Year Plan, 2015

1-Year Projects

Country Club Road from 7th street to 10th street

Mark Drive

7th street from U street to Union Pacific Street

17th street from Yucca Drive South, 405'

Country Club Road from Five Rock Road West, 362'

3rd street from U street South to dead end

1-Year Plan Total \$843,423

6-Year Plan

Rundell Road from D Street to Hwy 71

7th Street from D Street to Hwy 71

2nd Street & Hwy 92 Intersection

Five Rocks Road & Oregon Trail Blvd.

6-Year Plan Total \$1,220,000

Councilmember Morrison asked with all the ice and weather will any of these get bumped out of the way due to the weather. Mr. Dahlgrin replied that we have to do these. Councilmember Morrison asked if those will have to wait; he replied yes. She asked if we've seen much damage. Mr. Dahlgrin said yes in one area; it will be more of an emergency repair because it's not budgeted.

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of the One & Six Year Street Plan. Seeing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to accept the One & Six Year Plan into the Public Record. Second by Councilmember Christensen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

1a. Approve Resolution 1-15-2 for the One and Six Year Plan

RESOLUTION 1-15-2

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gering, Nebraska, held in the Gering City Council Chambers, 1025 "P" Street, Gering, Nebraska on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing was held on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program, as advertised and posted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GERING, NEBRASKA, THAT:

The One and Six Year Street Program for 2015 is hereby approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____ to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2015. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYES": _____ "NAYS" _____ Abstaining: _____ Absent: _____ Motion carried.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said Motion carried and Resolution passed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and affix the seal of said City this 26th day of January 2015.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Weffl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve Resolution 1-15-2 regarding the One & Six Year Plan. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider approving Keno application requests

- Oregon Trail Days Committee/City of Gering
- City of Gering ADA access at Oregon Trail Park ball fields
- Monument Prevention Coalition
- Gering Legion Baseball

Darrell Bentley, Keno Committee Chairman, stated that from here on out we're going to have it on the application that applications have to be in two weeks prior to the meeting, otherwise they'll go to the next quarter.

Councilmember Holliday asked in regards to the fence at Five Rocks, if it goes around the playground. Mr. Bentley said it goes around the Buffalo grass and explained how it will run. The fence will have some drive gates and walk gates. The campground visitors will still have access to the playground equipment. Councilmember Christensen asked if they asked for bids on that project. Mr. Bentley said they asked for three and got one back.

Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve the Keno requests as presented. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

2. Consider approving appointment of Kevin Sandberg to the Planning Commission

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve the appointment of Kevin Sandberg to the Planning Commission. Second by Councilmember Christensen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Federal Lands Access Program Memorandum of Agreement

Motion by Councilmember Holliday to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Federal Lands Access Program Memorandum of Agreement. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

4. Consider approving Administrative Committee Recommendation for Standing Committee agenda item procedure

Councilmember and Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Dan Smith, said this is just a way to make it more organized. If someone brings something to the City, the Administrator he will assign which committee will address it if any. He said we can try it for six months, if we don't like it we can review it; we're not locked into anything.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the Administrative Committee Recommendation for Standing Committee agenda item procedure. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

5. Consider approving Administrative Committee Recommendation for Citizen Agenda items

Councilmember Smith said we're trying to structure this a little better so we have some control as to what comes to the Council meetings. If it should be run through a committee first we can do that before bringing it to a Council meeting. It could go to a committee or it could go straight to staff; sometimes these things don't even have to go to Council. Council is supposed to do the policy, we're not supposed to run the day to day operations of the City. Again, it's something we can look at again in six months if we don't like the way it's working.

Maunette Loeks with the Star-Herald addressed Council. She asked with the Open Meetings Act how do you ensure that a citizen item doesn't just get stuck in an agenda. Under the Opens Meeting Act you can set up processes but you can't keep people from not speaking an at open meeting. She said she wanted to see how Council is making sure that's not happening. Councilmember Smith said this meeting is open to the public but it's actually a meeting to run the business. Citizens can come to a committee and speak to the Council at the committee. The Committees are all advertised so the entire Council can come to the Committee meetings so it (the citizen item) wouldn't have to necessarily come to this meeting. Ms. Loeks replied that not all of your committees are easy to attend, for example one of your meetings was held in the back room which is not easy to get to and she has come to a meeting and been locked out. Mayor Kaufman replied we'll address that going forward. He said these items are meant for an internal process to make our meetings more efficient. Ms. Loeks said she can understand that the Council wants to be more prepared but their job is to make sure the citizens get a voice; and if it's not working of course it will be reviewed in six months.

Ben Backus, 440 O Street, addressed Council. He said looking at the form we're missing out on an opportunity to give customer service back to the citizen by doing some sort of follow up. The form takes their email address but there isn't a slot for follow up with the citizen and what action was taken.

Councilmember Christensen said he has a concern because it will make it more difficult for a citizen to bring a concern to a City Council meeting. The citizen has to get a form and fill out the form. We're working for the people of Gering, not just to make things easier for ourselves. He said he doesn't think we need to do more paperwork for people who want to bring a concern to this City Council. They can come to the meeting, they can call the City Clerk before the deadline, and they don't have to come in and fill out a form. He said this form is clear out of line.

Mayor Kaufman said he appreciated the comments and to make sure we're fully understanding the intent of the form, there have historically been a lot of issues that have come before the City Council that really should have been handled by staff directly or a standing committee. In this case they would actually get resolved and actually get better service or experience from the City because they'd be handled more timely; not every instance needs to come before the full Council. This is an attempt to streamline certain requests by the citizens and get it handled more timely and at the same time if a certain issue needs to come before the full Council and needs to be reviewed for policy or procedure reasons then we can address it at that time. He said he appreciates the comments; this was talked about heavily at the committee and the committee felt we could give this a try for six months and go from there. Councilmember Christensen said if a citizen has a concern he would prefer it be brought to the City Council, not ironed out at a committee meeting.

Councilmember Smith asked the clerk if a pdf of the form would be available on the website so citizens wouldn't have to come in. City Clerk Welfl replied that we plan to have forms available on the website that citizens can complete and return electronically.

Councilmember Allred said to echo what Mayor Kaufman said if he has a concern as a citizen he can possibly get it resolved sooner because a City staff member, or whoever Lane Danielzuk would refer that to, can get it completed sooner and not have to wait for a two-week period before they bring it to City Council for us to discuss it as a whole. He thinks that's more of the purpose of it than to keep citizen concerns out of our meetings. We don't want their concerns out of meetings, but if it can get handled internally sooner, then that is the purpose is it not? Mayor Kaufman replied correct.

Kevin Mooney, News Director for KNEB, addressed the Council and said with all due respect he thinks this makes it more difficult for citizens to address the Council. He understands we want to make it more efficient but the other boards that he covers, especially the City of Scottsbluff, has a public comment period and that's the way Gering had it before. If someone wants to comment they're told that no action will be taken at this meeting about their concern because it has to go on the next agenda. All they have to do is say what they want to comment on and have Council consider it at the next meeting and that's about all that's done in that public comment period. He doesn't think there needs to be a lot of discussion, the person just brings their concern to Council and then you put it on the agenda and that person can then work with staff from there.

Councilmember Allred said but if that person was able to fill that form out and actually get it on the agenda instead of coming to a meeting and speaking their mind and then we see them again in two weeks, they could get it resolved at that meeting if they had filled out the form previous. It could happen sooner in a lot of cases; that's the goal. Mr. Mooney said he understands and maybe that could be an option but he still thinks you have to have a public comment period available to people on the agenda so they can comment about something they want the staff or Council to consider at the next meeting so at least everybody knows this is an immediate concern that needs taken care of if that's what the person thinks. Mr. Mooney said he thinks that's an option they can have, is to take it to one of the committees, but he thinks you still need to have the public comment period on the agenda; he thinks it's necessary.

Mayor Kaufman said that discussion was held at the committee level. At the same time to get it on the agenda or the public comment period all they have to do is fill out the form, it goes right to committee so

those same individuals have the same opportunity except it gets right to the decision-making committee. It does streamline it, it might not be at this meeting per say, but it speeds it up one meeting; it's perception. He said change is always difficult and we talked about that and that's why we decided to give it a try for six months and if it's not working we can change it up again. Mr. Mooney said he understands and if people can come to a committee meeting that's great, but sometimes it's hard for people to come to committee meetings at 4:00 or 5:00.

City Attorney Ellison stated that we've also struggled as a Council to try to comply with the Open Meetings Laws and if a citizen brings something to the Council and we really don't know what's coming, particularly if it's on very short notice, then the Council is foreclosed from asking questions or getting into a discussion or taking a vote or taking action. One of the purposes of what is being proposed here is to at least get that agenda item ahead of time. It may or may not come before Council, but he doesn't think there is intent to keep people from bringing items to the Council, they can always do that. The question is whether or not it's better to have it handled at a staff level. Maybe that could be done prior to the meeting, maybe a committee could handle it, and that would be up to the City Administrator and/or Mayor. One of the things again we've been struggling with is when people just show up at meetings in a public comment. Some cities have public comment sections that they follow, others do not; it's not a requirement of Nebraska law. The City is allowed to do that. He doesn't think there is an intent here is to prevent anybody from coming before a meeting; he thinks what we're trying to look at is identifying the issue ahead of time so we're prepared when it does come as an agenda item before the Council.

Ms. Loeks stated that the statute on the wall says "No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda". Ms. Loeks said requiring somebody to identify themselves and the reasons they want to be placed on your agenda, it says right there on the Open Meetings Act that you can't do that.

Councilmember Gibbs asked Ms. Loeks to back up and read the very last part of that from "the agenda". Ms. Loeks then read aloud the sentence following the section she previously read: "The body may require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself." She said but you can't require them to identify themselves to be placed on the agenda the way she's reading it. Councilmember Smith replied we're not doing that. She said you're not asking for a name and what they want to talk about, because the form she looked at does. Councilmember Smith said we're talking about people just coming in and speaking to Council without being on the agenda. He said once the agenda is set this paper doesn't have anything to do with it. Once the agenda is set, anybody can speak about something that's on the agenda. Councilmember Allred said the way he interprets what Ms. Loeks read, the citizen does not have to tell us who they are and what they want to talk about if they want to talk to Council about what's already on the agenda.

Councilmember Gibbs stated that's what he was trying to clarify too; that we can't require them to identify themselves to address an item that is already on the agenda. He said what this is referring to is placing an item on the agenda. Ms. Loeks said she has had this discussion with the Nebraska Press Association many times but she just asks the Council to take a look at those Open Meetings Acts, take a look at the opinions that have been held in the past on requiring people to have to submit an agenda item. She knows there are specific opinions that say you can't prevent people from bringing items before the Council and it was stated that's not the intent. Councilmember Smith added that they currently have to fill out a form to put something on the agenda. He said we're just saying that just because you fill out the form doesn't mean it's going to go to the Council right away.

Ms. Loeks asked if there will be announced deadlines as to when that form has to be submitted. Councilmember Allred said there's already a deadline as to when an agenda item has to be given to the City Clerk; this is a completely separate thing. Ms. Loeks said she knows that deadlines can kind of be flowing because there are times they've gotten agendas. She said it gives them (the media) a little bit of time to do research too when they get to see those agendas but sometimes those things are just last minute. Councilmember Allred said again that open time isn't something on the agenda that's announced; it was just a free time on the agenda for someone to come up and make a comment. He

bit of time to do research too when they get to see those agendas but sometimes those things are just last minute. Councilmember Allred said again that open time isn't something on the agenda that's announced; it was just a free time on the agenda for someone to come up and make a comment. He noted an example of sidewalks that are broken up; they need addressed. He said if I have a concern as a neighbor or someone in the neighborhood, he doesn't need to come to Council necessarily, he can come fill out this form, our City Administrator can refer him to our Street Department or whomever it needs to be and we can see what needs to be addressed. It never even has to come to the Council because we as a Council, at that point, can't make a determination or vote on something based on somebody's comment about tripping over sidewalks.

Brad Staman with the Gering Courier stated all of that makes lots of sense and it might streamline it and get him to where he needs to go a lot faster and solve his problems before he brings it here, however as Mayor Kaufman said "It's a matter of perception." He said one of the biggest issues that the Gering City Council has had over the last four years has been transparency. The public has told him he doesn't know how many times of things happening behind closed doors and then bringing them here. He said the perception of this is you're making it harder for citizens to get to you. You're closing that door again and that perception is going to be that you're hiding and you're trying to put hurdles in front of the citizens. You've got issues with the Open Meeting Law and you've got another form that somebody has to fill out. You're asking people to go to a committee meeting, sometimes the times of those are difficult to get to. And then there's that big issue of perception of what this move will do, how will the public see you and what you're trying to do. Will they see you as trying to streamline it or trying to hide? His fear is the perceived lack of transparency; the public is going to see the Council as trying to hide and making it difficult for them to bring issues to this Council. He said he would ask that they just not do this.

Councilmember Allred said he would like to invite any citizen to please join any of us up here in the amount of meetings we attend on a monthly basis. In two more years put your name on a ballot and join us. You don't know how many times we're in these meetings with items that are really something that City staff could have handled a week prior; we're taking care of petty stuff sometimes. He doesn't have the perception and certainly doesn't want to give it that we're trying to hide from the public. He said that's not our goal here. He didn't volunteer his time for a four year period to hide from the public; he's right here, you can call him. He said the Clerk is easy to get a hold of so if you can't find a meeting please call and ask for Kathy, she'll tell you right where it's at. He said let's move forward with this, look at it in six months or three months and see how it's working or not working. He's not opposed to changing it back to the way it is, but if this helps everybody then what's it going to hurt to try it. If it helps us comply with the Open Meetings Act like our advisor has said then why not try it; why the opposition to try something that might be better for us.

City Attorney Ellison stated under 84-1412 subsection 3, it says "No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for *admission* to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda." Mr. Ellison said anybody can come to a meeting and talk about anything they want to; they don't have to be put on a list and say this is what I want to do and address. Further it says "The body may require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself." He said he thinks what the City is attempting to do is here is in compliance with Open Meetings Laws.

Mayor Kaufman said this debate has helped us prove the point. No one has been stopped, you didn't have to fill out a form to get up and address any of the agenda items that have been put on the agenda. However, if you did have a special issue that you felt needed to be on the agenda, all we're asking is the form to be filled out because it may not actually need to get on the agenda. He thinks everyone can appreciate that; we're not stopping public comment on individual agenda items. Actually we're welcoming it and that's why we have these meetings but at the same time we are trying to improve our customer service level to the public and try to respond to them more timely verses having it come to Council and then go back to committee or staff or where ever it might need to go. Our hope is to better serve the community with this change and again we're going to try it for six months and see how it works out.

Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve the Administrative Committee Recommendation for Citizen Agenda items. Second by Councilmember Allred. There was no further discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion failed.

6. Consider approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate between Nebraska Public Power District, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska and the City of Gering, Nebraska, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate between Nebraska Public Power District, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska and the City of Gering, Nebraska, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. Second by Councilmember Holliday. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

7. Consider cancelling second meeting in February due to League of Municipalities Conference

Mayor Kaufman stated that because of a number of public hearings coming up, there will be a Regular City Council meeting on February 23, 2015.

