

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, 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 Star-Herald, 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 stated 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 January 22, 2018 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims

Claims:

1-13-18 to 2-2-18

24/7 FITNESS \$200.00 WELLNESS, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$107.00 PORTA POT, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS \$687.50 RADIO BATTERIES, ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC \$295.00 TRUCK RPR, AM LEONARD \$420.21 TREE GUARDS, AMAZON \$506.92 2 SONGS FOR STORY TIME/2 LAPTOP BATTERY REPLACEMENTS/GENERATOR PART/STREAM LIGHT BATTERIES/2 BOOKS/4 CHILDRENS BOOKS/14 CHILDRENS BOOKS, AMERICAN LEGION POST #36 \$524.49 FLAGS, ANDERSON & SHAW \$30,623.26 4TH PYMT STREET DEPT BUILDING, ARMADA MEDIA CORP \$500.00 ADVERTISING, ASCAP \$348.00 2018 LICENSE, AULICK \$396.25 PARTS G-11, B & C STEEL \$214.70 ANGLE IRON/CUTTING CHR, BAVCO VALVE CO \$163.80 BACKFLOW PREVENTER RPR, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$79.90 PEST CONTROL, BEST WESTERN \$548.00 LODGING SCHROEDER TRAINING, BKD RENTALS LLC \$2,154.20 FEB 2018 SUBSIDY PRAIRIE PINES, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$372.76 UTILITIES 1255 11TH ST, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$128.71 CLEANING SUPPLIES, BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$2,249.25 SAFETY EQUIPMENT, BUMPER TO BUMPER TOWING \$250.00 PD TOW SRV, C & C MANUFACTURING LLC \$161.18 PARTS FOR ALJON, CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #27 \$97.11 NLETG GAS BROWN HOME, CENTURYLINK \$2,677.06 TELEPHONE BILL ALLOCATION, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$1,500.00 PR MEDIA OUTREACH, CITY INSURANCE FUND \$163,403.72 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY OF GERING \$100.00 PYMT FOR OCT ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE, CITY OF GERING - GENERAL AC \$65,000.00 ACH PAYROLL TRANSFER, CITY OF LINCOLN \$22.50 DANIELZUK LARM BOD MTG PRKING, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$2,594.22 EMERGENCY MGMT OCT 17 - DEC 17, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$9,232.88 FSA MEDICAL 125, COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE I \$370.80 CEU CLASSES DENVER CO, COOLEY TAMMY \$82.00 COOLEY HR WORKSHOP, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$97.72 LAMPS/VINYL TAPE, CUNA MUTUAL RETIREMENT \$943.75 ACNT 4520 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT, DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING \$528.89 TIRE RPR/FLAT 914G, DATA TECHNOLOGIES \$386.98 TAX FORMS, DAVIES MIKE \$100.00 REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK BOOTS, DEVENA TRACY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT, DHHS ONLINE LICENSING \$1,265.00 WTR LIC RENEWAL CLOSSON/MCKEE/FARRO/DAVIES/YEAGER/JENKINS, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #077 \$10.75 CLOROX WIPES, DOMINOS PIZZA \$70.53 DINNER FOR STAFF SNOW REMOVAL, DOOLEY OIL INC \$2,122.12 OIL TRUCK, DUTTON-LAINSON CO \$4,008.75 TRANS/HARDWARE/ELBOWS, ECOLAB \$169.73 RODENT CONTROL, ENERGY LAB INC \$456.00 WATER LAB, ENVIRO SRV INC \$978.00 WW LAB, ESC ENGINEERING \$2,258.00 U ST ENGINEERING, EVIDENT INC \$211.75 EVIDENCE SUPPLIES, FACEBOOK \$15.00 FACEBOOK BOOSTED HIRING POST, FASTENAL CO \$665.10 GLOVES/BATTERY/ETC, FEDEX \$153.39 WATER LAB, FIRST STATE BANK \$644.74 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$662.62 WORK ON G-11, FLYING J TRAVEL PLAZA \$42.69 DANIELZUK LARM BOD MTG FUEL, FRANK PARTS CO \$1,304.89 WIPER BLADES (8)/PARTS SERGIO'S PICKUP/TAPE/PARTS/EQUIPMENT RPR/SHOP PARTS/OIL CAP, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$2,769.00 LEGAL SRV, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF \$33,240.08 VEHICLE PURCHASE F150 PU 2018/TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLY FOR 13 FORD TAURUS, FRESH FOODS \$191.96 MEAT & CHEESE SCB/MIT/LYMAN, GALE \$309.49 5 LRG PRINT BOOKS, GALLS AN ARAMARK CO \$696.24 UNIFORM PANTS/SHIRTS/GLOVES, GERING HIGH SCHOOL \$100.00 ADVERTISING, GREASE N GO \$112.69 OIL SRV, GREG'S AUTO BODY & PAINT \$689.95 RPR TO DAMAGED VEHICLE DURING SNOW REMOVAL, HERTZBERG - NEW METHOD INC \$121.97 10 CHILDRENS BOOKS, HOBBY LOBBY \$7.01 SUPPLIES FOR STORY TIME, HOME DEPOT \$261.55 GRINDER FOR CONCRETE SOUTH DR, HONEY WAGON EXPRESS \$180.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HOTELS.COM \$1,246.76 LODGING GOLF INDUSTRY CONF, HY-VEE \$27.98 GAS TRAINING SCHROEDER, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$1,113.70 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$572.23 EXCHANGED MATS/TOWELS/RUGS/DOOR MATS/MOPS/TRASH BAGS/DOOR MAT CONTRACT, INDOFF INC \$226.44 LETTER OPENERS/TAPE DISPENSER/CLIPBOARDS/DAY PLANNER/OFFICE SUPPLIES, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$390.61 16 BOOKS, INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO \$876.47 WORK ON G-11, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$77,483.16 FED/FICA TAX, INTERSTATE

