

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
AUGUST 18, 2016**

A Special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on August 18, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Smith and Councilmembers Christensen, Holliday, Allred, 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 Gibbs. 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 12:00 p.m. He noted that there was a quorum of the Council and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

**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 Council President. 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.

**BIDS:**

**1. Shredder bid – Sanitation Department**

Environmental Services Director, Darrell Vance, stated we received four bids on the shredder. After discussing with senior staff, we're recommending to go with Power Screening, LLC for \$709,875.00. With the grant it will be \$540,270; the grant is \$169,588. This company is based out of Denver, CO; they have all the parts that are shipped in for the shredders. Mr. Vance thinks they'd be a great fit for the shredder we've been looking to buy for the last two years. Of the four bids, three met quite a few of our specs. Murphy Tractor was a lower bid but we were not able to use our grant on that one. Councilmember Holliday asked why. Mr. Vance replied that in order to get the grant from NDEQ the equipment had to be over \$600,000. Councilmember Christensen asked why the bids were fragmented with so many disqualifications. Mr. Vance replied that Morbark's bid was the next one in line but their equipment had 147 hours on it already; the machine we're getting is brand new and will be delivered to us in two and a half to three weeks. The rest of the machines are 60-90 days out.

**Councilmember Morrison moved to award the landfill shredder bid to Power Screening, LLC in the amount of \$709,875.00. Second by Councilmember Allred. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Holliday, Allred, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gibbs. Motion Carried.**

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

1. Approve the following appointments to the Community Redevelopment Authority:
  - Gering Mayor – Mark A. Kaufman
  - Gering Ward I Councilmember – Dan Smith
  - Gering Ward II Councilmember – Pam O'Neal
  - Gering Ward III Councilmember – Julie Morrison
  - Gering Ward IV Councilmember – Phil Holliday
  - Scottsbluff Mayor – Randy Meininger
  - Terrytown Mayor – Kent Greenwalt

**Councilmember Allred moved to approve the appointments of Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, O'Neal, Morrison and Holliday as well as Mayor Meininger and Mayor Greenwalt to the Community Redevelopment Authority. Second by Councilmember Allred.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Christensen asked what the responsibilities of this committee will be. Administrator Danielzuk stated in the next portion of the meeting with the Council you will take a good look at the CRA and the interlocal agreement that sets out the recitals, purpose and other sections in the agreement that would be of interest. In general the purpose of it is to provide a means for the City and the CRA to gather information related to the impact of infrastructure improvements pursuant to the NE revised statute 77-27,142 including but not limited to information on municipal roads, streets, sidewalks, and all of our proposed, current and future infrastructure projects. Councilmember Christensen asked if the Council as a whole has a say in these plans. Administrator Danielzuk replied not so much as it relates to the application of that half cent sales tax related to this authority. Council President Smith stated that this is how the state mandates this be set up. Councilmember Christensen replied he doesn't think this is the best way to go; he thinks the Council as a body should be involved in this sort of thing. City Attorney Ellison stated that the City does have authority to be involved in that, that's why there are a lot of representatives on the CRA. This is being set up in part too so that the City will have representatives that will evaluate infrastructure projects that need to be looked at and funded somehow. The City will have input on that and with the CRA through the interlocal agreement. The City will have input on those particular projects and be able to provide advice and have some decision making. This is a means to allow that to happen. This is a requirement by statute to set up this separate public agency and have an agreement with that public agency to consider these projects; there really isn't any other way to do it. It's compliant with Nebraska law.

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

## **2. Application for Legion Post 36**

Dave Relka addressed Council. Councilmember Morrison asked if his name is on the liquor license. Mr. Relka replied no; it's the American Legion Post 36. She asked if he is co-managing with his wife. Mr. Relka replied no, it's just himself. Councilmember Morrison stated that it was mentioned that it took a long time to be processed. Mr. Relka stated that he had sent everything in along with fingerprints to Lincoln; he doesn't know how long it sat down there before anything happened.

**Councilmember Morrison moved to approve the Manager Application for Legion Post 36. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Holliday, Allred, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gibbs. Motion Carried.**

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

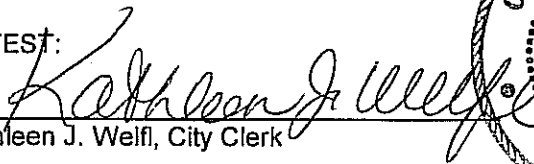
(Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.)

## **ADJOURN**

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welf, City Clerk

