

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
November 10, 2014**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Mayo and Councilmembers Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Gering Citizen, the designated method of giving notice. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public except as otherwise indicated.

CALL TO ORDER

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**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Excuse Council Member absences (None)**

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

(As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room). Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZENS WITH BUSINESS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA.

(Correspondence and Citizens with business not scheduled was referred back to by Councilmember Morrison after the Consent Agenda was approved). Councilmember Morrison said she would like to address a letter from Ms. Havranek. Mayor Mayo stated that it cannot be addressed at this time. Councilmember Morrison stated that it's not confidential; it went out to all the Council. City Attorney, Jim Ellison, asked what letter was being referred to. Councilmember Morrison replied the one she sent out on November 9 asking for a meeting. City Attorney Ellison replied that issue is being handled under a Chain of Command; it's personnel policies. It has to do with privacy issues and confidential information and it's not to be taken up tonight. Councilmember Morrison asked if she could ask any questions or address anything on this. City Attorney Ellison replied no; he advised her not to.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. Approve minutes of the October 27, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Acknowledgement of receipt of complaint/petition by Cheryl and Dan Witko

Claims:

10-23-14 to 11-6-14

ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC. \$328.50 PAGER RPR., ADVANCED SRV. INC. \$1,307.20 SALARY FOR KROEKER – TEMP. SECRETARY, AMAZON \$573.21 DVD'S, AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN \$67.55 ICMA CONF. HOTEL STAY, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$49.90 PEST CONTROL, BLUFF'S SANITARY SUPPLY \$314.87 RR SUPP., BOMGAARS \$373.96 HAND RAILS, BROADWAY OFFICE CENTRE \$118.76 OFFICE SUPP., BROWN/NELSON ELECTRIC \$69.00 ELECTRIC MOTOR, BUDGET TIRE & SRV. \$547.52 TIRES FOR #716, BURGER KING \$24.60 MEAL AFTER DIVE RESCUE CALL, CARD SRV. \$8,071.20 CREDIT CARD TRANS. – SEPTEMBER, CENEX I-80 \$31.45 GAS FOR #705 BY BRIDGEPORT, CHARLIE BROWNS \$14.00 LUNCH – PAUL CALDWELL INTERVIEW, CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT \$11.00 ICMA CONF. TRANSIT, CHARTER COMM. \$96.98 TV/INTERNET CHR.G., CITY INSURANCE FUND \$139,489.32 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY OF GERING \$60,000.00 USDA RURAL DEV. CITY MATCH, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$2,041.37 EMG. MNGMNT. FEES JULY – SEPT. 14, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$6,603.18 FSA MEDICAL 125, CLARKE CHRISTIE \$21.00 BREAKFAST DURING NLA CONF., CLOSSON PAT \$66.00 PREDIUM FOR CONF. – KEARNEY, CNA SURETY \$64.50 INDV. NOTARY – HOLTHUS, COMPASS TOOLS \$295.00 TERRASYNC PROF. SOFTWARE, CONCRETE CATTLE CO. \$12,073.50 STREET RPR., CONOCO \$35.99 GAS FOR TRIP HOME FROM DIA, CONSOLIDATED SRV. IN \$1,698.68 WATER LOSS RPR., CURVES \$36.38 WELLNESS, D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY \$49.96 LCD CABLE, DALES TIRE & RETREADING \$3,367.85 TIRE 344J, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT \$269.00 DRUG RESCUE BOARD, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$600.00 ANNUAL FEE, DIA \$56.00 PARKING AT DIA, DIANE DOWNER \$21.00 BREAKFAST DURING NLA CONF., DNC TRAVEL HOSPITAL \$9.78 FOOD – PAUL CALDWELL INTERVIEW, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE \$25.52 CLEANING SUPP., DOOLEY OIL INC. \$1,934.50 OIL FOR TRUCK, DUTTON – LAINSON CO. \$1,625.51 FUSES, METER, ED TJADEN \$56.58 USED PERSONAL CARD, CITY CAR, ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO. \$597.25 KEY CONTAINERS, EMBASSY SUITES \$435.36 HOTEL STAY – CONFERENCE, ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR \$66.03 CAR RENTAL – CALDWELL INTERVIEW, ENVIRO SRV. INC. \$496.00 WW LAB, FAIRFIELD INN \$448.25 CONF. LEAGUE OF NE. MUN.

