

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
JANUARY 14, 2019**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on January 14, 2019 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)
4. Introduction of new Parks & Recreation Director

Tammy Cooley, HR Director, introduced Amy Seiler as the new Parks & Recreation Director.

**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 December 10, 2018 regular City Council meetings
2. Approve Claims and Financials
3. Approval of Fire Department Roster
4. Approval of Fire Department Firefighters NE State Tax Credit

**Claims:**

**12-1-18 to 1-4-19**

1000 BULBS \$206.81 CHRISTMAS BULBS, 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$1,270.23 BELT FOR MOWER/FUEL TANK FOR 09 JD MOWER, 24/7 FITNESS \$230.00 WELLNESS, 360 RAIL SRV LLC \$1,200.00 INDUSTRIAL PARK SPUR DESIGN, AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SRV \$173.97 HVAC RPR'S, ACTION COMM INC \$1,501.00 PAGERS/BATTERIES/RADIO MICS/PARTS G-13, ACUSHNET CO \$47.44 GOLF TOWELS, AERATION INDUSTRIES INT'L \$1,634.20 AERATOR RPR, ALLO COMM \$1,735.30 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHR, ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC \$2,602.44 TRUCK RPR, AMAZON \$84.04 2 DVD'S, AMERICAN LEGION POST #36 \$410.22 FLAGS FOR GERING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS, AYERS ASSOC INC \$19,205.09 COMP PLAN REVIEW, B & C STEEL \$76.46 SNOW PLOW, BAKER & ASSOC INC \$1,590.00 NORTHFIELD STORM SEWER/6<sup>TH</sup> ST MAIN REPLACEMENT, BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS \$83.03 TOOL, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$227.69 PEST CONTROL 200531 WEST U/PEST CONTROL M ST, BKD RENTAL LLC \$2,154.20 JAN 2019 PRAIRIE PINE SUBSIDY, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,484.30 GAS BILL 615 RUNDRELL RD/GAS BILL 760 13<sup>TH</sup> ST/GAS BILL 225 E D ST/GAS BILL 900 OVERLAND TRL/GAS BILL 1255 11<sup>TH</sup> ST, BLAKE RYAN \$150.00 BOOTS, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$765.90 CLEANING SUPP, BOMGAARS \$189.89 BOOTS FOR GARY, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES \$8,611.73 TOOL BUCKET/GALV PARTS/CONDUIT/ELEC PARTS/POLE LINE TOOLS / LOCKS/ CABLE SPLICER / BRACKET / WALL CONDUIT / BOLTS/SCREW BATTERIES/STIRRUP LUGS/SLEEVE BUTTONS, BROWNS SHOE FIT CO \$670.09 BOOTS JORGENSEN / LEAVITT/ BIBB / SHAW, BUDS RADIATOR INC \$123.00 RADIATOR FOR 95 HOWARD, BUSKIRK JUDY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #27 \$139.86 GAS LEADERSHIP TRAINING, CENTURYLINK \$2,716.69 TELEPHONE BILL ALLOCATION, CHARTER COMM \$591.45 TV/INTERNET CHR'S ROBIDOUX, CITY INSURANCE FUND \$171,857.88 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY OF GERING \$317.75 CVB/WNTC HOSTING, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$10,797.16 FSA MEDICAL 125/DISABILITY INS, CONNECTING POINT \$257.98 COPY CHR'S/DEC COPIER SRV CONTRACT, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT \$233.37 SCANLAN MEALS, CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS \$334.59 ST ITEMS PURCH W/GRANT FUNDS, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$1,465.10 CONCRETE BLANKET/SL-1 FOR SHOP FLOOR/EPOXY BITS/QUICKCRETE/RESPIRATORS/PAINT MARKERS, COOLEY TAMMY \$52.00 MEALS MEAN MTG, CORE & MAIN LP \$1,256.00 METER SETTERS, COSTCO \$94.35 PAPER TOWELS, COZAD SIGNS LLC \$221.00 DECAL REMOVAL FROM 2013 CHEVY, CREDIT BUREAU SRV INC \$639.03 GARNISHMENT, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$326.52 BULBS/ELEC PARTS NEW SHOP, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$105.00 SALT, CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER \$2,537.20 CENTRAL PLANT GENERATOR SVC/MWTP GENERATOR SRV, D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY \$59.64 BATTERIES, DALES TIRE & RETREADING \$480.89 TIRE RPR ON G-6/FLAT G-8, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT \$715.77 UNIFORMS BOU'S, DATA TECHNOLOGIES \$12,746.56 SUMMIT LICENSE & SUPPORT FEE, DAVIS TIM \$74.68 LEFT RV PARK EARLY, DISCOVER BANK \$8.22 GARNISHMENT 2, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #077 \$28.50 OFFICE CLEANING SUPP, DOOLEY OIL INC \$713.89 FLOOR DRY/HYD OIL/WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID/DEF FOR ALL TRUCKS/PARTS CLEANER SOLVENT,

