

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
April 11, 2016**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on April 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Smith and Councilmembers Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmember Allred. 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**

Council President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Council President 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 councilmember absence (None)

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

As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approve minutes of the March 28, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims

**3-19-16 to 4-1-16**

911 CUSTOM \$246.00 TRUCK RPR, ACCUSTAR SURVEYING \$6,385.00 SURVEY NEW LANDFILL, ACUSHNET CO \$10,820.83 (145) GOLF BALLS. ADORAMA \$239.70 FARADAY BAGS, ADVANCE ACCEPTANCE \$10,067.75 FINAL PAYOFF GPS EQUIPMENT, AMAZON \$171.36 (3) FASTNRS, (1) INK CRTRDGE, (1) SCOOP, AMERICAN INN \$585.96 LODGING FOR ASPHALT CONFERENCE, ANTIGUA GROUP INC \$1,420.79 (4) MENS SHIRTS, B & C STEEL \$1,605.92 (128) PCS REBAR, BED BATH & BEYOND \$99.99 SPACE HEATER, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$217.90 PEST CONTROL, BKD RENTALS LLC \$2,154.20 APR RENT SUBSIDY, BLACK BART'S \$26.17 TEMPLAR: FUEL HEARING IN LINCOLN, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$541.34 BWL CLIPS URNL MATS TWLS & TP, BROADWAY OFFICE CENTRE \$396.76 CHAIR MAT - SERGIO, BROWN SHOE FIT \$411.15 NEW BOOTS - PITTMAN, BURTON MATT \$20.00 WITNESS FEES, C & C AUTO ELECTRIC \$65.23 RPR'S. C & M AIR COOLED ENGINE \$90.33 FILTER, CALLAWAY GOLF CO \$4,552.74 (13) GOLF CLUBS, CASEYS GENERAL STORE #27 \$63.25 GAS FOR PAVEMENT CONFERENCE, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT \$44.34 (2) BOOKS, CENTURYLINK \$2,540.10 TELEPHONE CHRGS, CITY OF GERING - GENERAL AC \$65,000.00 ACH PAYROLL TRANSFER, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$8,140.80 HOUSING STUDY, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$3,614.79 FSA MEDICAL 125, CLARK SCOTT \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CLEVELAND GOLF \$625.20 (24 DOZ) GOLF BALLS, COMPANION CORP \$145.00 CATALOGING SUPPLIES, COOKS ILLUSTRATED \$24.95 (1 YR) MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION, CORNHUSKER C STORES INC \$277.84 COOLEY: HOTEL CHGS MIDWINTER CONF, COWAN TROY \$189.02 UTLTY RFND FOR OVERPYMT, DALES TIRE & RETREADING \$2,165.62 G5 NEW TIRES, DANA F COLE & CO \$19,500.00 ACCT/AUDT SRVS FOR YR END 2015, DARRELL VANCE \$480.00 TRIP TO LOOK AT ALJON COMPACTOR, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$37.00 WATER LAB, DIANE DOWNER \$514.34 NLS ADVCY DAY & STUDIO TOUR, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #077 \$6.95 CLEANING SUPPLIES ADMIN OFFICES, DOOLEY OIL INC \$641.65 (12) 10PK, (1) 55 GL, (1) 32 GAL BLR OIL, DUTTON - LAINSON CO \$722.26 PHOTO CELL, ECOLAB \$247.14 PEST CONTROL, EMBASSY SUITES \$156.00 MEJIA: HOTEL CHRGS MIDWINTER CONF, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC \$421.00 WATER LAB, ENVIRO SRV INC \$976.00 WASTE WATER LAB, EXCALIBUR FLORAL & CO \$200.00 SILK ARR FOR LOBBY, EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC \$195.74 GARNISHMENT 2, EXTREME TACTICAL DYNAMICS \$133.91 (2) LIGHT BARS, FAMILY DOLLAR \$10.00 (46) TRASH BAGS, FASTENAL CO \$303.77 BOLTS, NUTS & WASHERS, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$14.00 (1) FLAT TIRE RPR, FEDEX \$173.69 WASTE WATER LAB, FIREGUARD \$77,588.00 (14) UNITS SCBA'S, FIRST STATE BANK \$350.36 IBEW UNION DUES, FISCHER SCIENTIFIC \$289.67 (1 PK) 100 NITRILE GLOVES, FLOYDS SALES & SRV \$466.36 SEAT BELT KIT, FOSSILL FUELS \$31.13 COOLEY: FUEL MIDWINTER CONF, FRESH FOODS \$19.66 RFRSHMNTS FOR HELP UP AT LANDFILL, GALE \$161.19 (6) BOOKS, GALLEGOS PAUL \$23.24 WITNESS FEES, GERING CITIZEN \$741.59 CC CONDENSED MINUTES, GERING CONVENTION & VISIT \$20,613.75 QUARTERLY ASSISTANCT PYMT., GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$206.47 COOLER RPR FREON, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT \$130.00 LB886 RALLY LINCOLN, GIBBS LAWRENCE \$12.96 TRAVEL EXP FOR WND MEETING, GLOBAL EQUIPMENT CO INC \$220.08 (2) SMOKERS RECEPTACLES BEIGE, GLOCK PROFESSIONALS INC \$750.00 SCHULTE: GLOCK TRAINING, GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP \$178.49 COPIER LEASE PYMT, GUNS & AMMO \$24.00 (1 YR) MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION, HACH CO \$443.09 SUPPLIES, HAMPTON INN \$89.00 TEMPLAR: HOTEL HEARING IN LINCOLN, HEALTH \$24.95 (1 YR) MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION, HEILBRUN \$431.22 WORK ON PICKUP, HGTV MAGAZINE \$34.97 (1 YR) MAGAZINE