BATTERIE/RAPID \$453.80 NEW BATTERY/12 V BATTERY/SEWER JET RPR, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLU \$774.79 COMPUTER SUPPORT, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$806.78 SPLICE BOX/BUCKET TOOL APRON, ITRON INC \$190.00 UPDATE SOFTWARE, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$27,147.39 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$143.32 BOLT/DOOR STOP/CUTTING TOOL/PARTS G-9, KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT C \$2,499.00 LIDS FOR CANS, KOVARIK, ELLISON, MATHIS \$13,713.00 LARM LEAGUE CONFLICTS/INDUSTRIAL PARK SIMONS CO/RETAINAGE CITY ATTORNEY/LEGAL FEE LANDFILL, KRIZ DAVIS CO \$2,750.37 AUTO D.E./GRIPS/TACKLE/RPR'S CENTRAL PLANT, LL JOHNSON DISTRIBUTING \$918.66 4 FIX 55 HEADS, LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES \$179.09 MOTEL TORO IRRIGATION TRNG, LANE DANIELZUK \$82.00 DANIELZUK'S HR WORKSHOP, LASER LAB \$159.90 TINT METERS, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MANAGEMENT \$342.01 INSURANCE FOR 62, LOAF & JUG \$150.92 DIESEL FOR SNOW REMOVAL, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$255.00 OVER HEAD DOOR RPR, MCDONALD'S \$5.89 DANIELZUK'S LARM BOD MTG MEAL, MEAT SHOPPE \$18,816.64 MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$534.42 WIRE SHELVING/PEX FITTINGS/SHOP SUPPLIES, MG TRUST CO LLC \$12,168.16 MG T - POLICE, MIDWEST MEETINGS/GUIDE \$1,000.00 2018 MIDWEST MTG GUIDE BOOK, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$211.57 FOLDERS/OFFICE SUPPLIES/THUMB TACKS/LEAD, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY O \$364,872.13 WAPA MEAN, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION \$175.00 NFPA MEMBERSHIP, NATIONAL INSURANCE SRV \$1,034.64 VISION INSURANCE, NATIONAL RECREATION/PARK \$70.00 DUES, NDEQ - FISCAL SRV \$9,058.65 QUARTERLY PYMT OCT - DEC/WW OPERATORS LIC MCKEE, NDOR - LOTTERY \$7,960.42 OCT - DEC LOTTERY TAXES, NE BOARD OF ENGINEERS & A \$80.00 ENG LIC RENEWAL ANNIE, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$1,589.28 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPARTMENT OF REV(PR) \$11,917.79 STATE TAXES, NE PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC \$485.00 NPZA 2018 CONF LANE/ANNIE/BRENDA, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,881.70 PHEASANT DR UTILITIES, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$708.00 FIRE INSPECTION, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$1,646.16 CUTTING EDGES BLADE/PARTS SHOP, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK \$90.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES KATHY/CAROL, NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN C \$8,471.80 ICE SLICER, NEENAH FOUNDRY CO \$1,616.39 MANHOLES/MANHOLES FOR SEWERLINE RPR, NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST \$800.00 POSTAGE, NORTHERN TOOL \$79.99 AIR HOSE REEL, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$24.08 MISC SUPPLIES/P/ TEE, OCLC INC \$149.26 JAN CAT & ILL SUBS, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$29.58 LOCATE FEES, OREGON TRAIL PLBG & HEATING \$300.00 FILTER CHANGE/ADMIN/LIB/PO, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT \$191.34 DAN SMITH WNET SEPT 26TH 2017, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$11,708.90 FUEL LAND FILL/120 GAL DIESEL/232 GAL DIESEL, PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL & \$753.75 TESTING STREET DEPT BUILDING, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$155.84 CRUSHED CONCRETE 9.74 TONS, PAYPAL \$6.48 EQUIPMENT RPR, PAYROLL CHECKS \$111,891.75 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 1-19-18, PAYROLL CHECKS \$114,086.94 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 2-2-18, PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC \$82.50 2 CHILDRENS AUDIO BOOKS, PENN RADIANT \$865.00 HEAT ELEMENTS, PETERSEN MARILYN \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT, PING \$133.56 GOLF CLUB HYBIRD, POWERPLAN OIB \$1,748.17 EQUIPMENT RPR, PRAIRIE ARTS YOGA STUDIO \$56.00 PRAIRIE ART YOGA, PROTEX CENTRAL INC \$378.00 ALARM INSPECTIONS, PT HOSE & BEARING \$47.52 PART G-8, PUMP & PANTRY \$30.35 GAS TO BROWNS GRADUATION, RAISING CANES \$7.54 MEAL BROWNS GRADUATION, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$36.00 1 AUDIO BOOK, RED BARN SHOP LLC \$217.50 REBUILD HYD CYLINDER SNOW PLOW, RITA'S RENTALS \$10.57 OVERPAID FINALS 3090004 & 3094000, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$5,692.81 RPR ON BASEMENT HEAT/HEAT PUMP/PARTS CONTAINER/HEAT IN LIBRARY RR, ROLLING STONE \$34.95 1 YRS SUB, SALAS CAMRYN \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT, SANDY'S BURRITOS \$32.94 MAYOR TO MAYOR MTG, SCB CO VEHICLE REGISTRATION \$15.38 NEW TRUCK REGISTRATION, SCB CO HOUSING AUTHORITY \$92.31 OP UTILITY BILLS LOPEZ/ANTHONY, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$234.00 COBBLESTONE PUBLIC PARKING, SCB COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$39.40 SHERIFF'S OFFICE COURT FEES, SCI DISTRIBUTION LLC \$1,650.00 FUEL SOFTWARE SRV, SCOTTS BLUFF CO CONSOLID \$425.00 CONSOLIDATED 911, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$34.00 COUNTY COURT FEES, SCOTTSBLUFF TOWING SRV \$740.00 UNIFORM, SCOTTSBLUFF -GERING UNITED \$179.75 UNITED WAY CTRB, SCS ENGINEERS \$3,540.65 QUARTERLY LANDFILL GAS MONITORING, SEACREST & KALKOWSKI PC \$4,427.50 GENERAL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, SHELL \$133.14 FUEL G-6 SNOW REMOVAL, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM P \$1,500.00 CITY ATTORNEY BILL, SKILLPATH SEMINARS \$798.00 COOLEY & DANIELZUK HR WORKSHOP, SLAFTER OIL CO \$33.16 FILTER, SNELL SRV \$3.40 BUSHING, SOLOMON CORP \$4,355.85 TRANSFORMERS, SOUTHERN BLEACHER \$97,875.00 BLEACHERS, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$712.92 PARTS G-11 & G-8, STAGECOACH \$784.83 DIESEL, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$162.87 OFFICE SUPPLIES, STAR HERALD \$1,839.16 GERING LEASING CORP MEETING NOTICE/PERSONNEL COMM MTG NOTICE/WEBSITE BANNER ADV/NEWSPAPER SUB ADMIN/NEWSPAPER SUB PD/SPECIAL MTG NOTICE/SANITATION TRUCK BID NOTICE/CAB & ROLL OFF NOTICE/LB840 MTG NOTICE/RFP FOR COMP PLAN & ZONING/CONDENSED MINUTES/NOTICE OF MONTHLY MTGS/CITY PROPERTY AUCTION NOTICE, STAYBRIDGE SUITES (-\$31.14) TAX REFUND ON ROOM, SUBWAY SANDWICHES & SALAD \$8.23 DANIELZUK LARM BOD MTG MEAL, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CRED \$1,356.74 CREDIT UNION, SWANA \$275.00 TEST, SYSCO DENVER \$71.34 TABLE SKIRT CLIPS, TEAM CHEVROLET \$476.11 WING VEHICLE LEASE/PIPE, THE CAFÉ AT THE CORNHUSKER \$8.50 DANIELZUK LARM BOD MTG MEAL, THE COPIER NINJA LLC \$461.03 COPY COUNT CHR, THE HOUSE OF TRADE \$269.98 JASON STANDING DESK, THE WEEK \$70.89 1 YR SUB, TORRINGTON SOD FARM \$6,122.00 SOD FOR PLAZA, UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$3,817.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS, UNL MARKETPLACE \$149.98 PESTICIDE TRAINING, US AUTO FORCE \$60.77 TURF TIRE, VALLEY GAS \$142.16 DIESEL FOR SNOW REMOVAL, VERIZON WIRELESS \$40.01 GOLF PRO IPAD, WALMART \$115.10 HEADLIGHT BULBS/SUPPLIES FOR STORY TIME, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$270.00 WELLNESS, WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$2,221.32 C.T.'S, WESTCO \$196.09 FORK LIFT/1" HOSE ADP/RPR KIT, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$59.60 WPCI RANDOM POOL, WESTERN STATES BANK \$30,056.14 HSA CTRB 125, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$640.00 PO UNION DUES, WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL \$189.06 DIESEL, WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$166.49 FUSE, WINCHELL CLEANING \$610.00 CLEAN BATHS/OFFICES/HALLS, WYOMING RURAL ELECTRIC \$395.96 CLASSES, YMCA \$327.00 WELLNESS