DUTTON LAINSON CO \$4,105.41 TRANSFORMERS/METERS/SPOOLS/SPLICE COVERS/PHOTO CELL/LINES/METERS/SHACKLES, EAGLE ENGRAVING INC \$149.95 FF OF YEAR AWARD, ECOLAB \$226.66 INSECT CONTROL/PEST CONTROL 225 D ST/RODENT CONTROL WWTP, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC \$456.00 WATER LAB, ENVIRO SRV INC \$1,365.00 WATER LAB/WW LAB, ESC ENGINEERING \$195.00 U ST SUB, ESO SOLUTIONS INC \$675.00 FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE SUPPORT, EXCALIBUR FLORAL & CO \$600.00 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, FAMILY DOLLAR \$23.49 JANITORIAL SUPP, FARRO JAMES \$128.40 WORK BOOT PURCHASE, FASTENAL CO \$543.06 PARTS FOR CANS/DRILL BATTERIES/SAFETY GLOVES/WIRE TIES FOR WWTP/PINS FOR TAIL GATES/MISC SUPP/DRILL BITS/TOOL PURCHASE/PARTS FOR CANS, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$14.50 TIRE RPR, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$1,203.76 NEW TIRES - CHARGER / FLAT RPR'S / ALIGNMENT - TAURAU, FEDEX \$620.24 SHIPPING CHRGS/CORN SETTLEMENT MAILING, FIRST STATE BANK \$1,096.05 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$2,317.66 WORK G-12/WORK G-11/WORK G-13/WORK G-1/LIGHT FOR TRUCK, FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS CO \$144.48 FIREFIGHTER LIFE INS, FORTNA EQUIPMENT CO INC \$125.00 SANDBLASTER PARTS, FRANK PARTS CO \$2,697.71 WINDSHIELD WIPER/SHOP SUPP/AIR HOSE/AIR LINE FITTINGS/BATTERY 2010 DODGE CHARGER/CAR VAC PARTS / FILTERS / SET SCREWS / BELT/GENERATOR MAINTENANCE / GEAR OIL / FITTINGS / TERMINAL FOR SPEED TRAILER/SHOCK SUPPORT/BOLT FOR JD MOWER/OIL PLUG GASKET/GAUGE FOR TRUCK/OIL FOR ENGINE/FILTER FOR SHREDDER/TOOLS/PIPE DESCALER/ WIPER BLADES/203-110 TRUCK RPR'S / TPMS SENSOR / HOSE, FRESH FOODS \$183.95 MEETINGS W/MITCHELL/SCB/LYMAN, GALE \$108.76 4 LRG PRINT BOOKS, GALLS INC \$860.59 UNIFORMS, GARCIA MICHALINE \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, GARY'S CLEANING & RESTORATION \$9,263.05 RPR'S HALL STRIP/WAX FLOORS, GERING COURIER \$29.00 SUBS 18-19 FOR ADMIN, GERING HIGH SCHOOL \$90.00 ADVERTISING, GERING - FORT LARAMIE IRRIGATION \$5,700.01 WATER RIGHTS #197/198/048A/177A/TAXES FARM 66/202/044A/048B, GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP \$100.00 COPIER LEASE, GREGORY'S LOCK SHOP LLC \$126.00 CHANGE OFFICE LOCKS, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$590.00 NOV 2018 JANITORIAL SVR'S, GUERRERO JAKE \$317.39 JOB ENDED - LEFT RV PARK EARLY, GULF OIL \$45.19 GAS K-9 TRAINING, HACH CO \$1,709.97 WATER TESTING/CHLORINE REAGENT, HAVENGAR CONCRETE LLC \$2,510.00 V PAN ON FIVE ROCKS & SENTINAL, HEARTLAND EXPRESSWAY \$9,214.80 HEA MEMBERSHIP DUES 2019, HEARTLAND TRUST CO \$8,406.25 SOLID WASTE BOND SERIES 2012/GLC BOND AGENT FEES, HERTZBERG - NEW METHOD INC \$203.04 11 CHILDRENS BOOKS, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS \$188.00 K-9 TRAINING, HOME DEPOT \$105.93 SHOP VAC FOR CENTRAL PLANT, HONEY - WAGON EXPRESS \$180.