SUBSCRIPTION, HOBBY LOBBY \$49.48 SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME, HOME DEPOT \$7.78 (3') GUTTER & FLASHING, HONEY WAGON EXPRESS \$140.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HORIZON WEST INC \$171.75 (3) HYDRALIC FILTERS, HYATT REGENCY HOTEL \$153.77 STERKEL: HOTEL CHGS ICC TRAINING, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$546.42 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$251.32 (1 BX) TOILET PAPER, INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC \$8,500.00 BASEBALL DUG - OUTS, INFOGROUP \$305.00 (1) BOOK, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$444.79 (24) BOOKS, INTER CODE COUNCIL INC \$527.50 STERKEL: CERTIFICATION EXAM, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$40,575.16 FED/FICA TAX, INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID \$1,143.55 (4) GENERATOR BATTERIES, JD'S ACE BODY SHOP \$3,208.19 BOX RPR, JANIS SALLIE \$20.00 WITNESS FEES, JIRDON \$3,145.00 (50) 2GL PENDULIM HERBICIDE, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,912.91 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$111.10 SUPPLIES, JORDAN FARRO \$645.00 WELDING FOR SNOW BLOWER, KARENS CLEANING \$425.00 FEB JANITORIAL SRV, KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN \$165.00 GARNISHMENT 2, KNEB \$351.50 RADIO ADVERTISING, KOERNER JACCI \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT \$151.29 (10) BUSHINGS FOR G6, KRIZ - DAVIS CO \$23,802.26 (70) STREET LIGHTS, LANE DANIELZUK \$85.57 TRVL EXP FOR WNDN MEETING, LATSCH'S OFFICE PRODUCTS \$490.56 (4) FIRE DEPT BADGES, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES \$58.05 (1) HND BK FOR CITY ATTORNEY, LOAF N JUG \$16.75 STERKEL: FUEL FOR CERTIF TRAVEL, LOGOZ LLC \$116.00 (5) PLAQUES & (2) NAME TAGS, LUCKE STAN \$23.24 WITNESS FEES, MAILFINANCE \$864.95 POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE PYMT, MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER \$1,190.36 O'NEAL: HOTEL MIDWINTER CONF, MARTIN LATESSA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, MCBRIDE JORDAN \$724.00 NLETC BASIC TRAINING, MEAT SHOPPE \$16,628.10 MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$47.05 SHOP TRUCK SUPPLIES, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,326.45 MG T - POLICE, MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC \$826.00 WASTE WATER LAB, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$3,297.57 (8) FILE CABINETS, MOUNT STEVE \$123.00 TRVL EXP INSP OF NEW COMPACTOR, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY O \$407,525.74 PURCHASED POWER - FEB 16, MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO \$2,250.15 (4) TRCK ASS, (4) CABLE TOW, (1) KIT, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$4,314.11 MAIN RPR, NDOR - LODGING \$429.49 CNTY LDGNG TAXES FEB, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$827.56 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,262.40 UTILITIES - PHEASANT DR, NEBRASKA CEMETERY ASSOC \$40.00 MBRSHIP - WEST LAWN, NE ENVIRONMENTAL PR \$139,330.00 LOADER MNTDF SNOW BLOWER, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT \$190.00 BASIC TRAINING SESSION X2, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$524.72 PART 915G, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$14.50 FLAT TIRE RPR, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$133.97 SPRINKLER RPR'S, NWEA \$175.00 NWEA CONFERENCE, OCLC INC \$138.65 CAT & ILL SUBSCRIPTIONS, PALFLEET TRUCK EQUIPMENT \$90.39 PART G9, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT \$15.00 WORKSHOP REDEVLPMNT RESOURCES, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOC \$1,183.64 (932.4 GL) DIESEL, PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL \$831.25 ASBESTOS DEMO K ST PROPERTIES, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$65.81 CONCRETE FINES, PAYPAL \$125.00 F250 LFT DRVR FRNT AXLE SHAFT, PAYROLL CHKS \$108,480.19 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 4-1-16, PLATTE VALLEY BANK \$554,603.20 REINVEST CD THAT MATURED, POPULAR MECHANICS \$29.97 (1YR) MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION, POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY \$34.97 (1YR) 2 MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS, POSTMASTER \$17.55 (2) DAY CERTIFIED MAIL, POWERPLAN OIB \$119.67 BOLTS FOR CUTTING EDGE LOADER, POWERS ELECTRIC PRODUCTS \$88.90 2/C STD ELECTRODE, PRECISION DEMOLITION LLC \$45,707.00 DEMO STRCTRS M, 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> STS, PT HOSE & BEARING \$320.15 ROD SEAL, WIPER SEAL - HARRIS, QUALITY BOOKS INC \$109.95 (4) BOOKS, RAINBOW PRINTING \$400.00 (1,000) LIBRARY CARDS, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$143.99 (4) AUDIO BOOKS, RECREATION SUPPLY CO \$24.23 SUMP GRATES, RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS \$97.38 FIRST AID SUPPLIES, RICH'S WRECKING & USED CA \$325.00 F250 RPR, RICK MARKHEIM \$123.00 TRVL EXP INSP OF NEW COMPACTOR, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$785.64 GENERATOR RPR'S, ROSTOV UPHOLSTER SUPPLIES \$113.83 AIR STAPLER & STAPLES, RUSSELL'S EXCAVATION & CO \$4,109.35 (139.3 TON) ¼ ROCK, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$16,517.32 (1) MOWER SER #12279 KUBOTA, SAPP BROS \$22.88 COOLEY: FUEL MIDWINTER CONF, SARCHET JAMES M \$200.00 BRWNSFLD WSTRN SUGAR, SCB CO DISTRICT COURT \$17.00 COUNTY COURT FEES, SCHROEDER MICAH \$724.00 NLETC BASIC TRAINING, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$71.54 UNITED WAY CTRB, SHELL \$109.54 FUEL FOR PLOW TRUCKS, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 CITY PROSECUTER BILL, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$2,456.21 CRSHD ASPHALT 5 ROCKS RD, SLAFTER OIL CO \$966.20 (110FL) BALER OIL, SNELL SERVICES INC \$150.00 RPR'S, SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55 COUNSELING SRV, SOURCE GAS \$656.93 GRILL RPR'S, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$149.59 (2) VOICE RECORDERS, STAR HERALD \$1,541.07 APPLICATIONS AD, STEVE FERTIG MASONRY \$6,800.00 MAT & LAB FOR DUGOUTS - 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**Motion by Councilmember Christensen to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred. Motion Carried.**