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. One and Six Year Plan – Street Superintendent, Casey Dahlgren

Mayor Kaufman opened the public hearing regarding the One and Six Year Street Plan at 6:03 pm. Pat Heath, Public Works Director, addressed Council and reviewed the One & Six Year projects shown below. Councilmember Wiedeman asked if this is all we're going to do in six years. Mr. Heath replied

that Five Rocks Road always hangs on there because the developer has slowly been developing that direction so that's all sitting there. He added that Casey Dahlgren, Transportation Superintendent, has a priority list and there will be other roads added next year to the One Year; currently on his Six Year Plan it's mainly new additions for developments – access, intersection or road to that new development.

Summary of City of Gering 1 & 6 Year Plan 2018

1 Year Projects

Intersection of D street and 14th Street
Kurt Drive
Virginia Ave
19th A Street to D Street
13th Street from M Street South 300'
P Street from 4th Street East 400'
Intersection on Five Rocks Road South of M Street

1 Year Plan Total \$629,509

6 Year Plan

Five Rocks Road & Oregon Trail Blvd

6 Year Plan Total \$100,000

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone in Council Chambers wished to speak in favor or opposition of the 2018 One and Six Year Plan. Seeing none, the Administrative Record and the Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to enter the Administrative Record for this public hearing into the public record. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

1a. Adopt Resolution 2-18-1 approving the One and Six Year Plan

RESOLUTION 2-18-1

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 February 12, 2018 at 6:00 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 2018 is hereby approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____ to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for fiscal year 2018. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": _____ "NAY" _____. Absent: _____.

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 12th day of February 2018.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adopt Resolution 2-18-1 approving the One and Six Year Street Plan. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit/Special Exception application for a community facility in an AGG zone (General Agricultural District) that will be used for indoor therapeutic horseback activities arena on a parcel pending a proper land survey. The property shall be described as a parcel approximately 200 feet x 200 feet and was the site of a former residence located West of 14th Street and South of Floral Street in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska

Mayor Kaufman opened the public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit/Special Exception application for a community facility in an AGG zone (General Agricultural District) that will be used for indoor therapeutic horseback activities arena as stated on the agenda at 6:08 p.m.

Annie Folck, City Planner, addressed Council with the Administrative Record:

- ❖ This is a recommendation and report to consider an application for a conditional use permit for a community facility in the AGG zone (General Agricultural District). The property is 200'x 200' located west of 14th Street and south of Floral Street (see map). The property is situated in unplatted lands, PT SW 11-21-55, Scotts Bluff County. The property is outside of Gering City limits, but within the City's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. The property to the north is zoned RL, Residential Low Density, the property to the northeast is zoned RRE, Rural Residential Estate, with the remainder of the surrounding property zoned AGG (see attached map).
- ❖ The Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy is a 501c3 organization that provides therapeutic horseback activities to special needs individuals. The proposed facility is to be an indoor riding arena so that they will be able to work with special needs children year-round and increase the number of individuals they serve. The facility could be classified as either a community facility as it is a nonprofit serving the community or as a riding academy.
- ❖ The property is currently zoned AGG. Community facilities, including public and private philanthropic and charitable institutions, are listed as an Exception in the AGG zone. Riding academies (operated for profit) are also listed as an Exception in this zone. Because the facility is a nonprofit, for the purposes of this application, staff is classifying it as a Community Facility; however, the fact that riding academies are also listed as an Exception in this zone speaks to the appropriateness of the request for this facility to be located in an AGG zone. The applicant is applying for a conditional use permit to allow them to construct and occupy a community facility in this location.
- ❖ The review process for a conditional use permit requires the following criteria to be addressed, if applicable: Access, parking, Service, Utilities, Screening, Signs, Yards, and Compatibility. See the attached application for a detailed explanation of the applicant's plans for addressing each of these criteria. There will be a limited number of people at the facility at any one time, with staff and volunteers working with one or two individuals at a time. They will access the property from an existing access along 14th Street and may add another entry point on the north end of the property. They have proposed ten dedicated parking spots, which should be adequate for clients, staff, and volunteers. They plan on having around three full size horses and three miniature horses kept on site during the week. These horses will typically be removed to a different location on weekends. There will be a pasture area located behind the arena for the horses. Panel fences will be used to enclose this area and gates will be locked to keep the area secure. They are proposing a sign on the east side of the arena, which meets the requirements of the City's sign code.
- ❖ Staff advises that the riding arena and keeping of horses on this property is very compatible with the surrounding AGG zone. City water and sewer service are not available on the property, so it will have to be served with a well and septic tank. The property will be served by City electric.
- ❖ Staff recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit, as the applicant has adequately addressed access, parking, service, utilities, and signs, and that because the proposed facility is compatible with the AGG zone, additional requirements for screening and compatibility are not applicable.
- ❖ Mr. Chairman and Commission Members, this completes my entry regarding this recommendation and report to consider this application for a Conditional Use Permit for the Buckboard Riding Academy located west of 14th Street and south of Floral Street. I would ask this Commission to recommend approval or denial of the permit to the City Council, and to consider if any special conditions should be met by the applicants in order for the permit to be granted:

