

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
December 14, 2015**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman, and Councilmembers Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, Tammy Cooley (acting for the City Clerk) and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmembers Allred and O'Neal. 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 6:00 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 councilmember absence (None)

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

Mayor Kaufman stated 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 November 23, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Approve Street Superintendent Certification for the State of Nebraska
4. File for record acknowledgment of indirect change of ownership of Allo Twin Cities

Claims:

11-18-15 to 12-7-15

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$238.23 RPR'S, 6 MOWER FILTERS, ACUSHNET CO \$763.57 12 DOZEN GOLF BALLS, 1 GOLF CLUB, ADVANCE AUTO PARTS \$7.38 AIR SENSOR FOR K-9 VEHICLE, ADVANCED SRV INC \$762.66 SALARY FOR SANI TEMP CARTER, ALAMAR UNIFORMS \$3,281.99 UNIFORMS FOR 716 & 718, ALICE TRAINING INSTITUTE \$1,190.00 TRAINING REG - BRUNZ, AMAZON \$750.96 29 BOOKS, 4 STORYTIME SONGS, 7 DVD'S, SUPPLIES, WATER TRUCK RPR., 1 GASKET, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP \$1,070.92 VISION INSURANCE, B & C STEEL \$531.31 9 PCS OF STEEL, 1 METAL BAR & RPR'S, BAVCO VALVE CO \$429.30 RPR'S, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$185.90 PEST CONTROL AT FIRE HALL & LANDFILL, BEST BUY \$109.12 1 PR OF 2 WAY RADIOS, BKD RENTALS LLC \$74,459.00 MOVING - RELOCATE COSTS PER LEASE, BLANKENAU WILMOTH LLP \$200.00 LEGAL FEES, BLUE PRAIRIE BRANDS \$110,000.00 6 FTE GRANT & LB840 LOAN, BLUFFS BROADCASTING \$500.00 CIVIC CENTER RADIO ADVERTISING, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$212.22 FLOOR CLEANER, FINISH, 1 SCRUBBER PAD, RR SUPPLIES, 2 CASES OF PAPER TOWELS, BOMGAARS \$49.99 SPRAYER HANDLE, BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS \$73.35 4 BOOKS, BRIDGESTONE GOLF INC \$405.32 24 GOLF CAPS, BROWNS SHOE FIT CO \$299.60 WORK BOOTS: PARKER, CARRIE HAVRANEK \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT \$44.34 2 BOOKS, CENTURYLINK \$2,432.57 MONTHLY TELEPHONE BILL, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$96.98 TV/INTERNET CHR, CHEEMAS \$20.72 CI FUEL, CHRIS KAUTZ \$100.00 TREE REBATE, CITY INSURANCE FUND \$146,744.12 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY OF GERING \$17.00 GBC LUNCHES - DANIELZUK & KAUFMAN, CITY OF GERING - GENERAL AC \$65,000.00 ACH PAYROLL TRANSFER FUNDS, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$6,592.22 FSA MEDICAL 125 & DISABILITY INSURANCE, CNA SURETY \$40.00 NOTARY BOND: BRENDA, CONNECTING POINT \$62.00 COPIER SRV CONTRACT, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$1,976.01 CONCRETE TOOLS, 1 GAS SAW, 1 EPOXY CARTRIDGE, 1 CAULK GUN, 1 POINTED LATHE, 2 MARKERS, TAPE, SUPPLIES, 2 ROLLS OF TAPE, 1 PK OF WOODEN STAKES, COPQUEST \$110.95 DUMMY ROUNDS FOR FIREARM TRNG, COUNTRY \$14.98 MAG SUBSCRIPTION, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$1,128.66 2500 FT OF WIRE, 2 PK OF LIGHT BULBS, 10 FLU LAMPS, 1 FLOUR BA, 4 FUSE BLCKS, 10 CONDUITS, 12 CONDUIT ELBOWS, 100 EMT'S, 150 VINYL FEW - 250, 30 LIGHT BULBS, CRYSTAL CLEAR ECOWATER \$283.82 RPR BYPASS VALVE 1440 P ST, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$220.25 4 DELIVERIES OF SOFTNER SALT FOR CIVIC CENTER, CUNA MUTUAL RETIREMENT \$831.25 ACCOUNT 4520 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN PYMT, D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY \$167.60 1 AMPLIFIER, RPR'S, 1 PROJECTOR CABLE, DALES TIRE \$635.22 RPR'S TO G5, TWO FLAT RPR'S FOR G9, ROTATE TIRES ON G1, DATA TECHNOLOGIES \$10,960.50 SUMMIT LICENSE & SUPPORT FEE, DAYS INN (\$23.76) PLAY THE WEST LODGING TAX REFUND, DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INS CO \$123.84 FIREFIGHTER LIFE INSURANCE, DEFENSE EDGE TRAINING \$690.00 TRAINING REG: JACKSON & SCHULTE, DEMCO \$111.84 CATALOGING SUPPLIES, DEX \$258.48 ADVERTISING: GOLF COURSE & CIVIC CENTER, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$346.00 WATER LAB & 1 BLOOD ALCOHOL TEST, DION GONZALES \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, DOCU SHRED LLC \$23.00