**BIDS: None.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents for Family Built Homes**

Doug Fillingham, 982 Rundell Road, spoke on behalf of Family Built Homes. Mr. Fillingham stated his father John and him came to Gering in 1988 and took over management of Magnolia Homes. They have been either managers or owners of Magnolia Homes from 1988 to 2012. They sold the business in 2012. It was under different ownership from 2012 to 2015. The Fillinghams held on to ownership of the facility and the equipment and leased those things to Harry Karsten while he operated the business. In June of last year Mr. Karsten filed Chapter Seven bankruptcy. The Fillinghams feel that Magnolia Homes has been a part of this community for many years. There were employees who had been there anywhere from 10 to 30 years. After much deliberation, Doug, his father and Doug's two sons are going to start up a company called Family Built Homes. They will build high-end modular homes and market to Colorado, Wyoming, western Nebraska and secondary markets in South Dakota, Montana and Utah. They intend to bring back some of their employees. They'll employ 40-50 employees in the area and make the company viable again. There is a strong market in Colorado right now. Wyoming has taken some hits in the energy business but they are still strong in residential and modular housing. They are excited and looking forward to bringing back this business to the area.

**Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents for Family Built Homes. Second by Councilmember Christensen.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Holliday stated that he had some concerns. More people will be losing their jobs in Wyoming and there will be a trickledown effect. He asked Mr. Fillingham how, in the long-term, does he see this being successful. Mr. Fillingham said between 1988 and 2012 they were always able to create the marketing necessary. They hit a hard time in 2007 and 2008 along with everyone else. They believe there is an opportunity; he doesn't know of any business that is a slam dunk. You have to work and nurture and create those things. In Wyoming they had business over the years. The energy workers and the railroad business was never a strong part of their business. Their sources they worked with in the past in Wyoming believe there is a strong market moving towards a modular type home in that state. Colorado is very strong right now. There will be some impact in Nebraska because of the railroads but there is still a need for houses to be built in this area and that is their intention - to take care of this geographical area. These will be high quality homes and they will promote through a website and social media and market in other ways.

Councilmember Morrison asked if they would build the tiny homes she has seen on TV. Mr. Fillingham said he is interested in looking at that because they are intriguing.

Councilmember Holliday asked where is the 40-50 employees at in comparison with what it was before. Mr. Fillingham replied it was closer to 100 before. He said that's part of their marketing strategy. Their industry has been notorious for highs and lows. The people in their industry have been known for chasing the highs and they ramp up production, borrow more money, hire more people and they raise their fixed costs; it's hard to peel all that additional spending back. He and John Fillingham want to start with 40-50 employees, build a lower volume of houses and higher quality and try to maintain more of even plain or a slow incline and not chase those things so they don't grow the overhead and so they can be here for the long haul.

**The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred. Motion Carried.**

**2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal agreement with the City of Scottsbluff regarding a Valve Maintenance Trailer**

Pat Heath, Public Works Director, stated that this is an interlocal agreement with the City of Scottsbluff and Gering to jointly purchase a valve turning trailer. This is a small trailer that is designed to help us turn our distribution water valves. With this trailer, the way it works, we were able to get some non-functioning valves working again. The unit costs a little over \$30,000 for both cities, neither city could justify going it alone so he talked to Jack Satur at the City of Scottsbluff and they agreed to go in together. Scottsbluff will be billed each time we do maintenance on this unit and they will pay for the insurance; we'll pay them annually for that. Mr. Heath offered to do a demonstration for Council.

**Motion by Councilmember Holliday to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal agreement with the City of Scottsbluff regarding a Valve Maintenance Trailer. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred. Motion Carried.**

### **3. Report regarding UP Steam Locomotive, Carl Gray Park/North 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Councilmember Gibbs**