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HYDROTEX \$2,994.98 POWER KLEEN, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$2,033.97 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$1,273.23 DUST MOPS/9 RUGS/1 MOP/1 MOP/9 RUGS/DOOR SCRAPER MATS/RUGS/TOILET PAPER/HAND TOWELS/MOP/SQUEEGEE, INDOFF INC \$537.26 FIRST AID KITS/DIVIDERS/TONER CARTRIDGES/BINDERS/ OFFICE SUPP/CALENARS/PLANNER/PEN REFILL, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV'S \$1,578.96 83 BOOKS/26 CHILDRENS BOOKS, INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO \$8,859.49 WORK G - 12/ STEERING COLUMN UNIT #621-218/BRAKES/SENSOR FOR FREIGHTLINER, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$125,972.88 FED/FICA TAX, INTERNATIONAL INST OF MUN \$330.00 DUES CAROL & KATHY, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$9,846.32 COMPUTERS FOR FIRE TRUCKS/COMPUTER SUPPORT/ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE FOR TABLETS, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$2,454.58 7250 CONVERSIONS, J HARLEN CO INC \$396.80 2 FR HOODIES, JENKINS TED \$145.51 REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK BOOTS, JIRDON \$1,659.20 SEED FOR CANYON/U ST/5 ROCKS, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$42,883.86 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHN MEJIA \$610.59 2018 GPGFOA CONF, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$798.84 PARTS FOR BATHROOM N BUILDING/CONCRETE MIX/TAPE MEASURE/KEYS FOR ALARM PANEL/3 WAY SWITCH/RPR'S ON UPSTAIRS SINK/HARDWARE/LIGHT BULB N SHOP/DUCT TAPE/SHOP SUPP/POWER STRIPS FOR COMPUTERS/SCREWS/CAR VAC PARTS/PAINT TRAY/TROWEL/MINERAL SPIRITS/ PINS/PLASTIC, KARENS CLEANING \$850.00 NOV & DEC JANITORIAL SRV, KNEB \$632.00 RADIO ADVERTISING, KOVARIK ELLISON MATHIS \$12,325.75 SHIPPING CONTAINER ORDINANCE/NOAH'S BURRITOS LB840/RETAINAGE CITY ATTORNEY/ GOONIES SPORTS BAR LB840/DAILY GRIND II LB840/GERING MEMORIAL CHAPEL/ INDUSTRIAL PARK/LARM LEAGUE CONFLICTS/LEGAL SRV CONTRACT/MONUMENT SHADOWS CONDEMNATION/WEINHOLDS/EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS / RWV OF RECORDS REQUEST/LB840 MAIN FILE/SCOOTERS COFFEE LB840 & TIF, KWIK STOP #10 \$55.96 K -9 CERT GAS, LL JOHNSON DISTRIBUTING \$22,377.46 OIL FILTER/ SANDPRO 540 BELL CRANK/FILTERS/BUSHING/BLADES, LAKESHORE LEARNING \$465.08 ST ITEMS PURCH W/GRANT FUNDS, LEAGUE ASSOC RISK MANAGEMENT \$143.43 INS DOG PARK, LOGOZ LLC \$1,317.30 PORTFOLIOS, LOOKOUT BOOKS \$462.23 23 CHILDRENS BOOKS, MAILFINANCE \$864.95 POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE PYMT, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$695.61 GAS FOR WELDER/CONTAINER RPR'S/SHOP SUPP/GAS FOR CANS, MATHSON AMANDA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, MATRIX TRUST CO \$21,138.19 MG T-POLICE, MAVERIK \$18.02 GAS, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$801.00 DOOR RPR, MCALHANEY BRIAN \$298.72 LEFT RV PARK EARLY, MEAT SHOPPE \$59,272.73 CATERING COSTS/MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MEIER CARL L \$130.66 OVERPAID FINAL 2-1720-02, MENARDS \$76.40 OFFICE CARPET, MENARDS \$2,997.89 CHRISTMAS BULBS/ROLLERS/SHELF UNIT/RV PARK SUPPLIES/ TOWELS/CLOCK/RACKS/ALARM FOR NEW SHOP/CO DETECTOR/OFFICE CARPET/ GLOVES/FLOOR MATS/ACCOUNTABILITY TAG CLIPS/DROP CEILING NEW SHOP/ CABINETS FOR NEW SHOP/SINK & SUPPLIES FOR SHOP/TRIM BOARDS/LIGHT FOR SHOP/BOX/TOOLS, METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL \$5,061.03 RADIO READERS FOR WATER METERS, MICHAEL TODD & CO \$182.00 SIGN BLANKS, MIDTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL \$152.80 K-9 VET, MIDWEST AUTO SUPPLY INC \$70.00 NEW RIM FOR 2010 DODGE CHARGER, MIKE MCKEE \$39.99 REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOOTS, MITCHELL REFRIGERATION \$1,227.24 ICE MACHINE RPR, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$686.39 FLASH DRIVES/CARTRIDGE/BINDERS FOR MSDS/PAPER SORTER/FLASH DRIVES/CARTRIDGE/HP INK CARTRIDGE BRENDAN/PAGE DIVIDERS/BINDERS/PAGE PROTECTORS, MUHR JEFF \$24.00 LEFT 2 DAYS EARLY, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$307,108.35 POWER BILL, MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$674.03 STAFF LEAK BOOTS, NATIONAL INSURANCE SRV \$1,036.12 VISION INSURANCE, NDOR-LODGING \$479.75 NOV 2018 LODGING TAX, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$2,383.92 CHILD SUPP 1, NE DEPT OF REV (PR) \$13,825.00 STATE TAXES, NE DEPT OF REV \$54,809.12 NOV 2018 SALES & USE TAX, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,612.55 UTILITIES PHEASANT DR/UTILITIES PHEASANT DR, NE RECYCLING COUNCIL \$200.00 MEMBERSHIP NRC, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$3,884.00 ANNUAL FIRE SYSTEM INSPECTIONS/ADJUST HOOD FIRE SUPPRESSION/INSPECTIONS ON SAFETY SYSTEM/FIRE EXTINGUISHERS NEW SHOP, NEBRASKA LIFE MAGAZINE \$24.00 1 YR SUB, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$644.92 SCISSOR LIFT RENTAL/FILTER ALJON/FILTERS SHREDDER, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER \$537.00 SOFTWARE SUPPORT, NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN CO \$8,556.91 60 TONS ICE SLICER, NEBRASKA LAND MAGAZINE \$250.00 CVB ½ PAGE AD IN JAN/FEB, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$1,743.00 TIRES UNIT #201-110/TIRES UNIT #201-106, NEFSMA \$70.00 NEFSMA MEMBERSHIP DANIELZUK, NETWORKFLEET INC \$40.00 GPS SWEEPER, NO GREATER LOVE ART \$282.19 POLICE OFFICE ART, NORTHERN TOOL