(1) 64 GALLON CONTAINER, DOLLAR GENERAL \$20.50 JUICE FOR MAYOR TO MAYOR BREAKFAST, TWIN PK OF CLOROX WIPES, DUSTER, FOOD FOR CAT TRAPS, DON SCHMIDT CARPET INC \$23.07 RPR'S, DOOLEY OIL INC \$1,391.70 TRUCK RPR'S, 110 GALLONS OF OIL, 3 CASES OF BRAKE CLEANER, 1 DRUM OF DEF FLUID, 55 GALLONS OF OIL, DUTTON - LAINSON CO \$2,338.08 1 MOUNT, 1000 FT OF WIRE, 150 CURVED WASHERS, ECO LAB \$236.50 RODENT CONTROL AT AMPITHEATER, WWTP & CENTRAL STORES, ED ROEHR SAFETY PRODUCTS \$953.38 1 TASER, TASER PARTS & 3 PORTABLE MAGNETIC LIGHTS, EDM PUBLISHERS INC \$99.49 INSPECTION BULLITIN SBSCRPTN, ENDURANCE FLAG CO \$145.00 1 6X10 MESH US FLAG, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC \$456.00 1 WATER LAB, ENVIRO SRV INC \$1,986.00 5 WW LABS & 4 WATER LABS, ESC ENGINEERING \$1,262.00 REVIEW OF NPPD LINES, EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC \$195.74 GARNISHMENT 2, FAMILY DOLLAR \$6.00 PLASTIC BOXES FOR STORAGE, FARWEST LINE SPECIALTIES \$884.43 EMPLOYEE WORK SHIRTS FOR ELECTRIC DEPT, FASTENAL CO \$4,469.48 FAST PROGRAM FEE, 2 CANS OF SPRAY PAINT, 400 WASHERS, HARDWARE, SUPPLIES, CENTRAL PLANT RPR'S, TRUCK MAINT PARTS, 8 HANGERS, 2 RODS, 8 CLAMPS, 1 DRIVER, 1 SOCKET, WELL RPR, 2 SCREWDRIVERS, CENTRAL PLANT RPR SUPPLIES, NUTS, BOLTS, RPR'S TO POOL WATER SLIDE, 8 PR OF GLOVES, 1 BLADE, 1 PK OF EARPLUGS, 25 BATTERIES, SUPPLIES & 400 FLAT WASHERS, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$81.00 2 FLAT RPR'S, FATDOGS \$36.01 MEAL DURING BACKGROUND CHECK: 718, FEDEX \$142.06 WATER LAB SHIPPING, FIRST STATE BANK \$364.78 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER \$2,873.93 MOUNTING BRACKET, STEPS, 2 FILTERS, RPR'S TO G6, RPR'S ON G1, 2 FILTER KITS FOR G9, TRANSMISSION RPR TO G9, GALE \$325.52 13 BOOKS, GENERAL PARTS \$287.54 THERMOSTAT FOR OVEN & HOLDING OVEN, GERING CITIZEN \$1,187.34 PC & CC PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, NOTICE OF NOV MEETINGS, CONDENSED MINUTES, SALARY RANGE PUBLICATION, CDBG NOTICE, GERING COURIER \$127.50 CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING & SAFETY AD, GERING FT LARAMIE IRRIGATION \$7,761.79 IRRIGATION TAXES, GERING GARDEN CENTER \$1,050.00 3 TREES, GERING IRRIGATION DISTRICT \$1,097.80 IRRIGATION TAXES, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$462.40 HVAC & SINK RPR AT CIVIC CENTER, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT \$9,825.00 15' FIRE DEPT INCENTIVE PLAN, GREASE N GO \$81.78 OIL CHANGE FOR #62 & MAINT ON FORD TAURUS, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRV \$356.98 COPIER LEASE, GREY HOUSE PUBLISHING \$418.50 2 REFERENCE BOOKS, GRICE INDUSTRIES INC \$332.00 2 CABLES, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$510.00 MONTHLY CLEANING SRV, HACH CO \$477.44 LAB SUPPLIES, HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLA \$687.56 CENTRAL PLANT RPR'S, HAWKINS INC \$47.50 WELL RPR, HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD \$1,255.40 MAIN RPR & FIRE HYDRANT RPR, HEILBRUN \$1,086.11 1 AIR FILTER, SHOP SUPPLIES, 1 CENTURY SPRING, 1 PUNCH & CHISEL SET, 3 HITCH PINS, 1 JACK PIPE, 1 OIL FILTER, 5 QTS OF GEAR OIL, 1 U-NUT, 4 O-RINGS, 1 LIT BRACKET, 1 REMAN STARTER, 2 SQUEEGEES, RPR'S, PARTS FOR VEHICLE MAIN, 3 SWITCHES, VEHICLE MAINT, 12 BOTTLES OF BRAKE CLEANER, 3 STR FLUID, 1 BOLT CUTTER, SHOP TOOLS, 2 SOCKET SETS, HENNING'S CONSTRUCTION \$46,046.37 10TH ST WATER MAIN LOOP & SETTLER DRIVE CONCRETE REPLACEMENT, HENRY MORENO \$1,000.00 SHOP WITH A COP, HILTON \$772.80 LODGING: SNARR & COOLEY - ADA CONF, HOBART SALES & SRV \$1,758.20 RPR ON DISHWASHER AT CIVIC CENTER, HOBBY LOBBY \$19.94 SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME, HOLIDAY INN - LODGING: MORENO & BRUNZ, ALICE TRAINING, SCHNEIDER: TASER TRAINING & ROGERS: SLATT TRAINING, HOME DEPOT \$242.77 KENNEL SUPPLIES FOR DEXTER & CENTRAL PLANT RPR'S, HONEY WAGON EXPRESS \$140.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HORIZON WEST INC \$56.75 1 BELT, HOWARD OTT \$272.85 GOLF MEM & CART RENTAL REFUND, IAFC MEMBERSHIP \$209.