- ❖ **Recommendation**
- ❖ ***Approve***
- ❖ Make a POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION for City Council to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Buckboard Riding Academy to be located west of 14th Street and south of Floral Street (see attached map), with the following conditions:
- ❖ ***Deny***
- ❖ Make a NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION to City Council for a Conditional Use Permit for the Buckboard Riding Academy to be located west of 14th Street and south of Floral Street (see attached map), for the following reasons:
- ❖ **Table**
- ❖ Table making a recommendation on the Conditional Use Permit for the Buckboard Riding Academy to be located west of 14th Street and south of Floral Street (see attached map), for the following reasons:

Additional comments:

Current location is outdoors only and can't go year round providing therapy services. The goal with the new facility is to provide therapy year round and increase the numbers of individuals they serve. The current location being looked at is outside of City limits and is not annexed into the City. There was an old abandoned farmstead on the northeast corner of the property which is being looked at for this CUP. It is approximately a 200' x 200' parcel which is currently zone AGG. It can either be classified as a community facility or riding academy, both are listed as exceptional uses in the zoning subdivision regulations in the AGG zoning district. Surrounding zoning: east, west and south - AGG, northeast - RRE and RML to the north. Access, parking, utilities, signs and compatibility were addressed in detail on the application submitted. There will be sufficient parking – 10 dedicated parking spaces; there should be no parking on the County Road. One or two individuals will be worked with at a time and there will also be staff and volunteers. Three full sized horses and possibly three miniature horses will be used for the therapy that will be there during the week and removed to different locations on the weekends. There will be a pasture area behind the building to keep the horses in with locking gates. A sign will be on the east side of the area meeting City code. Staff advises that the use and keeping of horses on the property for the riding arena are compatible with the AGG zoning. The applicant has adequately addressed access, parking, utilities, signs and services; it is the recommendation to approve this CUP.

Mrs. Folck stated that even though the Planning Commission is recommending approval, there are a few details on the property. It will be served with well and septic; we don't have City services out there. It does not quite meet the zoning requirements to split off that amount of property for a conditional use so they did receive a variance from the Board of Adjustment that will allow them to split off a smaller portion of the property. Additionally because it is a riding arena in an Agricultural zone compatibility should not be an issue – the keeping of horses; this is probably the best zone there could be for this type of use.

Mayor Kaufman asked Council if they'd like the Administrative Record read aloud. Seeing none he asked if anyone in Council Chambers wished to speak in favor of the application. Kathy Gatch, 270388 CR U, Gering addressed the Council. She stated that she is the Founder/Director of Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy. They have been operating for 20 years and have worked with hundreds of handicapped children as well as teenage volunteers - helping them figure out where they want to go in life as well. They work outdoors, they can only ride three months out of the year if there's not rain or too much wind or dirt blowing. When they start again in the spring they have to back step with some of their riders because they slide back over the winter months. By having the indoor arena they'd be able to operate year-round and keep those children coming so they meet their goals sooner. They could also add adults that need this type of therapy for after a stroke or other issue. They've started a veterans program that is kind of slow because of not having the time to really work that in. With the indoor arena they could add a lot of different riders to their schedule. She thinks the arena being located where they're proposing would be a big benefit for the Gering area. They'll be close enough that when parents drop their children off to ride they can go into town and do their shopping. She said they service this whole end of Nebraska from Alliance west and the east end of Torrington, WY as well. They usually have between 66 and 85 riders in a summer; they could really increase that amount. There are a lot of children in this area that would benefit from this type of therapy. She asked if Council had questions.

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone else wished to speak in favor of the application. Seeing none he asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application. With no further comments he closed the administrative record and the public hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to enter the Administrative Record for this public hearing into the public record. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2a. Approve or deny a Conditional Use Permit/Special Exception application for a community facility in an AGG zone (General Agricultural District) that will be used for indoor therapeutic horseback activities arena on a parcel pending a proper land survey.

Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve a Conditional Use Permit/Special Exception application for a community facility in an AGG zone (General Agricultural District) that will be used for indoor therapeutic horseback activities arena on a parcel pending a proper land survey. The property shall be described as a parcel approximately 200 feet x 200 feet and was the site of a former residence located West of 14th Street and South of Floral Street in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman.

Discussion: Councilmember O'Neal asked about the drainage, traffic and an extra field for bleaching and something to do with the sewer. Mrs. Folck replied that we are continuing to work with the applicant on that. The drainage and the lay-out of the septic will all be addressed during the building permit process.

The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

BIDS:

1. City of Gering Banking Services – Finance Department

Mayor Kaufman entertained a motion to approve staff's recommendation and award the City of Gering Banking Services to Platte Valley Bank. Councilmember Backus asked if we could include the matrix in the public record. Administrator Danielzuk replied the matrix that we have that is outlined, yes.

MATRIX: *The selection process was based on two different methods: A scoring matrix which consisted of a rating score of 1-5 in the areas of presentation, past experience, cost, proposal and service. The second method was a prioritization matrix which was first cost, second service, third presentation, fourth proposal and fifth past experience.*

Councilmember Gillen asked for a point of clarification - when we have bids, normally we have a comparison from which to base our decision. Multiple bids are outlined in how they stack up against one another. He was wondering if that information was available for Council. Administrator Danielzuk replied that this one was a staff exercise. Those internal calculations and the recommendations and the analysis that was done of the five RFQs we're keeping at a staff level. They won't be available, no. Mr. Danielzuk added: *"In a nutshell The City will realize a notable cost savings with the financial institution that is being recommended. It's in the City's best interest to accept their proposal. City staff exercised a fair and impartial evaluation process and a qualified committee was selected to interview candidates and make a final recommendation based on five criteria: cost, service, presentation, proposal and past experience. After careful review and consideration staff recommends that the Council award the City of Gering Banking Services to Platte Valley Bank"*. He said the last time we did an exercise like this that we have been able to document was 1978.

Councilmember Holiday asked in what specific areas will we be seeing a cost savings. John Mejia, Finance Director, replied that the main category will be the fees and we'll see a revenue increase in the earnings credit.

Councilmember Wiedeman asked about the fees for credit cards, will this decrease the amount we charge for credit card usage? Mr. Mejia replied that at this time the credit card service is not through the banking institutions. That is an area we will take a look at and possibly incorporate that into the financial institution.

Councilmember Backus asked Mr. Mejia how often should we evaluate this; 40 years is too much but what would he recommend? Mr. Mejia replied that what we need to take a look at is when the financial conditions change, that could possibly be in three to five years; we need to evaluate it when necessary based on financial conditions.

Councilmember Gillen stated that he thinks it's essential as a Council Member to know the fees that we're voting on and be able to compare those and understand the fees that we are selecting as a municipality. He understands that it was a fair and impartial decision and he's fine with that but he's a numbers guy and everything, to him, boils down to fees and watching the savings for the City. Mr. Mejia replied in regards to his questions, it would be no fees.

Councilmember Holliday stated that he's a little like Councilmember Gillen, he's a little lost that we don't have backup information to take a look at and make an educated decision on this. He understands that staff has recommended this and 99.9% of the time he will always follow staff's recommendations as long as it makes sense. However there is nothing to show us here and without that he's not comfortable making a decision. Speaking for himself, to vote yes with zero backup documentation is not something he's comfortable doing.

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to table the Banking Services agenda item and allow time to get everybody the information they need and put it on the next Council agenda. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. U Street Substation Construction bid – Electric Department

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve ESC Engineering's recommendation to award the U Street Substation Construction bid to Addison Construction in the amount of \$486,428.40 which is the net contract amount after owner-furnished materials was deducted. Second by Councilmember Holliday. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve Ordinance 2059 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX; GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 95: MAKING IT AN INFRACTION TO ALLOW SNOW, ICE, MUD, SLEET OR OTHER SUBSTANCES CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE TO REMAIN UPON SIDEWALKS OR CROSSWALKS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SAME, AND FOR NOTICE TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE LOT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2059 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX; GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 95: MAKING IT AN INFRACTION TO ALLOW SNOW, ICE, MUD, SLEET OR OTHER SUBSTANCES CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE TO REMAIN UPON SIDEWALKS OR CROSSWALKS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SAME, AND FOR NOTICE TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE LOT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan.