\$598.00 SHOP SUPPLIES, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$76.13 PIPE PLUG FOR PIPE RPR/RPR UPSTAIRS SINKS/ PIPE RPR AT WWTP, OCLC INC \$154.85 DEC ILL & CAT SUBS, OFFICE WORLD \$152.29 COUNCIL MINUTE BOOK, OMANG DJ \$224.04 LEFT RV PARK EARLY, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$74.91 LOCATE FEES, OREGON TRAIL PLBG & HEATING \$965.00 INSTALL ICM CONTROL MOTOR/INSTALL GAS STOP, PANHANDLE CLERKS ASSOC \$80.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES CAROL & KATHY, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD \$2,414.10 TRANSFORMER PADS/SEWER MANHOLE RPR, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOC \$14,400.23 FUEL LANDFILL, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 DEC 2018 MONTHLY SUPPORT, PARAGON \$405.64 GOLF CLUBS, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$6,035.28 204.45 TONS CRUSHED CONCRETE/72 TONS/CONCRETE MARGARET DR/92 TONS CRUSHED CONCRETE, PAYROLL CHECKS \$139,090.62 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12-7-18, PAYROLL CHECKS \$124,492.62 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12-21-18, PAYROLL \$11,139.79 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 1-3-19, PAYROLL CHECKS \$106,765.68 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 1-4-19, PETTY CASH \$9.70 PETTY CASH, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$1,270.66 PLUMBING NEW SHOP, POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC OF NEBRASKA \$50.00 PCAN MEMBERSHIP DUES HOLTHUS, POSTMASTER \$1,000.00 DEC MAILING PERMITS, POWER SCREENING LLC \$91.49 PARTS GRINDER, POWERPLAN OIB \$2,461.73 ROLLER RENTAL/BACKHOE RPR/BULB/OIL FILTER 762B/PARTS 180G/OIL KIT 180G/FILTERS FOR 180G, PRAIRIE ART YOGA STUDIO \$56.00 PRAIRIE ART YOGA, PREVENTION \$36.00 1 YR SUBS, PREZI \$84.00 SOFTWARE, PRINT EXPRESS \$170.86 PRINTING GOLF CAR STICKERS, PUMP & PANTRY \$28.89 NLETC GAS, QUICK CARE MEDICAL SRV \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, R & R PRODUCTS INC \$36.79 THROTTLE CABLE, RATLIFF CLINTON \$111.27 BOOTS, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$379.78 11 AUDIO BOOKS, RICHARDSON DON \$330.72 LEFT EARLY, RIDDEN CHERYL \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$321.00 GENERATOR RPR, ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLO \$581.65 WELDING PARTS, RR DONNELLEY \$106.47 PURCHASE PERMIT APPLICATIONS, SAFETYLINE CONSULTANTS \$2,000.00 MONTHLY SAFETY TRAINING, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$723.63 OIL & SPARK PLUGS/STARTER FOR TARTER/SKID SHOE/BOBCAT SENSOR, SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY \$2,294.94 DUTY COATS, SCB CO AMBULANCE SRV \$316.23 DEC 2018 AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SCB CO REGISTER OF DEEDS \$30.00 DEED CEM SPACES ZAMARRIPA/KNAUB/NEWMAN, SCHLAGER JORDAN \$79.99 REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOOTS, SCOTTS BLUFF CO COURT \$34.00 COUNTY COURT FEES, SCOTTS BLUFF CO TREASURER \$23,519.44 MOORE DRAIN PROPERTY TAXES/GLC LAND TAXES/2355 COUNTRY CLUB RD/TAXES ON 130975 CO RD 24/ INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY TAXES/ TAXES SPORTS COMPLEX/WNDEV PROP GOLF COURSE TAXES, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$253.75 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 DEC 2018 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SHAFER JOHN \$205.37 LEFT 11 DAYS EARLY, SILVER SPUR FEEDERS LLC \$332.48 MANURE FOR CANYON/U ST/5 ROCKS, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 CITY PROSECUTOR BILL, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$3,211.89 CONCRETE