STAY, FARRO JAMES \$214.96 PERDIUM FOR CONF. IN KEARNEY, FASTENAL CO. \$158.47 TOOL, FIRST STATE BANK \$361.75 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV. \$20.65 WORK ON G10, FOOTJOY \$611.65 GLOVES, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF \$168.58 FAN MOTOR #20 PARK PARTS, FRESH FOODS \$49.58 BOTTLED WATER, GALE \$204.67 BOOKS, GALL'S INC. \$237.48 REMOTE SIREN, GARY'S CLEANING & RESTORATION \$3,000.00 CARPET CLEANING, GERING CITIZEN \$139.75 LIBRARY PAGE NOTICE, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$4,613.55 WET SUITS, DIVE GEAR, EQUIP., GFOA \$50.00 GAAFR NEWSLETTER RENEWAL, GP GFOA \$150.00 GP GFOA 14 FALL PROF. DEV. CON., GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP. \$178.49 PRINTER LEASE, HANDDRY \$770.00 RR HAND DRYERS, HAWKINS INC. \$105.20 POOL CHEMICALS, HEILBRUN \$722.50 FILTER, HENDREN KENNY \$1,403.85 AUCTIONEERING SRV., HOBART SALES & SRV. \$194.70 DISHWASHER PARTS, HOME DEPOT \$127.83 LIGHT BULBS, HONEY-WAGON EXPRESS \$120.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, ICMA \$23.00 BOOK - WHAT MATTERS NOW, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$546.42 ICMA CITY ADMIN., IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC. \$425.05 LINERS, TISSUE, TOWELS, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING \$281.62 SPRINKLER RPR., INGRAM LIBRARY SRV. \$636.90 BOOKS/PERIODICALS, INTER. CODE COUNCIL INC. \$125.00 YEARLY ICC MEMBERSHIP, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV. \$38,472.96 FED/FICA TAX, INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID \$419.80 BATTERIES, INTOXIMETERS \$90.00 INTOXIMETERS ALCO - SENSOR, ITRON INC. \$1,849.28 SOFTWARE MAINT., JO - ANN FABRICS & CRAFTS \$18.07 STORYTIME SUPP., JOHN HANCOCK USA \$12,290.23 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$6,631.06 PREM STUDS, KARENS CLEANING \$425.00 CLEANING SRV., KATHLEEN A. LAUGHLIN \$165.00 GARNISHMENT 2, KAWASAKI KORNER \$9.95 RPR'S., KEEP SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING BEAUTIFUL \$5,000.00 ALLOCATED FUNDS, KNEB \$238.00 RADIO AD, KOVARIK, ELLISON, MATHIS \$6,412.93 OREGON WAGON TRAIL TRAIN PURCH., KRIZ - DAVIS CO. \$145.57 BOLTS, LA POLICE GEAR INC. \$78.54 HOLSTER, HANDCUFF POUCH, CLIPS, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MANAGEMENT \$426,493.34 POOL YR 14-15, LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALITY \$445.00 ANNUAL 2014 CONF. NORTH PLATTE - MEJIA, LEGACY OF THE PLAINS \$20,000.00 KENO FUNDS REQUEST, MARATHON JUNCTION \$3.44 SNACK - CARDWELL INTERVIEW, MARLOW WHITE \$368.90 HI GLASS BRASS UNIFORMS, MASEK GOLF CAR CO. \$126.00 CART RENTAL, MATHESON TRI - GAS INC. \$230.11 SHOP, MAVERIK \$35.27 GAS - CARDWELL INTERVIEW, MEAT SHOPPE \$31,862.03 CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$68.05 HARDWARE FOR TRAINING, MERCHANT JT&S \$550.00 BOOK 4 TUITION - MCCORMICK, MG TRUST CO. LLC \$5,596.58 MG T - POLICE, MIZUNO USA INC. \$1,599.89 WEDGES, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$560.00 BINDERS FOR HHS & PENS, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$416,772.04 POWER BILL, NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION \$225.00 DUES, NATIONAL INSURANCE SRV. \$986.17 VISION INSURANCE, NATIONAL RECREATION/PARK \$28.00 DUES, NDOR - LODGING \$1,191.89 LODGING TAX SEPTEMBER, NDOR - LOTTERY \$8,784.68 JULY - SEPTEMBER LOTTERY TAXES, NE. CHILD SUPPORT PYMT.\$727.48 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE. DEPARTMENT OF REV. (PR) \$17,306.59 STATE TAXES, NE. SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$135.00 FIRE EXT. INSPECTION, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO. \$20.78 INSULATION, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER \$1,036.90 DUES, NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION \$1,090.00 FALL CONF. SEPT 16 - 18, NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORE \$220.00 DUES, NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST \$800.00 POSTAGE, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$528.40 HYDRANTS, OCLC INC. \$133.25 CAT & ILL SUBS., OLE'S BIG GAME STEAKHOUSE \$123.03 MEALS FOR DIVE RESCUE RESPOND, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC. \$105.45 LOCATE FEES, OUTDOOR NEBRASKA \$44.00 SUBSCRIPTION, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD. \$112.00 SEWERLINE RPR., PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$1,766.44 FUEL, PHYSIO-CONTROL INC. \$495.00 ASSEMBLY BATTERY REPLACE KIT, PING \$297.21 GOLF CLUB, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$569.56 INSTALLED GAS LINE, POLICE MAGAZINE \$14.99 POLICE MAGAZINE, POWERPLAN OIB \$72.54 OIL 344J, PSI - DIGITAL IMAGING SOLUTION \$640.40 INK CARTRIDGES AND PAPER, PSYCHOLOGY TODAY \$19.97 MAG. SUBSCRIPTION, QUALITY INN & SUITES \$466.08 LEAGUE CONF. - WELFL, QUILTMAKER \$21.97 MAG. SUBSCRIPTION, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$125.08 AUDIOBOOKS, RESCUE TECH \$365.20 LIFE JACKETS & SEARCH ROPES, RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS \$100.76 FIRST AID SUPPLIES, RUTERBORIES MICHELLE \$21.00 BREAKFAST DURING NLA CONF., SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$30.00 DEEDS, SCB CO. DISTRICT COURT \$75.00 ALIMONY, SCB COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$45.44 SUBPOENA SRV., SCHLAGER JORDAN \$31.00 CDL LICENSE, SCI DISTRIBUTION LLC \$37.00 PARTS, SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLID \$51,750.00 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 14-15, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$156.24 GARNISHMENT 2, SCOTTSBLUFF TOWING SRV. \$135.00 CHEV 1985 K5 SUV BROWNWHITE, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$10.00 UNITED WAY CTRB., SCS ENGINEERS \$4,945.53 WATER WELL, SHELL \$30.50 GAS, SHERYL'S LOG CABIN \$56.55 MEALS, SIEGEL'S UNIFORMS \$939.00 DRESS UNIFORMS, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 CITY PROSECUTOR BILL, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$1,247.25 MAIN RPR., SIMPLY WELL \$13,406.70 VISA GIFT CARDS & FEES, SNARR PAUL \$1,500.00 DUES FOR SRV., SOCIETY FOR HR MANAGEMENT \$185.00 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, SOLOMON CORP. \$7,147.60 TRANSFORMER, SOURCE GAS \$809.87 UTILITIES, SOUTHWEST \$812.20 PLANE TICKET FOR #707, SPEEDWAY \$14.67 GAS FOR CARDWELL INTERVIEW, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$186.55 SHIPPING FEES CALLAWAY CLUBS, STAR HERALD \$4,246.81 CITY ENGINEER AD, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$1,268.08 CREDIT UNION, SUHR GREG \$31.00 CDL LICENSE, SUN MOUNTAIN SPORTS \$441.00 GOLF BAGS, SYSCO DENVER INC. \$132.47 MAINT. SUPP., TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO. \$316.98 GOLF CLUBS, TITLEIST \$324.67 GOLF BAGS, TOTAL LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS \$4,291.77 TREES, TWIN CITY DEVELOPMENT \$12,500.00 QTRLY DUES OCTOBER - DECEMBER, U.S. PRINTER SUPP. \$442.93 PRINTER INK, UNANIMOUS \$3,562.50 DOWN PYMT. NEW CITY WEBSITE, UNITED AIRLINES \$25.00 FEE FOR BAGGAGE, VALLEY BANK - POLICE \$340.00 PO UNION DUES, VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO. \$3,809.02 HSA CTRB 125, VISTA PRINT \$19.98 BUSINESS CARDS, WALMART \$179.84 CAMERA, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$38.00 WELLNESS, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV. \$720.00 CLEANING, WISE PIES PIZZA & SUBS \$7.25 MEAL CARDWELL INTERVIEW, WOOD MAGAZINE \$29.96 MAG. SUBSCRIPTION, YMCA \$581.36 WELLNESS, YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN \$5.00 YOUNG MEN'S CHR