8. Clerk's Annual Report

The Clerk briefly reviewed the Clerk's report provided in the Council packets.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

REPORTS OF STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Mayor's Report

- **League of Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference**
Mayor Kaufman encouraged the Council to attend the Mid-Winter Conference.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
24/7 TRAVEL STORE #3	FUEL TO PICK UP CITY VEHICLE	\$46.00	4031	1/26/2015
ALTERNATE FORCE	DRUG TESTS	\$150.60	4032	1/26/2015
AMAZON	706 UNIFORM	\$75.03	4034	1/26/2015
AMAZON	OXFORD GERMAN DICTIONARY	\$319.92	4034	1/26/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$462.52	159447	1/23/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$100.36	159447	1/23/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$134.54	159447	1/23/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$79.12	159447	1/23/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$77.80	159447	1/23/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$144.94	159447	1/23/2015
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR.	VISION INSURANC	\$31.84	159447	1/23/2015
ATSSA	TRAFFIC CONTROL BOOKS MUTCD	\$246.25	4035	1/26/2015
BENZEL PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$53.00	159450	1/30/2015
BETTY'S TRUCK STOP	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICK UP	\$55.67	4036	1/26/2015
BIG BATS	GAS FOR INTERVIEW IN CHADRON	\$23.00	4037	1/26/2015
BLACKSTONE AUDIO, INC.	AUDIOBOOKS	\$494.00	159451	1/30/2015
BLU RESTAURANT	FOOD FOR CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$42.10	4038	1/26/2015
BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY	AIR FRESHENER FOR BATHROOMS	\$75.31	159452	1/30/2015
BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY	RR SUPPLIES	\$79.06	159452	1/30/2015
BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY	CUPS	\$141.83	159452	1/30/2015
BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY	RR CLEANER	\$57.87	159452	1/30/2015
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS, INC	BOOKS	\$232.11	159453	1/30/2015
BROWN'S SHOE FIT COMPANY	SAFETY CLOTHING	\$188.32	4039	1/26/2015
BUDGE-IT DRAIN SERVICE	CLEANED DRAIN LINE AT REST.	\$300.00	159455	1/30/2015
C & M AIR COOLED ENGINE, INC.	MOWER REAPIRS	\$618.00	159457	1/30/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$2,474.57	1317937	1/26/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$305.79	1317937	1/26/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$2,192.36	1317937	1/26/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$164.87	1317937	1/26/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$298.62	1317937	1/26/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$1,057.86	1317937	1/26/2015
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT - DEC.	\$1,401.32	1317937	1/26/2015
CARR-TRUMBULL LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$1,326.30	159458	1/30/2015
CENEX I-80	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$71.00	4040	1/26/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$898.21	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$35.09	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$240.93	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$23.39	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$60.13	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$82.55	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$140.35	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$16.37	159460	1/30/2015

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CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$219.87	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$51.46	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$46.78	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$63.16	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$194.14	159460	1/30/2015
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL	\$266.66	159460	1/30/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$60,198.05	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$299.70	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$299.74	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$10,831.78	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$20,894.84	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$10,319.87	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$10,159.31	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$27,904.23	159434	1/23/2015
CITY INSURANCE FUND	HEALTH PREM 125	\$4,623.50	159434	1/23/2015
CITY OF GERING	MAYOR TO MAYOR MEETING	\$27.50	159461	1/30/2015
CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OCT.-DEC.	\$1,954.80	159462	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$2,077.45	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$74.37	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$26.27	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$511.85	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$31.43	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$131.26	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$35.38	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$6.54	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$34.69	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$6.54	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$89.02	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$120.71	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$167.73	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$382.47	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$432.67	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$148.09	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$329.18	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$185.41	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$372.65	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$572.26	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$457.71	159464	1/30/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	FSA MEDICAL 125	\$134.24	159436	1/23/2015
CITY PAYROLL TRUST	DISABILITY INSURANCE - FEB.	\$136.42	159464	1/30/2015
COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE I	REG. FEE FOR CO CHAP. OF ICC	\$475.00	4041	1/26/2015
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPAN	MEALS 718/706	\$139.50	159465	1/30/2015
CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC.	DRILL	\$319.00	159466	1/30/2015

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COUNTRY CUPBOARD	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICK UP	\$30.00	4042	1/26/2015
CPI	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN	\$712.50	159467	1/30/2015
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	ELECTRICAL WORK NEW SHOP	\$20.37	159468	1/30/2015
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	FUSE	\$642.08	159468	1/30/2015
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	OVERPAYMENT CREDIT FOR TOOLS	-\$103.19	159468	1/30/2015
D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$58.80	159469	1/30/2015
D & S CONVENIENCE	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$62.00	4043	1/26/2015
DALE'S TIRE	PART TO FIX G10	\$305.39	159470	1/30/2015
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	TAX FORMS	\$61.72	159471	1/30/2015
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	TAX FORMS	\$61.72	159471	1/30/2015
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	TAX FORMS	\$61.71	159471	1/30/2015
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	TAX FORMS	\$61.71	159471	1/30/2015
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	TAX FORMS	\$61.71	159471	1/30/2015
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURAN	FIREFIGHTER LIFE INSURANCE FEB	\$116.96	159481	1/30/2015
DEX	ADVERTISING	\$131.98	159472	1/30/2015
DOOLEY OIL, INC.	OIL	\$79.60	159473	1/30/2015
DOOLEY OIL, INC.	FUEL	\$6,840.18	159473	1/30/2015
DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY	CLAMP	\$2,021.24	159474	1/30/2015
E REPLACEMENT PARTS	CHAINSAW REPAIR	\$10.45	4044	1/26/2015
ECOLAB	PEST CONTROL	\$80.21	159475	1/30/2015
EDWARD DON & COMPANY	FRYER PARTS FOR CLUB HOUSE	\$403.17	4045	1/26/2015
ENERGY EXPRESS	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICK UP	\$68.00	4046	1/26/2015
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC.	WATER LAB	\$454.00	159476	1/30/2015
ESRI	MANAGING PARCEL DATA ONL CLASS	\$32.00	4047	1/26/2015
FASTENAL COMPANY	PLASTIC WRAP	\$25.36	159479	1/30/2015
FASTENAL COMPANY	GLOVES, BATTERY, GLASSES	\$464.41	159479	1/30/2015
FASTENAL COMPANY	WELL REPAIR	\$5.14	159479	1/30/2015
FIREHOUSE TREASURES, INC.	SERVICE AWARD	\$185.00	4048	1/26/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$28.67	1317930	1/23/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$38.51	1317930	1/23/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$77.49	1317930	1/23/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$44.30	1317930	1/23/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$71.02	1317930	1/23/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$60.39	1317930	1/23/2015
FIRST STATE BANK	IBEW UNION DUES	\$29.99	1317930	1/23/2015
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC.	ENGINE HOSE	\$41.36	159480	1/30/2015
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC.	TRANSMISSION SERVICE FOR G6	\$686.12	159480	1/30/2015
FRANCISCOS BUMPER TO BUMPER IN	SATURN TOW	\$100.00	159456	1/30/2015
FRESH FOODS INC.	SUPPLIES FOR MAYO'S RECEPTION	\$44.48	4049	1/26/2015
FRESH FOODS INC.	MEAT & CHZ TRAYS FOR MEETINGS	\$123.96	4049	1/26/2015
FURNITURE TECH HOME FURNISHING	TABLE FOR KATHY WELFL'S OFFICE	\$265.00	4050	1/26/2015
GALE	BOOKS	\$152.19	159482	1/30/2015
GCSAA	CONFERENCE	\$675.00	4051	1/26/2015