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES: TEMPLAR, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$546.42 ICMA CITY ADMIN, ICMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS \$884.51 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: LANE, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY CO \$448.08 4 CASES OF PAPER TOWELS, MAT CLEANING AT ADMIN BUILDING, POLICE DEPT, CLUBHOUSE, LIBRARY, CIVIC CENTER, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$2,246.42 179 BOOKS, INTER CODE COUNCIL INC \$190.00 2 INSPECTION BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$41,079.07 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$3,343.88 COMPUTER SUPPORT, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$3,445.51 SUPPLIES & 2 DYNAMOMETERS, JAMES JACKSON \$187.00 MEAL EXP: AR - 15 TRAINING, FIREARMS TRAINING, JANA MOUNT \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, JIRDON \$1,157.69 CHEMICALS, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,934.09 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$1,017.50 PLASTIC FILM, 4 MARKING CRAYONS, 2 SCREW HOOKS, 1 BOLT, 1 HINGE, 6 CANS OF SPRAYPAINT, TOOLS, REPLACE PADLOCK, 1 LADDER, 22 WOOD LATH 48", 1 HOSE, 2 PKS OF CABLE TIES, 1 PR OF LOCKING PLIERS, 1 BLADE, 4 HFS, 1 CLOSET FLANGE, 1 FLUSH LEVER, 1 SPONGE, 1 PUTTY KNIFE, 2 LADDERS, TOILET SEAT REPLACEMENT, LADDER FOR ADMIN BLDG, SHOP SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 24 COMP SHIMS, 16 WEDGE BOLTS, 1 ROLL OF TAPE, 2 TORX BITS, KNOB HOLLOW BRASS, 2 CORD ENDS, RPR'S, JOHNSON HARDWARE CO \$330.58 NEW CORES FOR CLUBHOUSE, KARENS CLEANING \$425.00 CLEANING SRV, KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN \$165.00 GARNISHMENT 2, KATIE SCOTT \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, KAY HELBERG \$150.00 CART BARN REFUND, KEN SCHULTE \$187.00 MEAL EXP: AR-15 TRAINING & FIREAMRS TRAINING, KETCH ALL CO \$200.50 2 CATCH POLES, KNEB \$505.50 CIVIC CENTER RADIO ADS & POLICE SECRETARY JOB OPENING AD, KOVARIK, ELLISON, MATHIS \$13,809.58 RETAINAGE, KENT EWING LB840, BLUE PRAIRIE BRANDS LB840, LIBRARY LEGAL SRV, DON KRUG PROPERTY LB840, LB840 HOTEL, CITY V TIM PROPP, WAPA CONTRACT, RETAINAGE, REVIEW OF RECORDS PER DHHS, SILVERSTONE COUNTY TIF, EEOC RESEARCH, PRAIRIE PINES QUILT SHOP, HOTEL/LAUNDRYMAT PROJECT LB840, MCKINLEY LOTS SALES, KRIZ - DAVIS CO \$1,474.11 1 FLOODLIGHT, 42 CONNECTORS, 100 PIPE HANGERS, 1 ANCHOR & 2 BREAKERS, LAKELAND ENGINEERING EQUIP \$1,045.31 3 ASCO VALVES W/LONG LEADS, LAURIE SCHLUTERBUSCH \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, LAWRENCE GIBBS \$37.95 FUEL EXP: WNED MTG - BPORT, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITY \$571.20 16' MEM DUES: LANE, LOAF N JUG \$34.47 FUEL: DIANE - CONSORTIUM MTG BPRT & ALLIANCE WORKSHOP, MORENO: ALICE TRAINING, LOGOZ LLC \$1,015.08 EMPLOYEE SHIRT ORDER, KEY TO CITY PLAQUE - KAUFMAN, CITY SHIRTS FOR SERGIO & ROD, 1 CITY SHIRT, LSC ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT \$2,257.84 60 BAGS OF BROWN BASE MIX, MAILFINANCE \$864.95 POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE PYMT, MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER \$1,110.00 LODGING: KAUFMAN, DANIELZUK & CHRISTENSEN - LEAGUE CONF, DIANE: NLA CONF LINCOLN, MATHESON TRI - GAS INC \$83.57 1 PR REVCO SLEEVES, WELDING SUPPLIES, MEAT SHOPPE \$22,954.70 CATERING CONTRACT & MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$484.61 7 LED LIGHTS OUTSIDE ADMIN BLDG, SHOP SUPPLIES, RPR'S, 12 GALLONS OF ANTIFREEZE, 1 TUBE CUTTER, MANHOLE RPR, 7 PR OF GLOVES, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,691.12 MG T - POLICE, MICHELLE RUTERBORIES \$73.80 FUEL & MEAL EXP: ALLIANCE WORKSHOP, MIZUNO USA INC \$601.06 4 GOLF CLUBS, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$836.19 1 PK OF POST IT NOTES, 4 REPORT COVERS, 3 BINDERS, 2 BOX OF LABELS, 1 TONER CARTRIDGE, 1 BOX OF HANGING FILES, NAME PLATE FOR LEKREASHA, 1 DOZEN HIGHLIGHTERS, 6 TAPE REFILLS, 4 CARTRIDGES, 1 PK CD-RS, 1 PK OF DVD - RD, 5 PENS, 4 PKS BATTERIES, 2 FLASH DRIVES, 1 DOZEN PENS, 1 BOX OF FILE FASTENERS, 6 PEN REFILLS, 1 BOX OF FILE FOLDERS, MUNICIPAL ENERGY