FOR LEAK RPR/9 YDS CONCRETE RPR/CONCRETE RPR/SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION/SERVICE LINE RPR/2 YDS CONCRETE, SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LAB \$121.44 LATEX GLOVES, SKILLPATH SEMINARS \$149.00 CONF FOR WOMEN MARTIN, SLAFTER OIL CO \$4,256.90 OIL/HYDRAULIC OIL, SMART APPLE MEDIA \$610.84 32 CHILDRENS BOOKS, SMITHSONIAN BUSINESS VENT \$34.00 1 YR SUBS, SOLUTIONS EAP \$489.10 COUNSELING SRV, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$752.36 PARTS G-5/PARTS FOR ALL TRUCKS, SOUTHWESTERN SALES CO \$4,761.17 TARP'S FOR LANDFILL, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$182.79 VOICE TRACER FOR CAROL/SHIPPING FOR RETURN/OFFICE SUPPLIES, STAR HERALD \$5,903.86 NOTICE OF MEETINGS/AD EMPLOYMENT/WWW SRV'S REQUEST/LIBRARY BOARD NOTICE, BLK GRANT NOTICE/LB840 MTG NOTICE/ADVERTISING/PARKS DIRECTOR AD/READERS CHOICE THANK YOU/TALK OF THE TOWN INSERT/CONDENSED MINUTES, STATE FARM INSURANCE \$100.00 COUNCIL BOND - DAN SMITH, STATE FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING \$25.00 TESTING FEES FOR FF1 WILLIAMS, STATE OF NE DAS COMM \$158.78 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHRGS, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$2,035.11 CREDIT UNION, SUPER SAVER \$35.18 SFST'S TRAINING, SUREFIRE LLC \$179.68 123A BATTERIES, TASTE OF HOME BOOKS \$10.00 1 YR & 3 ISSUES, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$229.86 GOLF CLUB PUTTER, TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00 WING LEASE, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$650.00 DEC 2018 WATER WELL LAND RENT, THE COTTAGE JOURNAL \$29.00 1 YR SUBS, THE TORO CO \$155.00 IRRIGATION SUPPORT/COMPUTER, TORRINGTON SOD FARMS \$112.50 SOD FOR WATER LEAK RPR, TRAVEL ALLIANCE PARTNERS \$1,330.00 REG FOR TAP MOTOR COACH, TYNDALE \$1,083.96 FR SHIRTS FOR THE CREW, ULINE INC \$292.12 EYE WASH STATION NEW SHOP, UNANIMOUS \$750.00 NOV 2018 WEBSITE SUPPORT, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD \$3,182.70 LEASE PUBLIC ROADWAY LS RENT, UNITED AIRLINES \$513.41 ABA 2019 MARKETPLACE STREEKS, UNITED CHAMBER OF COMM \$45.00 PRE LEG BREAKFAST KARLA, UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOC \$150.00 DUES USGA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA \$393.00 2019 CLERK SCHOOL MARTIN, USA TODAY \$340.56 1 YR SUBS, VERIZON WIRELESS \$1,317.40 GOLF PRO IPAD DATA/IPAD CHRGS/M2M ACCOUNT/ON CALL/LAPTOP FEES, VINSON TOM \$224.04 LEFT RV PARK EARLY, VOICE NEWS \$15.00 VETERANS DAY AD, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$270.00 WELLNESS, WEGELIN CASSIE \$100.00 TREE REBATE, WEIDERHOLT NORBERT \$27.00 LEFT RV PARK EARLY, WESCO DISTRIBUTION \$497.55 JACKETS, WESTCO \$25,190.24 FUEL FOR NEW LANDFILL/PROPANE FOR FORKLIFT/UNLEADED GAS/DIESEL/COVERALLS, WESTERN MATERIALS \$2,050.29 YARD MAINT GRAVEL, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$317.90 DRUG SCREENS, WESTERN STATES BANK \$545,755.65 REINVEST CD THAT MATURED/RED BARN TIF II/RED BARN TIFF PHASE II, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$1,080.00 PO UNION DUES, WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$15,006.75 CONDUIT, WHITE SHAY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, WILLIAM FINDLEY GROUP LLC \$98.00 21 DAY RESULT CHALLENGE MARTIN, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$1,330.00 CLEAN HALLS/BATHS/OFFICES, WOLF TRAVIS \$392.06 LEFT RV PARK EARLY, WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$610.53 HOSE G-12/HOSE & ENDS/T FITTINGS/DRILL BIT, YEAR ROUND EQUIPMENT & PA \$68.70 SOD CUTTER RECOIL, YMCA \$358.00 WELLNESS