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GERING MEDIA GROUP	SIX YEAR STR NOTICE	\$148.06	159483	1/30/2015
GERING MERCHANTS	KENO FUNDS:'MAKE GERING SHINE'	\$510.75	159484	1/30/2015
GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG.	REPAIR HEATING AND AIR	\$1,484.80	159485	1/30/2015
GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	TRNG CONF. MEAL&FUEL EXPNSE	\$153.63	159486	1/30/2015
GRAPHIC SCREENPRINTING	UNIFORMS FOR NEW OFFICERS	\$716.00	4052	1/26/2015
GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPIER LEASE	\$276.74	159488	1/30/2015
GREG'S AUTO BODY & PAINT	2013 FORD PICKUP PARTS*REPAIRS	\$3,463.56	159489	1/30/2015
HARDING & SHULTZ, P.C. L.L.O.	SPECIAL LABOR MATTERS	\$11,706.42	159491	1/30/2015
HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS	WWTP REPAIRS	\$1,725.00	159492	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	HANDLE	\$40.79	159495	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	OIL SEAL	\$79.65	159495	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	SCREWS	\$339.30	159495	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	LINER	\$86.94	159495	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	SHOP TOOL	\$50.94	159495	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	UPPER & LOWER BALL JOINTS	\$626.65	159495	1/30/2015
HEILBRUN'S INC	AIR, OIL, FUEL FILTERS, REPAIR	\$513.97	159495	1/30/2015
HOLTZ INDUSTRIES	RELIEF VALVE KIT FOR G6	\$933.90	4053	1/26/2015
HOME DEPOT	LAMP FOR WELFL OFFICE	\$24.97	4054	1/26/2015
170 66	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$44.00	4055	1/26/2015
ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT	ICMA CITY ADMIN	\$136.61	1317935	1/23/2015
ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT	ICMA CITY ADMIN	\$163.93	1317935	1/23/2015
ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT	ICMA CITY ADMIN	\$27.33	1317935	1/23/2015
ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT	ICMA CITY ADMIN	\$54.65	1317935	1/23/2015
ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT	ICMA CITY ADMIN	\$163.90	1317935	1/23/2015
IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN	MATS	\$34.09	159496	1/30/2015
IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN	RUG CLEANING	\$22.32	159496	1/30/2015
IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN	DOOR MATS	\$10.51	159496	1/30/2015
IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$286.75	159496	1/30/2015
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	WARRIORS OMEN STARS BOOK RETRN	\$688.68	159497	1/30/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$16,607.19	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$105.27	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$105.25	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,722.57	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$6,334.52	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,509.47	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,879.34	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$5,080.73	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,827.39	1317931	1/23/2015
INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY	BATTERIES #40	\$208.90	159498	1/30/2015
INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY	BATTERY	\$110.95	159498	1/30/2015
INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$22.26	159498	1/30/2015
INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY	BATTERIES FOR PICKUP	\$110.95	159498	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$690.77	159499	1/30/2015

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INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$84.24	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$50.54	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	SPAM SERVICES - YEARLY	\$263.80	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$50.54	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$134.78	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$84.24	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$168.48	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$252.72	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$84.25	159499	1/30/2015
INTRALINKS, INC.	YEARLY SPAM SERVICES	\$84.24	159499	1/30/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 1-10%	\$2,803.43	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 6%	\$54.78	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 6%	\$54.76	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 1-10%	\$1,423.61	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 6%	\$2,495.92	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 1-10%	\$1,383.54	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 1-10%	\$1,431.66	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 6%	\$2,270.58	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHN HANCOCK USA	JH RETIRE 1-10%	\$966.62	1317934	1/23/2015
JOHNSON CASHWAY CO.	BROOM	\$16.99	4056	1/26/2015
JOHNSON CASHWAY CO.	VELCRO FOR TEMP. GAUGE	\$7.28	159500	1/30/2015
JOHNSON CASHWAY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$33.25	159500	1/30/2015
JOHNSON CASHWAY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$1.45	159500	1/30/2015
JOHNSON CASHWAY CO.	PART FOR 344J	\$1.38	159500	1/30/2015
JUAN MARQUEZ	HANG, TAPE, TEXTURE, FINISH	\$4,000.00	159501	1/30/2015
KAREN SUE BRUNTZ	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$425.00	159502	1/30/2015
KATHLEEN A. LAUGHLIN	GARNISHMENT 2	\$165.00	159443	1/23/2015
KOVARIK, ELLISON & MATHIS PC	SPECIAL PERSONNEL MATTER	\$10,487.29	159505	1/30/2015
KOVARIK, ELLISON & MATHIS PC	CITY VS. TIM PROPP	\$2,726.93	159505	1/30/2015
KRIZ DAVIS CO.	SMALL CABLE CUTTER	\$329.47	159506	1/30/2015
KRIZ DAVIS CO.	WELL REPAIR	\$122.40	159506	1/30/2015
LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT	INSURE ROOK AT DEPOT	\$63.06	159508	1/30/2015
LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT	AUTO DAMAGE & LIABILTY COVRAGE	\$871.62	159508	1/30/2015
LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALITIES	2015 MIDWINTER CONF. KAUFMAN	\$348.00	159509	1/30/2015
LORI SANDERS	RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND	\$75.00	159530	1/30/2015
LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS STORE	FUEL TO PICK UP CITY VEHICLE	\$96.65	4057	1/26/2015
MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER HOTEL	LODGING-CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$299.48	4059	1/26/2015
MEAT SHOPPE	MANGAEMENT CONTRACT	\$3,772.35	159448	1/23/2015
MEAT SHOPPE	BAR SALES	\$18,815.72	159512	1/30/2015
MENARDS	WELL REPAIR:WATER PRESS REG,	\$74.88	4060	1/26/2015
MG TRUST COMPANY, LLC	MG T - FIRE	\$5,629.00	159440	1/23/2015
MIKE MC KEE	WORKBOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$37.42	159513	1/30/2015
MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY	POCKET FILE FOLDERS	\$196.00	159515	1/30/2015

CLAIMS REPORT

1-23-15 to 2-4-15

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY	CALENDARS & NOTEBOOKS	\$114.10	159515	1/30/2015
MOR ELECTRIC HEATING	HEAT ELEMENTS	\$158.15	4061	1/26/2015
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE	MONTHLY RITA INSTALLMENT	\$438,144.81	159516	1/30/2015
MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME	SAFETY CLOTHING	\$470.76	4062	1/26/2015
MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME	EMPLOYEE JACKETS:FLANNEL&ARTIC	\$89.99	4062	1/26/2015
MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME	HEATER	\$298.62	4062	1/26/2015
NE BOARD OF ENGINEERS & A	CIVIL ENGINEER LICENSE RENEWAL	\$80.00	4063	1/26/2015
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	CHILD SUPPORT 1	\$347.55	1317932	1/23/2015
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	CHILD SUPPORT 1	\$20.68	1317932	1/23/2015
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	CHILD SUPPORT 1	\$62.05	1317932	1/23/2015
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	CHILD SUPPORT 1	\$31.03	1317932	1/23/2015
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	CHILD SUPPORT 1	\$31.03	1317932	1/23/2015
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	CHILD SUPPORT 1	\$246.19	1317932	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$4,976.24	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$27.77	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$27.78	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$975.64	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$1,932.51	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$748.45	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$781.97	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$1,350.45	1317933	1/23/2015
NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR)	STATE TAXES	\$518.66	1317933	1/23/2015
NE. WATER RESOURCES ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$105.00	159521	1/30/2015
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES - PHEASANT DRIVE	\$1,617.26	159517	1/30/2015
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES-240066 HWY 92	\$148.15	159517	1/30/2015
NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC.	RADIO ADVERTISING	\$363.50	159504	1/30/2015
NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST	POSTAGE	\$1,625.76	159519	1/30/2015
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	RETAINER	\$49.01	159518	1/30/2015
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	PLUMBING FOR NEW SHOP	\$14.71	159520	1/30/2015
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	WELL REPAIR	\$52.23	159520	1/30/2015
O. J. WATSON CO., INC.	SNOW PLOW REPAIR	\$215.39	159522	1/30/2015
OCLC, INC.	CAT. & ILL SUBSCRIPTION	\$133.25	159523	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OVRPYMNT:CHKS 151446 & 157683	\$409.63	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OFFICE CHAIR FOR KREASHA	\$192.49	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OVRPYMNT:CHKS 151446 & 157683	-\$33.72	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OVRPYMNT:CHKS 151446 & 157683	-\$0.71	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$67.74	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OVRPYMNT:CHKS 151446 & 157683	-\$33.72	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OVRPYMNT:CHKS 151446 & 157683	-\$33.71	159454	1/30/2015
OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	OVRPYMNT:CHKS 151446 & 157683	-\$33.71	159454	1/30/2015
PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC	WATER LAB	\$54.00	159478	1/30/2015
PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC	WW LAB	\$472.00	159478	1/30/2015
PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC	SUPPLIES	\$331.76	159507	1/30/2015