AGENCY O \$374,552.38 POWER BILL & DUES, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$3,058.67 MAIN RPR, NATIONAL RECREATION/PARK \$28.00 CPRP CEU APPLICATION FEE: BUHR, NDEQ – FISCAL SRV \$150.00 HEATH: OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWAL, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$827.56 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REV (PR) \$11,475.57 STATE TAX, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$988.26 LODGING TAXES – OCTOBER, NE DEPT OF REVENUE COMPL \$750.00 GARNISHMENT 2, NE MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEFS \$50.00 15 – 16 MEMBERSHIP DUES, NE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$32.00 MAG SUBSCRIPTION, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION \$36.00 NGA REGULAR MEM FEES, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,822.78 UTILITIES: PHEASANT DRIVE & 240066 HIGHWAY 92, NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN CO \$8,475.90 ICE SLICER, NEBRASKA TRANSPORT CO \$204.76 WWTP PUMP RPR, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$19.84 RPR'S, OCLC INC \$138.65 CAT & ILL SUBSCRIPTION, OFF BROADWAY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$248.80 1 DESK CALENDAR FOR ROD, OFFICE SUPPLIES, 1 PK OF PAPER, 1 PK OF CORRECTION TAPE, 1 CT OF TOILET PAPER, 5 CT OF PAPER, 3 PKS OF POST IT NOTES, SUPPLIES, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$127.70 LOCATE FEES, OREGON TRAIL PLUMBING \$220.00 RPR'S, PAGE MY CELL \$600.00 PAGER CONTRACT, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT \$140.00 NPZA MINI CONF PLNG & ZONING, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$551.86 252 GALLONS OF FUEL, 13.80 GALLONS OF PROPANE, RPR'S, PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL \$371.00 10TH ST WATER MAIN LOOP, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$6,268.00 ANIMAL CONTROL FEES, PAPER DIRECT INC \$136.82 PAPER FOR GOLF BROCHURES, PAT HEATH \$43.84 CDL RENEWAL, PENGUIN RANDON HOUSE \$357.75 10 AUDIO BOOKS, PEOPLE MAGAZINE \$51.48 52 ISSUE MAG SUBSCRIPTION, PHYSIO – CONTROL INC \$606.00 AED MAINT CONTRACT, PLATTE VALLEY VAC & SEW \$70.00 TRADE IN OFFICE VACUUM, PLOTTER SUPPLIES INC \$565.76 PLOTTER PAPER & INK, POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC OF N \$50.00 16' POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC DUES, POLY PROCESSING \$5,358.00 CHLORINE STORAGE TANK RPR, POSTMASTER \$1,211.70 MAILING PERMITS, POWERPLAN OIB \$342.62 PARTS & 6 BOLTS, PRAISE WINDOWS INC \$580.00 WINDOW CLEANING, PRINT EXPRESS \$1,354.80 2000 EL DEPOSIT RECEIPT BOOKS, 1000 WATER METER DEPOSIT RECEIPT BOOKS. 2000 TIME SHEETS, 1000 OVERTIME SHEETS, 1000 ENVELOPES, PROFESSIONAL ID CARDS IN \$31.80 ID CARDS FOR 718, 717, 716 & 710, PSYCHOLOGY TODAY \$29.97 MAG SUBSCRIPTION, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$311.42 10 CRIMP FITTINGS, SHOP SUPPLIES, 2 HYD HOSES, 1 BACKHOSE, 2 ADAPTERS, QUILTMAKER \$22.97 MAG SUBSCRIPTION, REBECCA VACH \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$157.49 5 AUDIOBOOKS, RECOVERY SYSTEMS CO \$747.83 PARTS FOR BALER, RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS \$65.82 FIRST AID SUPPLIES, RICK MARKHEIM \$31.00 CDL REIMBURSEMENT, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$238.26 TANK RPR & CENTRAL PLANT RPR'S, ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER DIST \$26.00 UTILITIES – SIGN, RUSSELLS EXCAVATION & CO \$1,661.96 PACKED ROCK FOR D STREET PATIO, SAFE SHOP TOOLS LLC \$413.65 2 BOA GRIPS, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$478.03 RPR'S, 2 SPAQRK PLUGS, 1 AIR FILTER, 4 GASKETS, PARTS, KABOTA 900 RPR'S, SANDY'S BURRITOS \$41.30 MEALS FOR MAYOR TO MAYOR BRKFST, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$78.00 DEV AGREEMENT RESURE SUBDIVISION, FINAL PLAT LOTS 3A & 3B, CERT OF OWNERSHIP: MALM, FORELLA, BANKS & TJARDES, SCB COUNTY AMBULANCE SRV \$632.46 AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL \$136.99 PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL SUB, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$34.00 COURT FEES, SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY TREASURER \$2,873.46 CLOSEOUT MORRISON TIF #8672, SCOTTSBLUFF – GERING UNITED \$10.00 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$1,050.