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilmember Gillen. 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. Public hearing to consider the issuance or denial of a Class C Liquor License for Oregon Trail Saloon**

Mayor Kaufman opened the public hearing to consider the issuance or denial of a Class C Liquor License for the Oregon Trail Saloon at 6:03 p.m. Chad Leeling, one of the applicants, addressed Council and

stated that this is going to be a steak house. They will play mostly country music and will have live bands on the weekends. They'll have free dance lessons on Thursdays, lady's night, karaoke, etc. Councilmember Backus asked if the layout of the bar is a concern as the previous owner stated it was for him. Mr. Leeling replied that he managed the O.T. for three years and they never had one violation.

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. Seeing none he asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Seeing none, the Administrative Record was closed and the public hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to enter the Administrative Record for this public hearing, which is the Liquor License application and supporting documents, into the public record. Second by Councilmember Gillen. 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. Recommend approving or denying the issuance of a Class C Liquor License for the Oregon Trail Saloon**

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to recommend approving the issuance of a Class C Liquor License for the Oregon Trail Saloon. 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.**

**BIDS:**

**1. Ball field #1 Backstop Netting and Supports Bid**

Brendan Lilley, City Engineer, stated that originally they had a couple sites for the backstops but one of those was at the quad site. He said staff has since looked at budgets and the need and feel that a chain link backstop will work just as well. The netting backstop posed logistical issues (storage, etc.) and there was concern of vandalism. This bid has been revised from what the Council saw on the agenda in December. We're now looking at just the purchase of materials for the backstop on Field #1; which is the high school field. We received two quotes; staff recommends awarding the bid to Beacon Athletics in the amount of \$37,080 to get the materials here. Our staff can put up the poles and netting. In addition to the \$37,080 we're about ready to bid out the concrete base for the wall on which we will hang the padding on the field side; that will be done in-house (except the concrete wall which will be roughly \$12,000). Mr. Lilley said this will put us under the budgeted estimate of \$50,000. Councilmember Smith asked if the Legion Club contributed towards this. Mr. Lilley replied that he believed it was all City funds; we had budgeted for this expenditure.

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the staff's recommendation and award the Ball field #1 Backstop Netting and Supports Bid to Beacon Athletics in the amount of \$37,080. 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.**

**2. Pickup bid – Electric Department**

Doug Parker, Electric Superintendent, stated that he's replacing a 2008 work truck. It's starting to have a few problems; he will trade it in. He got three different bids. The lowest bid was from Fremont Motors in Scottsbluff for \$44,456.72. It's staff's recommendation to award the bid to Fremont Motors less \$9000 for a trade-in making it \$35,456.72. He budgeted \$45,000. Councilmember Morrison asked if it was a 2019 pickup; Mr. Parker replied yes. Councilmember Wiedeman asked if it's diesel; Mr. Parker replied no; it's gas. He explained how you subtract out for a gas motor.

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve staff's recommendation and award the Electric Department pickup bid to Fremont Motors in the amount of \$44,456.72 less \$9,000 for a trade-in for a net of \$35,456.72. 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.**

## **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

### **1. Future Agenda Item: Support our Heroes Foundation, Aaron Nab**

Aaron Nab, CEO and founder of Support our Heroes Foundation, addressed the Council. He said they are a nation-wide organization that started about a year ago to support veteran, active military, law enforcement, and fire organizations and projects that they want to do. During the creation of their non-profit organization last year, he travelled around the country developing a network of like-minded organizations while promoting their mission. Because of their travels they have made a nation-wide network of supporters and people who own large American companies that believe in the same mission. Their base has grown exponentially and their operations have seen real results among local agencies and first responders. With that, he wanted to share with Council the potential he sees in City-owned property at 240066 Hwy. 92 in Gering that the foundation hopes to purchase. That property would allow their foundation to grow as their needs grow for developing PTSD therapy and a law enforcement training facility. In the last few months he has been working exclusively on the PTSD therapy because of the growing need in our community. Working with local architects and engineers they have drafted the facility; the acreage on Hwy. 92 is perfect for the initial build and future expansions. He said there is nothing around here for veterans, especially for PTSD. He would like to put something here locally to support veterans in our area. The facility would allow for an airsoft gun course for veterans and simunitions training for law enforcement; shipping containers can be set up differently for different simulations. He went on to explain ways that the foundation has assisted students and a first responder locally as well as legislation they are working on for a veteran module in the forest service. He is hoping to collaborate with Bunker Labs, an organization that is an incubator for veteran-owned businesses. He's also hoping to incorporate therapy dogs in his program. He reiterated that there is nothing here locally for PTSD therapy for veterans; they have to travel to Cheyenne or Denver. There isn't much support here locally. His facility will meet a need that isn't being met now. They have been speaking with law enforcement agencies throughout the area including the SWAT Team and Nebraska State Patrol to see what they would like put into the facility. He said area agencies would benefit hugely from a facility like this; it would cut down on their training budgets. He said this could turn into a full-scale law enforcement training academy. He said he has also opened this up to the college's criminal justice programs. The reason he wants this property specifically is because of the way it is set up; there are buildings already there that they can utilize for their needs. The 10 acres allows them to expand down the road; the frontage is also huge for getting their mission out there locally for what they're doing.