CLAIMS REPORT

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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC	SUPPLIES	\$2,486.59	159507	1/30/2015
PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC	SUPPLIES	\$2,588.86	159507	1/30/2015
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE - BLOOD TEST	\$10.50	4064	1/26/2015
POWERPLAN OIB	BOLTS	\$88.80	159524	1/30/2015
POWERPLAN OIB	OIL FILTERS FOR 344J	\$1,212.16	159524	1/30/2015
QUEST, INC.	CHAIN ADJUSTER	\$19.53	159525	1/30/2015
RAMADA INN	LODGING-CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$173.70	4065	1/26/2015
RDJ SPECIALTIES, INC.	PENCILS FOR KIDS SRO OFFICER	\$258.34	159527	1/30/2015
RECORDED BOOKS, INC.	AUDIOBOOKS	\$141.26	159528	1/30/2015
ROBERT GLEIM	#2 MEAL ALLOWANCE FOR NLETC	\$92.00	159487	1/30/2015
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER GOLF	CLASS A SUPERINTENDENT	\$165.00	4066	1/26/2015
SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	FINAL PLAT - BLOCK 1	\$32.00	159531	1/30/2015
SCB. CO. DISTRICT COURT	ALIMONY	\$75.00	159441	1/23/2015
SCB. COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	MONTHLY BILLING FEES	\$53.26	159532	1/30/2015
SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED	SILENT ALARM MONITORING	\$85.00	159533	1/30/2015
SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED	ALARM MONITORING	\$85.00	159533	1/30/2015
SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED	ALARM MONITORING - LANDFILL	\$170.00	159533	1/30/2015
SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED	RESTAURANT ALARM SYSTEM	\$170.00	159533	1/30/2015
SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED	911 CALLS AND EMERGECECY	\$85.00	159533	1/30/2015
SCOTTSBLUFF VISION CLINIC	EYE EXAM FOR TRAINING CENTER	\$221.00	4068	1/26/2015
SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY CTRB	\$10.00	159437	1/23/2015
SCS ENGINEERS	WORK ON EXISTING LANDFILL	\$23,523.46	159546	1/30/2015
SHELL	FUEL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICK UP	\$46.78	4069	1/26/2015
SHERYL'S LOG CABIN	MEALS FOR SNOW REMOVAL	\$59.54	4070	1/26/2015
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	THUMB DRIVE	\$19.99	159537	1/30/2015
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	INK	\$55.63	4071	1/26/2015
SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT	CREDIT UNION	\$739.71	159442	1/23/2015
SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT	CREDIT UNION	\$278.37	159442	1/23/2015
SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT	CREDIT UNION	\$250.00	159442	1/23/2015
TA # 187 BURNS	FOOD FOR CITY VEHICLE PICKUP	\$28.33	4072	1/26/2015
TALMADGE PROPERTIES INC.	CONFERENCE STAY: JAMES FARRO	\$299.85	159490	1/30/2015
TALMADGE PROPERTIES INC.	CONFERENCE STAY: PAT CLOSSON	\$299.85	159490	1/30/2015
TGI FRIDAY'S	MEAL FOR CITY VEHICLE PICK UP	\$35.74	4073	1/26/2015
THE ABY MANUFACTURING GROUP	BADGES	\$492.50	159477	1/30/2015
THE PEAVY CORP.	EVIDENCE SUPPLIES	\$159.80	4058	1/26/2015
TONY KAUFMAN	2015 MIDWNTR CONF. TRVL EXPNSE	\$559.07	159503	1/30/2015
VALLEY BANK - POLICE	PO. UNION DUES	\$320.00	159444	1/23/2015
VALLEY BANK & TRUST	HSA CTRB 125	\$4,499.72	159438	1/23/2015
VALLEY BANK & TRUST	HSA CTRB 125	\$1,726.65	159438	1/23/2015
VALLEY BANK & TRUST	HSA CTRB 125	\$384.73	159438	1/23/2015
VALLEY BANK & TRUST	HSA CTRB 125	\$531.59	159438	1/23/2015
VALLEY BANK & TRUST	HSA CTRB 125	\$1,361.81	159438	1/23/2015
WENNER MEDIA	26 ISSUE SUBSCRIPTION	\$29.95	4067	1/26/2015

CLAIMS REPORT

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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY	FILTERS	\$78.75	159535	1/30/2015
WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY	OIL	\$222.50	159535	1/30/2015
YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF	WELLNESS YMCA	\$251.10	159439	1/23/2015
PAYROLL CHECKS ON 1/23/2015		\$105,716.11		
**** PAID TOTAL ****		\$951,486.33		
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$951,486.33		

Agenda Item Summary

For the meeting of: February 9, 2015
Agenda item title: Water Chemical Treatment of 4 Wells
Submitted by: Pat Heath

Explanation of the agenda item: Chemical treatment of 4 wells, test pumps, camera survey, & other work per the specifications.

Board/Commission/Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval of low bid to Layne Water Resources of \$38,873.13

Does this item require the expenditure of funds?	<u> x </u>	yes	<u> </u>	no
Are funds budgeted?	<u> x </u>	yes	<u> </u>	no

If no, comments: _____

Estimated Amount _____
Amount Budgeted \$50,600.00
Department Water Department
Account 202-24-6355
Account Description _____

Approval of funds available: Low Bid in the amount of \$38,873.13
City Treasurer/Finance Director *John Mejia*

Does this item require a resolution or an ordinance?	<u> </u>	yes	<u> x </u>	no
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If a resolution or ordinance is required, it must be attached.

Please list all names and addresses of those to be notified.
Layne Water Resources, PO Box 189, Kearney, NE 68848

Approved for submittal: *Lane Daneshmand*
Mayor, City Council member, City Administrator, City Clerk

Referred to: _____ **Committee**

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CITY OF GERING
Well Chemical Treatment and Repairs - 4 Wells
CONSTRUCTION/BID COMPARISONS
 Gering, NE 69341

12/30/15 PROJECT NO: Bid Opening: Tuesday 1:30 PM - February 3, 2015

Item No.	Material List	Unit	Approximate Quantity	Budget Amount/Estimate	Sargent Drilling	Layne Water Resources
1	Well No. 12: Submersible Motor in a 16" Casing at approximate depth of 50'. Includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete all work meeting the General Specifications and other Specifications herein.	LS	1	\$12,000.00	\$10,100.00	\$8,659.51
2	Well No. 13: Submersible Motor in a 16" Casing at approximate depth of 50'. Includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete all work meeting the General Specifications and other Specifications herein.	LS	1	\$12,000.00	\$10,100.00	\$8,659.52
3	Well No. 14: Submersible Motor in a 16" Casing at approximate depth of 50'. Includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete all work meeting the General Specifications and other Specifications herein.	LS	1	\$12,000.00	\$10,100.00	\$10,015.40
4	Well No. 4: Vertical Turbine Line Shaft Pump in a 18" Casing at approximate depth of 50'. Includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete all work meeting the General Specifications and other Specifications herein.	LS	1	\$12,000.00	\$10,600.00	\$10,653.70
5	Sonar Jet Well - For Bid Purposes Only This Bid Quote identifies individual wells in the event optimum capacity of well is not met per original conditions Bidder to quote this line item as performing sonar jetting to one well; however said quote shall apply to the other three (3) wells if City deems necessary to sonar jet.	LS	1	\$2,600.00	\$2,800.00	\$885.00
TOTAL ALL CONSTRUCTION				\$50,600.00	\$43,700.00	\$38,873.13

NOTE: Bidder to refer to 16.1 "Award of Contract" and include the following: OWNER reserves the right to eliminate one or more bid items listed above in the event problems arise with performing work to the wells and additional costs are incurred and/or if bids exceed the amount budgeted for this project.