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SHELL \$468.58 FUEL FOR G9, G10, G8 AND BACKHOE, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 CITY ATTORNEY BILL, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$20,876.49 CRUSHED CONCRETE & CONCRETE FOR 10TH & COUNTRY CLUB RD PROJECT, MAIN RPR, SEWER MANHOLE RPR, CONCRETE FINES, SINCLAIR MINI MART \$31.10 C I FUEL, SOLOMON CORP \$8,891.70 5 TRANSFORMERS, SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55 COUNSELING SRV, SOURCE GAS \$498.55 UTILITIES: 1255 11TH ST RE-NU, 1035 M ST FIRE HALL, 900 OVERLAND TRAIL, 1415 5TH ST, 1320 10TH ST QLT SHP, 1460 6TH ST, 2550 CLUBHOUSE DR, 225 E D ST, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$805.31 2 LOWER LINKS WITH BUSHINGS, STACY OROZCO \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$361.88 BLUETOOTH TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER, 1 AUDIO CABLE, 18 PRINTS FOR PAUL MEETING, SUPPLIES, 1 CABLE & COMP DESK – HR, ST HERALD \$361.88 LB840 MEETING NOTICE, CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING, POLICE SECRETARY AD, CIVIC CENTER ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, GOLF COURSE LETTERS OF INTEREST, STATE OF NE DEPT OF HHS \$975.60 PYMT REFUND & OVERPAID FINAL – THOMPSON, STATE OF NE/DAS COMM \$61.29 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHGS, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CRED \$1,268.08 CREDIT UNION, SYSCO DENVER INC \$3,851.10 DISH/SILVERWARE FOR G. C., TARGET \$23.49 TOWELS FOR SEWER BACKUP & SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$637.62 6 GOLF CLUBS & 1 CLUB REBATE, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$1,300.00 WATER WELL LAND RENT, THE PENWORTHY CO \$374.29 35 BOOKS, THE ROCK PILE \$7,982.71 90 SPADE FOR TREE PLANTING, MAIN RPR, & 17.12 TONS OF GRAVEL, TIGER SUPPLIES \$811.40 SURVEYING EQUIP, TIME SAVER \$22.66 FUEL: ROGERS – SLATT TRAINING, TOMMY'S JOHNNY'S INC \$135.00 PORTABLE TOILET, TORRINGTON TELEGRAM \$214.35 CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING, TWIN CITY DEVELOPMENT \$12,500.00 QTRLY DUES: OCT – DEC, VALLEY BANK – POLICE \$300.00 PO UNION DUES, VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO \$22,937.36 LANDFILL SINKING FUND & HAS CTRB 125, VAN PELT FENCING \$157.50 7 REMOTE GATE OPENERS, VERIZON WIRELESS \$120.03 3 AIR CARDS FOR PORT CAMERAS, WALMART \$81.86 SUPPLIES FOR STORYTIME & 1 AUDIO CORD, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$14.00 WELLNESS, WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEA \$112.11 COPYSTAR COPIER LEASE PYMT, WESCO DISTRIBUTING INC \$278.20 2 POLESETS, WESTERN COOPERATIVE CO \$8,416.34 SPRAYER RPR, 664 GALLONS OF DIESEL, 61.6 GALLONS OF GAS, 132 GALLONS OF FUEL, 1396 GALLONS OF DIESEL & 2000.1 GALLONS OF GAS, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULT \$303.80 DRUG/ALCOHOL SCREENINGS & FMCSA POLICY UPDATES, WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS \$98.86 COPIER MAINTENANCE, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$1,240.00 CLEANING SRV, WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$3,018.97 RECYCLING DUES, YMCA \$618.84 WELLNESS, YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN \$10.00 YOUNG MEN'S CHR, PAYROLL CHECKS \$110,554.84 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11-27-15