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

BIDS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. City Engineer Appointment Recommendation

Mayor Mayo stated that the search committee brought forward an outstanding candidate to be appointed as the City Engineer; someone we all know and someone who works well with staff and contractors across the region. The candidate is Paul Snarr. The Mayor entertained a motion regarding this recommendation.

Motion by Councilmember Christensen, second by Councilmember Cowan to approve the recommendation by Mayor Mayo that Paul Snarr be appointed to the position of City Engineer. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Allred, Shields, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

2. Consider bathroom replacement at Legion Park

Motion by Councilmember Smith to table the bathroom replacement at Legion Park agenda item, second by Councilmember Morrison.

Discussion: Councilmember Christensen asked if the Council would have an opportunity to discuss this later. Councilmember Smith replied that yes, there were some major things that came up that the Council will definitely be involved with. Councilmember Christensen asked if the band shell would be included in that discussion. Councilmember Smith said the Parks recommendation is to wait and see what the Downtown Redevelopment is going to do in their gathering space; if they're going to put a band shell or gazebo there then we wouldn't need another one blocks away from each other. He said there were other issues that came up that needed to be decided before we go anywhere with that. Councilmember Christensen said that he's had some conversations with folks in Ward II that are really interested in seeing what we decide to do on the band shell. He would like to see it advertised if they discuss it at a later date.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

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

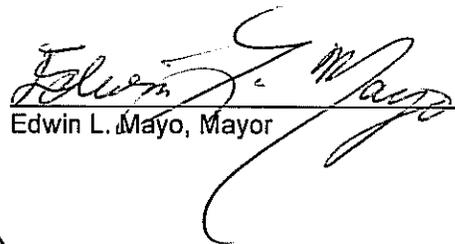
REPORTS OF STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


Edwin L. Mayo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