BID SUMMARY

City of Gering, Nebraska
 1025 "p" Street, P.O. Box 687
 Gering, Nebraska 69341

Project: Three Rotary Mowers for Park Department
 Bid Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 @ 11:00am
 Budget: Park \$52,000.00

Golf \$62,000.00

Item No.	Description	21 st Century Equipment		Sandberg Implement		LL Johnson		Stotz Equipment		C & M Golf and Grounds	
		Unit Price	Item Totals	Unit Price	Item Totals	Unit Price	Item Totals	Unit Price	Item Totals	Unit Price	Item Totals
	Park Mower		<u>\$48,360.11</u>		<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$55,990.00</u>		<u>\$48,458.39</u>		<u>\$50,753.71</u>
	Golf Mower		<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$62,890.00</u>		<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$53,665.00</u> Did Not Meet Specs
	Delivery Date :										
	BID BOND										
	REMARKS										

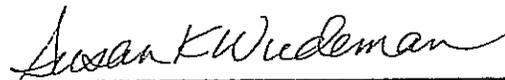
RESOLUTION NO. 6-07-3

Now therefore be it resolved that the following guidelines are hereby established with regard to filling City Council vacancies.

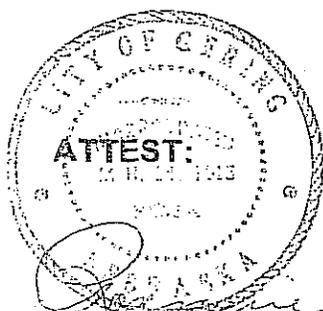
If a vacancy occurs on the council resulting from causes other than expiration of the term, the vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

1. Notice of the vacancy shall be in writing and presented to the City Council at a regular or special meeting and shall appear as a part of the minutes of such meeting.
2. Public notice of the vacancy shall be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation or by posting in three public places in the City the office vacated and the length of the unexpired term.
3. Interested persons shall submit a letter explaining their interest in the position to the Mayor. The Mayor and City Councilmembers shall conduct interviews of interested persons. Interview questions will be approved prior to the interview process.
4. Within four weeks after the meeting at which such notice of vacancy was presented, the issue of filling such vacancy shall be placed on the agenda at the next regular meeting at which time the Mayor shall submit the name of a qualified registered voter to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term. No person shall be appointed to fill a vacancy unless he or she has the qualifications required to be elected to such office at the time of the appointment unless otherwise specifically provided.
5. The City Council shall vote upon such nominee, and if a majority votes in favor of such nominee, the vacancy shall be declared filled. The Mayor shall cast the vote for or against the nominee in the case of a tie vote of the council.

Passed and approved this 11th day of June, 2007.



Susan K. Wiedeman, Mayor





Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

Agenda Item Summary

For the meeting of: February 9, 2015

Agenda item title: Consider approval of modified Request for Future Agenda Item

Submitted by: Lane Danielzuk, City Administrator

Explanation of the agenda item: This item was discussed at the January 26, 2015 City Council meeting. A motion to approve the form failed. The City Attorney has since modified the language on the Future Agenda Item form for consideration by Council.

Board/Commission/Staff recommendation:

Does this item require the expenditure of funds? **yes** **X** **No**

Are funds budgeted? **yes** **no**

If no, comments:

Estimated Amount _____

Amount Budgeted _____

Department _____

Account _____

Account Description _____

Approval of funds available: _____

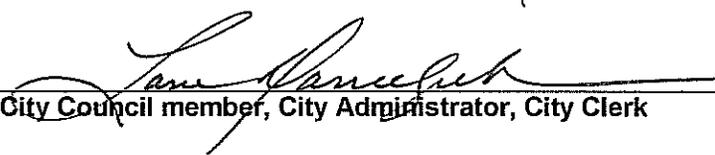
City Treasurer/Finance Director

Does this item require a resolution or an ordinance? **yes** **X** **no**

If a resolution or ordinance is required, it must be attached.

Please list all names and addresses of those to be notified.

Approved for submittal:



Mayor, City Council member, City Administrator, City Clerk

Referred to: _____ **Committee**

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City of Gering

Request for Future City Council Agenda Item

Citizens with a specific topic they would like discussed at a future City Council meeting may complete this form and return it to the City of Gering at 1025 P Street, Gering NE. The item will be reviewed by City staff, and at the discretion of the City Administrator, either referred to the City Council, City Staff, or the appropriate Standing Committee for resolution and action. Notwithstanding resolution of the Agenda item outlined herein, this procedure does not foreclose or prevent any citizen from addressing the matter before the Gering City Council.

Describe agenda item. (Clearly state your comment or concern) _____

State what action you would like the City to take on this item: _____

Does this item require expenditure of funds? _____yes _____no

Name: _____

Address: _____

(address should be where you reside)

Telephone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Request for Future Agenda Item Follow Up

Date reviewed by staff: _____

Was the item placed on the agenda? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, what was the action on this item? _____

If no, how was the item handled and by whom? _____

Is additional follow up needed? _____
If so, what? _____



CITIZEN AGENDA ITEM

Anyone wishing to request an agenda item or offer comments or concerns about city matters are asked to complete this form and return it to the City of Gering Administrative Office, 1025 P Street, P.O. Box 687, Gering, by Noon on Wednesday prior to the City Council meeting. If the Wednesday prior to the City Council meeting is a holiday, the deadline is Tuesday at Noon.

For the meeting date of: 9 February 2015

Agenda item title: Request for letter of support LB168

Please clearly state your comment or concern: I would like council to draft and send a letter of support to the members of the state legislature for LB168

Please state what action you would like the Council to take: Draft and mail a letter of support to members of state legislature.

Does this item require the expenditure of funds? yes no

Name: Ben Backus Date: 2 Feb 2015

Address: 440 O St Gering NE 69341

Telephone: 308-631-4628

This item may be referred to a committee for a recommendation to the City Council.

Referred to _____ Committee.

City letterhead

February 9, 2015

Senator _____

Address

City, State, Zip

(A letter should be sent to each legislator, should it go to the floor for a vote)

Dear Senator _____:

The Gering City Council respectfully requests your support of Legislative Bill 168 (The Business Improvement District Act.). As a city of approximately 8500, the improvement of downtown business districts can be a daunting task. This bill creates the tools for cities to take a multi-pronged approach allowing business owners, property owners and citizens to provide direct guidance and input for downtown improvement projects.

The bill also creates a mechanism to motivate absentee landlords to improve their properties by allowing business owners to petition for the creation of a business improvement district. The building owners are not left powerless as there is a petition process available requiring 50% of owners to protest any special assessments or occupation taxes.

The City Council finds this bill to be well crafted and utilizes private/public partnerships to improve downtown areas, which in the end creates a benefit for all of the citizens of Gering. It is not merely a way to place an additional tax burden on building owners, but also allows the businesses to provide input to federal and state grant money used within the business improvement district.

If you have any questions about our support of this bill please reach out to our City of Gering office and speak with our City Administrator Lane Danielzuk (card enclosed).

Sincerely,

Mark A. Kaufman,
Mayor
City of Gering

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168

Introduced by Mello, 5.