Mayor Kaufman stated that it's refreshing to see community people with a vision; he wished Mr. Nab the best in his endeavor and thanked him for addressing the Council and sharing his plans. Councilmember Morrison asked Mr. Nab about the high school and how many people would this facility benefit. Mr. Nab stated that he has talked to veteran personalities around the country, and they ask what the veteran situation is like in his area. Mr. Nab said to him, you just have to get everyone to come out of the woodwork. He said he was at the High School's senior art class before Christmas because he has an idea of wanting them to do murals on his building in Gering. They were very excited about doing it. He's also hoping to bring a Jr. ROTC program to the high school. A few veterans in the audience expressed their support of the project and the need for PTSD therapy and group therapy in the area.

Councilmember Smith asked Mr. Nab if he has a 501(c)3. Mr. Nab replied that they're going to be going through the Oregon Trail Community Foundation and with it being a training facility, it's going to be a for-profit type deal. So they'll be having a for-profit type business just so they can pay for the facility. He said this whole thing is just a side project of the foundation as a whole. Like the legislative bill, that's another project. When he came up with the idea of doing it, it basically put a hold on the whole direction of where the foundation was going because he saw the need.

Mayor Kaufman stated that he appreciates Mr. Nab's passion and vision for this property.

**2. Second Reading of Ordinance 2073 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA FINDING THAT CERTAIN LANDS, LOTS, TRACTS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SITUATED IN A PORTION OF THE BLOCK 2, HERITAGE ESTATES, SITUATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND ARE SUBJECT TO ANNEXATION TO AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY SUCH LANDS, LOTS.**

**TRACTS, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING THAT THE INHABITANTS THEREOF SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND SUBJECT TO THE LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY, AND RECEIVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE BENEFITS OF OTHER INHABITANTS THEREOF; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND, PROVIDING FOR RECORDING AND PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND FOR ITS EFFECTIVE DATE**

Notation: Councilmember Wiedeman's previously declared conflict of interest stands.

**Councilmember Gillen made a motion to move the second reading of Ordinance No. 2073 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA FINDING THAT CERTAIN LANDS, LOTS, TRACTS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SITUATED IN A PORTION OF THE BLOCK 2, HERITAGE ESTATES, SITUATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND ARE SUBJECT TO ANNEXATION TO AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY SUCH LANDS, LOTS, TRACTS, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING THAT THE INHABITANTS THEREOF SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND SUBJECT TO THE LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY, AND RECEIVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE BENEFITS OF OTHER INHABITANTS THEREOF; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND, PROVIDING FOR RECORDING AND PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND FOR ITS EFFECTIVE DATE. Seconded by Councilmember Backus.**

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

**3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2074 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING TO RECLASSIFY AND AMEND THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10.406 RESTRICTING THE USE OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STORAGE IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF**

**Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2074 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING TO RECLASSIFY AND AMEND THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10.406 RESTRICTING THE USE OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STORAGE IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded 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.**

**Councilmember Morrison moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2074 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 Cowan. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "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. 2074 was read by title only, Councilmember Smith moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. "The question is shall Ordinance No. 2074 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.

**4. Approve Designation of Official Newspaper**

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the appointment of the Star-Herald as the Official Newspaper. Second by Councilmember Gillen. 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.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** (Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.) None.

**ADJOURN:**

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. 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.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