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

BIDS:

1. Bid for Sanitation Vehicle - Truck and Packer Body, Landfill Department

Environmental Services Director, Darrell Vance, recommended that the City accept the bid from Floyd's Sales and Service for \$110,500 for a Freightliner 114SD Truck and a bid of \$88,100 for a Square Packer Body and compactor from Southwestern Equipment Company for a total of \$198,600. The body bid was higher than the other bid that came in but that bid did not meet all of our specification requirements. He added that he does have equipment and parts that will interchange with this new Southwest body.

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve the bid from Floyd's Sales and Service for \$110,500 for a Freightliner 114SD Truck and a bid of \$88,100 for a Square Packer Body and compactor from Southwestern Equipment Company for a total of \$198,600, second by Councilmember Christensen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Continuation of Public Hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant for Downtown Revitalization

Mayor Kaufman stated that this public hearing was opened on November 23, 2015; this is a continuation. Brad Staman with the Downtown Revitalization Committee addressed the Council. He said they had put forth a proposal on the Downtown Plaza and originally put it into the Gering Civic Center Parking lot and that raised some concerns. They held another meeting after the last City Council meeting and they made a decision to recommend that they move the plaza behind Valley Bank between O Street and N Street and put it in the center of the parking lot. They (Downtown Revitalization Committee) would recommend that Council rescind the motion that was approved and come back and approve this one.

Councilmember Gibbs said there was also a presentation at their meeting to put the plaza at the north end of that block which would allow all the parking to be at the south end, which would save some trees on the west side. He thought by the discussion that that would put it closer to the buildings on the north side of O Street which was maybe more desirable.