Read first time January 12, 2015

Committee: Urban Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Business Improvement District Act; to
2 amend sections 19-4015, 19-4016, 19-4017, 19-4017.01, 19-4020,
3 19-4021, 19-4025, 19-4026, 19-4027, 49-4028, 19-4029, 19-4030,
4 19-4033, 19-4037, and 19-4038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
5 to authorize expansion of existing district boundaries; to define
6 and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original
7 sections; and to outright repeal section 19-4024, Reissue Revised
8 Statutes of Nebraska.
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 19-4015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 19-4015 Sections 19-4015 to 19-4038 and sections 7 and 12 to 15 of
4 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Business Improvement
5 District Act.

6 Sec. 2. Section 19-4016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 19-4016 The Business Improvement District Act provides Sections
9 ~~19-4015 to 19-4038 provide~~ a separate and additional method, authority,
10 and procedure for the matters to which it relates and does not affect any
11 other law relating to the same or similar subject. When proceeding under
12 ~~the act, sections 19-4015 to 19-4038, their provisions only the~~
13 provisions of the act need be followed.

14 Sec. 3. Section 19-4017, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:

16 19-4017 Cities of the metropolitan, primary, first, and second class
17 in the state at present have business areas in need of improvement and
18 development, but lack the funds with which to provide and maintain such
19 improvements. The purpose of the Business Improvement District Act
20 ~~sections 19-4015 to 19-4038~~ is to provide a means by which such cities
21 may raise the necessary funds to be used for the purpose of providing and
22 maintaining the improvements authorized by the act ~~sections 19-4015 to~~
23 ~~19-4038.~~

24 Sec. 4. Section 19-4017.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
25 amended to read:

26 19-4017.01 For purposes of the Business Improvement District Act As
27 ~~used in sections 19-4015 to 19-4038, unless the context otherwise~~
28 ~~requires:~~

29 (1) Record owner shall mean the fee owner of real property as shown
30 in the records of the register of deeds office in the county in which the
31 business area is located. A contract purchaser of real property shall be

1 considered the record owner ~~for purposes of sections 19-4015 to 19-4038~~
2 and the only person entitled to petition pursuant to section 19-4026 or
3 section 13 of this act ~~19-4028~~ or protest pursuant to section 19-4027 or
4 section 14 of this act, if the contract is recorded in the register of
5 deeds office in the county in which the business area is located;

6 (2) Assessable unit shall mean front foot, square foot, equivalent
7 front foot, or other unit of assessment established under the proposed
8 method of assessment set forth in the ordinance creating ~~resolution of~~
9 ~~intention to create~~ a business improvement district; and

10 (3) Space shall mean the square foot space wherein customers,
11 patients, clients, or other invitees are received and space from time to
12 time used or available for use in connection with a business or
13 profession of a user, excepting all space owned or used by political
14 subdivisions; and -

15 (4) Business area shall mean an established area of the city zoned
16 for business, public, or commercial purposes.

17 Sec. 5. Section 19-4020, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 19-4020 A business improvement district may be created as provided
20 by the Business Improvement District Act ~~sections 19-4015 to 19-4038~~ and
21 shall be within the boundaries of a ~~an established~~ business area ~~of the~~
22 ~~city zoned for business, public, or commercial purposes.~~

23 Sec. 6. Section 19-4021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 19-4021 The mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall
26 appoint a business improvement board consisting of property owners,
27 residents, business operators, or users of space within the business area
28 to be improved. The boundaries of the business area shall be declared by
29 resolution of the city council at or prior to the time of the appointment
30 of the board. The board shall make recommendations to the city council
31 for the establishment of a plan or plans for improvements in the business

1 area. If it is found that the improvements to be included in one business
2 area offer benefits that cannot be equitably assessed together under the
3 Business Improvement District Act sections 19-4015 to 19-4038, more than
4 one business improvement district as part of the same ~~development~~ plan
5 for improvements for that business area may be proposed. The board may
6 make recommendations to the city as to the use of any occupation tax
7 funds collected, and may administer such funds if so directed by the
8 mayor and city council. The board shall also review and make
9 recommendations to the city regarding expansion of the boundaries of the
10 business improvement district under sections 12 to 15 of this act.

11 Sec. 7. Section 19-4025, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 ~~19-4025~~ (1) A notice of hearing for any hearing under section
14 19-4029 and sections 12 and 13 of this act sections 19-4015 to 19-4038
15 shall be given by (1) one publication of the notice of hearing resolution
16 ~~of intention~~ in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and (2)
17 mailing a ~~complete~~ copy of the notice of hearing resolution of intention
18 to each owner of taxable property as shown on the latest tax rolls of the
19 county treasurer for such county. If an occupation tax is to be imposed,
20 a copy of the notice of hearing resolution of intention shall also be
21 mailed to each user of space in the proposed district. Publication and
22 mailing shall be completed at least ten days prior to the time of
23 hearing.

24 (2) Any notice of hearing for any hearing required by section
25 19-4029 shall contain the following information:

26 (a) A description of the boundaries of the proposed district;

27 (b) The time and place of a hearing to be held by the city council
28 to consider establishment of the district;

29 (c) The proposed public facilities and improvements to be made or
30 maintained within any such district; and

31 (d) The proposed or estimated costs for improvements and facilities

1 within the proposed district and the method by which the revenue shall be
2 raised. If a special assessment is proposed, the notice shall also state
3 the proposed method of assessment.

4 (3) Any notice of hearing for any hearing required by sections 12
5 and 13 of this act shall contain the following information:

6 (a) A description of the boundaries of the area to be added to the
7 existing business improvement district and a description of the new
8 boundaries of the modified district;

9 (b) The time and place of a hearing to be held by the city council
10 to consider establishment of the modified district;

11 (c) The new public facilities and improvements, if any, to be made
12 or maintained within any such district; and

13 (d) The proposed or estimated costs for new and existing
14 improvements and facilities within the proposed modified district and the
15 method by which the revenue shall be raised. If a special assessment is
16 proposed, the notice shall also state the proposed method of assessment.

17 Sec. 8. Section 19-4026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 19-4026 In the event that the city council has not acted to call a
20 hearing to create a district as provided in section 19-4029 ~~sections~~
21 ~~19-4015 to 19-4038~~, it shall do so when presented with a petition signed
22 by the record owners of thirty percent of the assessable front footage in
23 a business area or by the users of thirty percent of space in a business
24 area.

25 Sec. 9. Section 19-4027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 19-4027 Whenever a hearing is held under section 19-4029 ~~the~~
28 ~~provisions of sections 19-4015 to 19-4038~~, the city council shall:

29 (1) Hear all protests and receive evidence for or against the
30 proposed action;

31 (2) Rule upon all written protests received prior to the close of

1 the hearing, which ruling shall be final; and

2 (3) Continue the hearing from time to time as the city council may
3 deem necessary.

4 If a special assessment is to be used, proceedings shall terminate
5 if written protest is made prior to the close of the hearing by the
6 record owners of over fifty percent of the assessable units in the
7 proposed district. If an occupation tax is to be used, proceedings shall
8 terminate if protest is made by users of over fifty percent of the ~~users~~
9 ~~of~~ space in the proposed district.

10 Sec. 10. Section 19-4028, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 19-4028 If the city council decides to change the boundaries of the
13 proposed district or to change the proposed modifications to the
14 boundaries of an existing business improvement district or districts from
15 those recommended by the business improvement board, the hearing shall be
16 continued to a time at least fifteen days after such decision and the
17 notice shall be given as prescribed in section 7 of this act ~~19-4026~~,
18 showing the boundary amendments. The city council may not expand the
19 proposed boundaries recommended by the business improvement board without
20 the council's proposed boundaries being considered by the business
21 improvement board ~~, but no new or additional resolution of intention~~
22 ~~shall be required.~~

23 Sec. 11. Section 19-4029, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 19-4029 Upon receiving the recommendation from the business
26 improvement board, the city council may create one or more business
27 improvement districts. The city council, following a the hearing, may
28 establish or reject any proposed district or districts. If the city
29 council decides to establish any district, it shall adopt an ordinance to
30 that effect. This ordinance shall contain the following information:

31 (1) A statement that notice of hearing was given, including the date

1 or dates on which it was given, in accordance with section 7 of this act
2 ~~The number, date, and title of the resolution of intention pursuant to~~
3 ~~which it was adopted;~~

4 (2) The time and place the hearing was held concerning the formation
5 of such district;

6 (3) A statement that a business improvement district has been
7 established;

8 (4) The purposes of the district, and the public improvements and
9 facilities to be included in such district;

10 (5) The description of the boundaries of such district;

11 (6) A statement that the businesses and users of space professions
12 ~~in the district area established by the ordinance~~ shall be subject to the
13 general business occupation tax or that the real property in the district
14 ~~area~~ will be subject to the special assessment authorized by the Business
15 Improvement District Act sections 19-4015 to 19-4038;

16 (7) The proposed method of assessment to be imposed within the
17 district or the initial rate of the occupation tax to be imposed; and

18 (8) Any penalties to be imposed for failure to pay the tax or
19 special assessment.