Discussion: Councilmember Wiedeman asked if they do not do this, what is the penalty or how are we going to enforce this? Police Chief Holthus replied that the old ordinance, as it was written, potentially put the City of Gering at risk because the City was responsible for going out to all those houses or properties that had not removed their snow and the City was charged with removing it. If someone were to slip and fall on those properties the City was potentially at risk and by the City not doing it we were putting the City at risk. The initial start of this process was to remove the City's liability. The other change in the ordinance request is to provide a penalty for failure to scoop the

walks which is a \$100 fine. In the old system they could be fined anywhere from zero to \$1000. In our research we found that the City of Alliance provided for that amount of a fine and also in another community in the region. Our intent with enforcement would be just like it is now; when we receive a complaint the Street, Public Works or Police Departments reach out and contact the property owner. We've done approximately 30 letters after the last few storms. We've also had personal contacts and have sent letters to all the contractors that do snow removal to educate them on City ordinances. Our approach will be what it always has been, to work with the home owners and try to give them the information so they can make a choice and comply with City ordinance. Councilmember Wiedeman said she has concerns about people putting snow in the street; will that penalty apply to that if we see that happen or will you work with the home owner? Chief Holthus replied that our first option would be to work with the home owner but if it's the third or fourth storm in a row that they are doing that then obviously the message isn't getting to them, so then we would look at writing a citation.

The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Smith moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2059 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 Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the role. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. 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. 2059 was read by title only, Councilmember Backus moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holliday. "The question is shall Ordinance No. 2059 be passed?" There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. 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.

2. Adopt Resolution 2-18-2, a resolution approving The Monument Grill as a local outlet for Keno Lottery within the City of Gering

RESOLUTION 2-18-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MONUMENT GRILL AS A LOCAL OUTLET FOR KENO LOTTERY WITHIN THE CITY OF GERING AND DETERMINING THAT THE KENO LOTTERY OUTLET MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION 3-95-1 PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF A KENO LOTTERY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Gering to insure the qualification standards for an outlet for conducting a keno lottery in conformance with Section 9-642.01 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council in order to protect the general health, welfare, and morals of the City of Gering that each sales outlet for keno lottery be a suitable establishment to conduct such sales.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT based upon the best information available, each keno lottery sales outlet complies with the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Department of Revenue adopted to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, and comply with the City of Gering Resolution 3-95-1, and have been recommended by the keno lottery contractor under contract with the City.

1. The Monument Grill, 2550 Club House Drive, Gering, is hereby approved as a Keno Lottery outlet.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Holliday to adopt Resolution 2-18-2, a resolution approving The Monument Grill as a local outlet for Keno Lottery within the City of Gering. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

3. Adopt Resolution 2-18-3, a resolution approving Swany's Union Bar as a local outlet for Keno Lottery within the City of Gering

RESOLUTION 2-18-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SWANY'S UNION BAR AS A LOCAL OUTLET FOR KENO LOTTERY WITHIN THE CITY OF GERING AND DETERMINING THAT THE KENO LOTTERY OUTLET MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION 3-95-1 PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF A KENO LOTTERY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT based upon the best information available, each keno lottery sales outlet complies with the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Department of Revenue adopted to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, and comply with the City of Gering Resolution 3-95-1, and have been recommended by the keno lottery contractor under contract with the City.

1. Swany's Union Bar, 1425 10th Street, Gering, is hereby approved as a Keno Lottery outlet.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adopt Resolution 2-18-3, a resolution approving Swany's Union Bar as a local outlet for Keno Lottery within the City of Gering. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

4. Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign Addendum to Union Contract with Gering FOP Lodge #40, allowing the City to implement a Lateral Entry Hiring Program

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Addendum to Union Contract with Gering FOP Lodge #40, allowing the City to implement a Lateral Entry Hiring Program. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

5. Library Annual Report – Library Board President Suzanne Myers

Suzanne Myers, Library Board President addressed the Council with the Annual Report:

Mayor Kaufman, City Council members, City Staff and guests, I am Suzanne Myers, and will bring you the annual report of the Gering Public Library as the President of the Board. Our board members Tracy Henderson, vice chair, Dr. Alan Johnson, Kerri Schnase-Berge, Hugh Dunne, and myself are proud to work with our community to assure that we have the best possible library and library services.

The staff under the leadership of Diane Downer, library director, has a total of over fifty years of service with the city. Community support has included The Friends of the Library, and many volunteers. We have a strong partnership with Lied Scottsbluff Public Library and receive financial contributions from Runza, The Friends of the Gering Library, memorials, Keno funds, Dollar General, grants and other donations.

"Learn, Explore, Achieve, Play" and "Build a Better World and Universe". These are mantras we all should celebrate and that the Library made real this year. The early childhood LEAP program has indeed helped children and their parents to enhance math and language literacy. The summer reading program theme of Build a Better World was continued recently with the Martin Luther King Activity given by Emily Hauck sponsored by Nebraska Conservation Education Fund. A partnership with Gering CVB gave us the opportunity to have children and the community experience a portable planetarium just before the total eclipse.