Mayor Kaufman stated that isn't what he heard at the meeting; he heard discussion for the center portion so that it tied into the pedestrian walk on 10th Street. Councilmember Gibbs said it still would. Mayor Kaufman said it still would but this way the parking would benefit... and he thinks there was an issue with Main Street Appliance - not blocking off their service entrance for deliveries. Councilmember Gibbs said it still wouldn't; they'd still have alley access.

Mr. Staman said he doesn't remember that proposal, they've looked at several over the years but this is not one they looked at. He said it's a nice proposal but one of the key things the State wanted was for the plaza to be connected to 10th Street. That alley way between Plummer insurance and Valley Bank is a key in what the State was asking for so that is why they came up with the center area. He said we have a lot of people from the Committee here today and a lot of people from that meeting. The one thing they want, they want to see it happen. They've worked very hard on it, they believe in this project, they believe it will be very beneficial to the City of Gering not only on the short term but on the long term. They believe it will generate walking traffic and new businesses to come to town. They want Council to say yes and get this thing moving. He said they originally put it in the Civic Center parking lot; there were concerns so they moved it to the center between O and N Street.

Councilmember Gibbs said he doesn't have a problem with it in the center, the only thing he would suggest is if at all possible when it's being developed if they would try to save as many mature trees that are on the northwest side of that existing parking lot. It takes too long to grow trees around here. There are three or four beautiful trees that are 30-35 years old and he's concerned the way the parking lot is laid out there that they may be sacrificed.

Councilmember Christensen said he thinks we turned this project over to the Downtown Revitalization Committee and they've worked their tails off trying to come up with a design and a place to put this thing. He thinks we should go with their recommendation and he would certainly prefer putting this plaza in the center of those two blocks.

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone else in the Council Chambers wished to add anything in favor or opposition of the plan. Larry Janecek, 50169 Hillyard Drive, Mitchell NE, stated that he's President of the High Plains Auto Club. He said they would prefer that they leave the Civic Center parking lot alone for the event they hold in the summer each year. He thanked Council and the City of Gering for everything they do for them during that show in June. Mayor Kaufman replied that the City appreciates what they do too.

With no further comments the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to enter the Administrative Record (including an email from Councilmember O'Neal to be included in her absence into the public record) which stated: "I believe that the Downtown Revitalization Committee was given the task of making a recommendation to the Council regarding the plaza. My understanding is that they made that recommendation after careful consideration and gathering public and business input and consulting with engineers. The Council voted to accept their recommendation in June of 2015 so unless the Downtown Revitalization Committee chooses to propose something different, I feel that the June 8 vote should stand. If that committee has re-visited, and based upon additional input, wants to make a recommendation to change their original proposal, then I would support a change to the original recommendation". Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider motion to rescind Council approval of Plaza Site Plan 6 with noted modifications that was voted on and adopted at the Regular meeting of the Gering City Council on June 8, 2015

Mayor Kaufman stated that for a point of reference, on June 8, 2015 the City Council voted to approve the Plaza Site Plan 6 with noted modifications; that site plan had the plaza located on the east side of the Civic Center on the parking lot. In order to change that in any way, Council will need to rescind that motion with a majority vote of Council Members elected to office. He then asked if Council has a motion regarding Current Business item 1.

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to rescind Council approval of Plaza Site Plan 6 with noted modifications that was voted on and adopted at the Regular meeting of the Gering City Council on June 8, 2015, second by Councilmember Christensen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

1a. Consider Downtown Revitalization Committee Recommendation for City Plaza if the motion to rescind Plaza Site Plan 6 with noted modifications is adopted

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs to approve the recommendation of the Downtown Revitalization Committee (to move the plaza to the lot north of the Civic Center behind Valley Bank & Trust), Plan I, seconded by Councilmember Morrison.

Discussion: Councilmember Gibbs thought that Plan I is the site plan being recommended. Rawnda Pierce, with TCD, stated that it's really just approving moving the site to the parking lot north of the civic center behind the bank; we don't know exactly what the site plan will look like at this time, there will be modifications. Mayor Kaufman stated he thinks it should be plan I.

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

2. Certified Communities Presentation – Starr Lehl

Starr Lehl with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development stated that the DED is excited that the City of Gering will be re-certified. The original certification came in 2010. She presented the Mayor and Council with the certificate of re-certification. She added that the City of Gering is one of only 36 communities in Nebraska that is a certified leadership community; it is quite an accomplishment and states that Gering is ready for growth and accomplishments. Ms. Lehl stated that Rawnda Pierce did all the paperwork and it couldn't happen without TCD.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison, second by Councilmember Christensen to file for record the presentation by Starr Lehl for the Certified Community. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Western Nebraska Economic Development Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Kaufman stated that there have been some changes made to the WNED Interlocal Agreement as noted in the Council packet. Councilmember Gibbs said the changes were mostly house-keeping items, there was a change in the list of membership and a few language changes by the attorney.