20 The ordinance shall recite that the method of raising revenue shall
21 be fair and equitable. In the use of a general occupation tax, the tax
22 shall be based on the square footage of the owner's and user's place of
23 business. In the use of a special assessment, the assessment shall be
24 based upon the special benefit to the property within the district.

25 Sec. 12. Upon receiving the recommendation to expand the boundaries
26 of an existing business improvement district from the business
27 improvement board, the city council may expand the boundaries of one or
28 more business improvement districts by adopting an ordinance to expand
29 the boundaries of a district or districts. Prior to adopting the
30 ordinance, a hearing shall be held to consider the ordinance.

31 Sec. 13. In the event that the city council has not acted to call a

1 hearing to expand district boundaries as provided in section 12 of this
2 act, it shall do so when presented with a petition signed by the users of
3 thirty percent of space in a business area proposed to be added to an
4 existing business improvement district where an occupation tax is imposed
5 or by the record owners of thirty percent of the assessable front footage
6 in a portion of a business area proposed to be added to an existing
7 business improvement district.

8 Sec. 14. Whenever a hearing is held to expand district boundaries
9 under section 12 or 13 of this act, the city council shall:

10 (1) Hear all protests and receive evidence for or against the
11 proposed action;

12 (2) Rule upon all written protests received prior to the close of
13 the hearing, which ruling shall be final; and

14 (3) Continue the hearing from time to time as the city council may
15 deem necessary.

16 If a special assessment is to be used, proceedings shall terminate
17 if written protest is made prior to the close of the hearing by the
18 record owners of over fifty percent of the assessable units in the
19 modified district as proposed. If an occupation tax is to be used,
20 proceedings shall terminate if protest is made by users of over fifty
21 percent of space in the modified district as proposed.

22 Sec. 15. The city council, following a hearing under section 12 or
23 13 of this act, may expand the boundaries of any district or districts.
24 If the city council decides to expand the boundaries, it shall adopt an
25 ordinance to that effect. This ordinance shall contain the following
26 information:

27 (1) The name of the district whose boundaries will be expanded;

28 (2) A statement that notice of hearing was given, including the date
29 or dates on which it was given, in accordance with section 7 of this act;

30 (3) The time and place the hearing was held concerning the new
31 boundaries of such district;

1 (4) The purposes of the boundary expansion and any new public
2 improvements and facilities to be included in such district;

3 (5) The description of the new boundaries of such district;

4 (6) A statement that the businesses and users of space in the
5 modified district established by the ordinance shall be subject to the
6 general business occupation tax or that the real property in the modified
7 district will be subject to the special assessment authorized by the
8 Business Improvement District Act;

9 (7) The proposed method of assessment to be imposed within the
10 district or the initial rate of the occupation tax to be imposed; and

11 (8) Any penalties to be imposed for failure to pay the tax or
12 special assessment.

13 The ordinance shall recite that the method of raising revenue shall
14 be fair and equitable. In the use of a general occupation tax, the tax
15 shall be based on the square footage of the owner's and user's place of
16 business. In the use of a special assessment, the assessment shall be
17 based upon the special benefit to the property within the district.

18 Sec. 16. Section 19-4030, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 19-4030 A city may levy a special assessment against the real estate
21 located in a business improvement ~~such~~ district, to the extent of the
22 special benefit thereto, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the
23 total costs and expenses of performing any authorized work, except
24 maintenance, repair, and reconstruction costs, within such district. The
25 amount of each special assessment shall be determined by the city council
26 sitting as a board of equalization. Assessments shall be levied in
27 accordance with the method of assessment proposed in the ordinance
28 creating the district. If the city council finds that the proposed method
29 of assessment does not provide a fair and equitable method of
30 apportioning costs, then it may assess the costs under such method as the
31 city council finds to be fair and equitable. Notice of a hearing on any

1 special assessments to be levied under the Business Improvement District
2 Act sections 19-4015 to 19-4038 shall be given to the landowners in such
3 district by publication of the description of the land, the amount
4 proposed to be assessed, and the general purpose for which such
5 assessment is to be made one time each week for three weeks in a daily or
6 weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the city. The notice
7 shall provide the date, time, and place of hearing to hear any objections
8 or protests by landowners in the district as to the amount of assessment
9 made against their land. A direct appeal to the district court of the
10 county in which such city is located may be taken from the decision of
11 the city council in the same manner and under like terms and conditions
12 as appeals may be taken from the amount of special assessments levied in
13 street improvement districts in such city as now provided by law. All
14 special assessments levied under the act sections 19-4015 to 19-4038
15 shall be liens on the property and shall be certified for collection and
16 collected in the same manner as special assessments for improvements and
17 street improvement districts of the city are collected.

18 Sec. 17. Section 19-4033, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 19-4033 The total amount of assessments or general business
21 occupation taxes levied under the Business Improvement District Act
22 sections 19-4015 to 19-4038 shall not exceed the total costs and expenses
23 of performing the authorized work. The levy of any additional assessment
24 or tax shall not reduce or affect in any manner the assessments
25 previously levied. The assessments or taxes levied must be for the
26 purposes specified in the ordinances and the proceeds shall not be used
27 for any other purpose.

28 Sec. 18. Section 19-4037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 19-4037 The city is authorized to receive, administer, and disburse
31 donated funds or grants of federal or state funds for the purposes of and

1 in the manner authorized by the Business Improvement District Act
2 ~~sections 19-4015 to 19-4038.~~

3 Sec. 19. Section 19-4038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 19-4038 Any business improvement district or any downtown
6 improvement and parking district created prior to May 23, 1979, pursuant
7 to sections 19-3401 to 19-3420 or 19-4001 to 19-4014, shall continue in
8 existence and shall hereafter be governed by the Business Improvement
9 District Act ~~sections 19-4015 to 19-4038.~~

10 Sec. 20. Original sections 19-4015, 19-4016, 19-4017, 19-4017.01,
11 19-4020, 19-4021, 19-4025, 19-4026, 19-4027, 19-4028, 19-4029, 19-4030,
12 19-4033, 19-4037, and 19-4038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are
13 repealed.

14 Sec. 21. The following section is outright repealed: Section
15 19-4024, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Agenda Item Summary

For the meeting of: February 9, 2015

Agenda item title: Library Annual Report

Submitted by: Diane Downer, Library Director

Explanation of the agenda item: Library Board President, Devin Charles, will give the annual report for the library

Board/Commission/Staff recommendation: _____

Does this item require the expenditure of funds? yes **X** No

Are funds budgeted? _____ yes _____ no

If no, comments: _____

Estimated Amount _____

Amount Budgeted _____

Department _____

Account _____

Account Description _____

Approval of funds available: _____

City Treasurer/Finance Director

Does this item require a resolution or an ordinance? _____ yes **X** no

If a resolution or ordinance is required, it must be attached.

Please list all names and addresses of those to be notified.

Approved for submittal:



Mayor, City Council member, City Administrator, City Clerk

Referred to: _____ **Committee**

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