A featured NPR story on January 24 about libraries said that overall program attendance is increasing and that the pendulum of people choosing electronic versus print is slowing. Millennials, in fact, have been shown to prefer print over electronic and are the most likely age to use public library. The program mentioned how libraries are adapting and shifting to the needs of the community in which they serve. One highlighted feature being offered by libraries is a "Maker-Space" where computers, 3D printers, video, audio and other equipment is available to patrons.

As much as I celebrate the successes of our library I must also highlight what we are missing. The library board reluctantly voted to not pursue a grant for a Maker Space because we don't have the flexible space to house the equipment that would have been provided. In one of my recent visits to the library I felt badly for the lack of privacy that a gentleman had as he was trying to communicate verbally online with a company. He was on a computer near the card catalogue and close to several other computers. There is no place in the library to privately skype, limited places to pug in laptops or personal devices and teens have a very limited place to be "noisy" teens.

The board is making progress with our plans to "fix" these and other concerns with the building project that is highlighted in the annual report. With the help of Joseph Hewgley and Associates and Humphries Poli Architects we are at the point where we are narrowing down alternative sites to present in a report to the Council and the community. When the library board members have completed our due diligence in researching all of the potential alternatives we will present our preferred option or options to the community. Our job as a board is to help our library adapt to the continuing community, state, national and universal changes and needs. Thank you for your service and for your support of the committees that serve our city.

Statistics:

Circulation	2017	2016
Adult Materials (includes downloadable materials)	33,343	38,440
Children's Materials (includes downloadable materials)	15,322	16,541
Total	48,665	54,981
Interlibrary Loans	2017	2016
Loaned	269	252
Borrowed	189	181
Collection	2017	2016
Books (Print)	29,802	29,021
Audio	1,124	1,021

Videos/DVDs	1,336	1,233
Periodicals/Newspapers	71	69
Cake Pans	23	23
Total	32,356	31,367

Electronic Collection	2017	2016
E-books (NE Overdrive)	24,506	22,659
Audio (NE Overdrive)	11,906	11,290
Databases	28	28

Library Services	2017	2016
Community Room Usage	157	186
Registered Borrowers	6,753	6,351
Library Visits	41,042	38,974
Reference Transactions	3,432	4,536
Public Computers Usage	8,260	10,481
Children's Programs	165	139
Young Adult Programs	7	6
Adult Programs	31	21

Mayor Kaufman thanked Mrs. Myers and expressed the Council's appreciation for all the work the Library Board does.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to enter the Gering Public Library Annual Report into the public record. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

6. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter supporting LB801

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter supporting LB801. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

7. Request for Recreation Committee meeting – Agenda item: Review/discuss Phase II of the Oregon Trail Park Baseball Field renovations

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve a request for Recreation Committee meeting – Agenda item: Review/discuss Phase II of the Oregon Trail Park Baseball Field renovations. Second by Councilmember Holliday. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote.

"AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

8. Downtown Civic Plaza Conceptual Design Presentation – Annie Folck, City Planner

City Planner, Annie Folck, stated that a few months ago she was asked to put together a landscape plan for the downtown plaza. She started out working with Jack Baker and Amy Seiler. Jack took them through the evolution of the design and they noted that a few things have changed. She explained how Chrissy Peters, a recent UNL graduate with a degree in landscape design, became involved with the process. Chrissy created a conceptual design for the plaza. The design was also shown to the Downtown Revitalization Committee and they were in agreement with moving forward with it. Mrs. Folck said they have also reviewed it with staff and have worked closely with the Parks Department to address maintenance concerns and the Police Department to address safety concerns. ADA concerns were also addressed. Chrissy Peters displayed the conceptual design on overhead screens for Council and everyone present to view. She carefully reviewed the plan and conceptual design with Council.

Following the presentation Councilmember Morrison asked between fire and water what will this do to our liability for the City. Annie Folck replied that it's her understanding that it would be the same as any other City park; it would all fall under the City's liability insurance. Councilmember Holliday stated that over all this is very impressive and a fantastic concept. Mayor Kaufman stated that he liked the incorporation of all the different community groups; this is a public space. He appreciates the effort. Councilmember Morrison asked how big the stage will be; Ms. Peters replied 20'x30' - we have Five Rocks Amphitheater, there is no reason to try to duplicate that. This would be more for smaller scale events.

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the conceptual design for the Downtown Civic Plaza as presented. Second by Councilmember Holliday. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

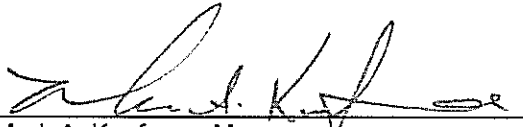
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ADJOURN:

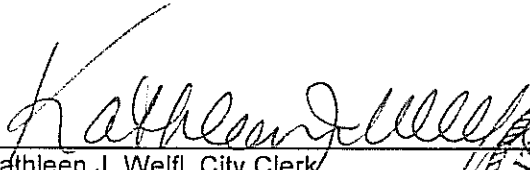
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Holliday. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