Motion by Councilmember Smith, second by Councilmember Gibbs to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Western Nebraska Economic Development Interlocal Agreement. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of approving partial funding of housing study with respect to WNED (Western Nebraska Economic Development)

Mayor Kaufman stated that Council received information about this item in their packets. Councilmember Gibbs stated that this is the first concrete project that WNED is requesting that the member communities participate in funding. The cost could range somewhere between \$.78 and \$1.05 per capita. We are expecting to receive a grant; if the grant is approved it would be the lower amount. Mayor Kaufman stated it should not exceed \$15,000. As information becomes available we will make sure Council is aware what the amount is. Councilmember Gibbs added that the WNED is in favor of the study; any member that does not choose to participate will not receive information from the study.

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs, second by Councilmember Holliday to approve partial funding of a housing study with respect to Western Nebraska Economic Development. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

5. Approve Ordinance 2018 – An Ordinance of the City of Gering to reclassify and change zoning from Multi-family Residential High Density District (RMH) to Heavy Industrial and Manufacturing District (MH) for block 3, John Hoffman Subdivision, being a part of the final plat of blocks 3 and 4, John Hoffman Subdivision, to the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, situated in the north half of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 35, township 22 north, range 55 west of the 6th principal meridian, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, recorded June 28, 2006 under instrument no. 2006-4072 and providing for an effective date hereof.

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2018 - An Ordinance of the City of Gering to reclassify and change zoning from Multi-family Residential High Density District (RMH) to Heavy Industrial and Manufacturing District (MH) for block 3,

John Hoffman Subdivision, being a part of the final plat of blocks 3 and 4, John Hoffman Subdivision, to the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, situated in the north half of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 35, township 22 north, range 55 west of the 6th principal meridian, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, recorded June 28, 2006 under instrument no. 2006-4072 and providing for an effective date hereof. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2018 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2018 was read by title only, Councilmember Gibbs moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holliday. The question is shall Ordinance No. 2018 be passed? There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

6. Meeting of the Committee of the whole (Gering City Council) regarding Half Percent Sales Tax

Motion by Councilmember Smith, second by Councilmember Holliday to approve having a meeting of the Committee of the whole (Gering City Council) regarding a half percent sales tax.

Discussion: Mayor Kaufman added for the record comments by Councilmember O'Neal in her absence: He said that Councilmember O'Neal stated in an email that she would vote in favor of approving a meeting of the whole Council to discuss the half percent sales tax issue. She believes maintaining and upgrading the City's infrastructure is vitally important to the citizens of Gering and for the future of Gering.

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

7. Request for an Administrative Committee meeting – Agenda item: Accounting Policies and Procedures

Motion by Councilmember Morrison, second by Councilmember Christensen to approve a request for an Administrative Committee meeting with agenda item: Accounting Policies and Procedures. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

8. Approve appointments to:

- Library Board – Dr. Alan Johnson, Kerri Schnase-Berge and Suzanne Myers
- Park, Cemetery and Tree Board – Dr. Don Gentry, Mike Donovan

Motion by Councilmember Gibbs, second by Councilmember Christensen to approve the appointments of Dr. Alan Johnson, Kerri Schnase-Berge and Suzanne Myers to the Library Board and Dr. Don Gentry and Mike Donovan to the Park, Cemetery and Tree Board. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Christensen, Gibbs, Holliday, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Allred and O'Neal. Motion carried.

REPORTS: (None)

OPEN COMMENT SECTION: (None)

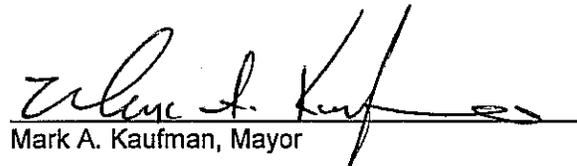
Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

Rawnda Pierce with TCD introduced Shawn Overeinder, TCD's new Community Development Director. Mr. Overeinder stated that he looks forward to working with the City of Gering on community development.

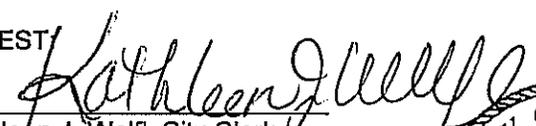
ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