Councilmember Gibbs reported that there was an editorial several months ago in one of our local weekly newspapers advocating the demolition of the depot and the scraping of the steam locomotive in Carl Gray Park; the suggestion being that if we weren't going to do anything with it we should just get rid of it. Councilmember Gibbs feels both pieces are valuable to our community. He has done some research on this and with the help of Don Gentry and Amanda Gibbs at Legacy of the Plains, they were able to determine that the locomotive was donated to the City of Gering in June of 1955 so it has been there just over 60 years. He tracked down a company called Steam Operations Corporation in Texas; they have been in business about 30 years and have been involved with steam locomotive restoration for even longer than that. They perform operational and cosmetic restoration. We are proposing a cosmetic restoration. Councilmember Gibbs said that he and staff have looked at additional things we can do at the park to tie in with this after it's restored. He met with Karla Niedan-Streeks, CVB Director, and the City Clerk and the idea of moving Santa's Village to that area was proposed. It's even possible, once the City re-acquires the depot, to store Santa's Village at the depot in the metal building to the east of the depot.

Councilmember Gibbs stated that Karla presented the idea to the Gering Merchants. He read correspondence from Ms. Niedan-Streeks: "At this morning's Merchants meeting, I planted the idea with members about looking ahead to the future opportunities at Carl Gray Park, the Depot, Locomotive, development of that area as the northern-winter themed entrance to Gering and the possibility of the Village setting up in that area sometime in the future. There were questions about parking availability; but all in all some good positive comments about the ability to store houses in the building adjacent to the Depot, using the Depot as a small Christmas shoppe area on Village Days, etc. The positive comments also led conversation to the Merchants collaborating with other entities to get that old sign by the Depot redone to match the one at the Gering Civic Center landscape strip that is a Welcome to Gering monument/sign. So groundwork has been laid with the Merchants group; and I'm sure they/we can continue discussions for the future on this project."

Councilmember Gibbs said we are proposing at this time to hire Steam Operations Corporation for them to make a visit on-site to inspect our locomotive and determine what needs to be done to make a cosmetic restoration. The cost is \$2400 and that will come out of our Professional Services fund. It's an important part of our history; he has news clippings of the locomotive being moved. He would hate to see this piece of history go away. They will tentatively come here in June to do the evaluation.

Councilmember Christensen said he thinks we ought to think about what we're going to do with that depot building and the engine; it's time to set some plans in place. It's good we get a start on that locomotive and see what it would take to bring it up to date. Councilmember Morrison asked if the inside of the locomotive is complete. Councilmember Gibbs replied that as far as he knows it is.

**Motion by Councilmember Gibbs, second by Councilmember Morrison to approve an inspection and analysis of the steam locomotive in the amount of \$2400.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember O'Neal clarified that this is just for them to do an evaluation and the cost includes their travel expenses and lodging while they're here.

**The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred. Motion Carried.**

**4. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Purchasing Enrollment Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance**

Administrator Danielzuk stated the agenda item summary is a synopsis of the explanation of this item. Staff recommends that Council approve enrollment in this program. This is similar to the Minnesota State bid process that Council approved some time ago. The Minnesota Secretary of State lists NJPA as a local government in the State of Minnesota. There are 50,000 members nationwide. The State of Nebraska has also adopted five NJPA contracts as their own contracts. There are 31 cities in Nebraska that have utilized an NJPA awarded contract. The total was a little over \$3.7 million for the time period of 01/01/2013 until today.

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Purchasing Enrollment Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred. Motion Carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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

**REPORTS:**

**OPEN COMMENT SECTION: None**

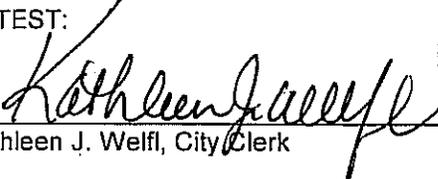
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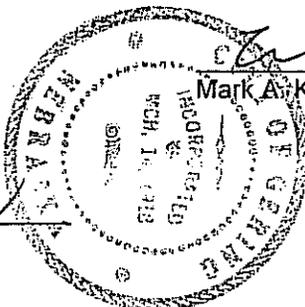
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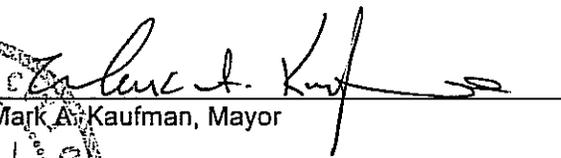
**Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Christensen, second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred. Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor