

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
MARCH 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on March 13, 2017 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

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the absence of Councilmember Smith from the February 13, 2017 regular City Council meeting. 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. Administer Oath of Office – Officer Breanna Stickels

Chief Holthus explained to Council that the Police Department would like to start a new practice of having an official swearing in ceremony of new officers by the Mayor at Council meetings. Mayor Kaufman then administered the Oath of Office to Breanna Stickels, a new Gering Police Officer, in the presence of her family, friends and other Gering Police Officers.

**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 February 13, 2017 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials
3. Approve Fire Department Roster
4. Approve TCD Quarterly Report

**Claims:**

1-28-17 to 2-17-17

24/7 FITNESS \$120.00 WELLNESS, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS \$727.39 RADIO FOR 2017 PICKUP, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$1,401.17 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHRG, BACKUS BEN \$504.65 MIDWINTER 2017 CONF, BAKER & ASSOCIATES INC \$5,745.00 PLAN – DESIGN PARK PLAZA, BALDWIN MATTHEW \$255.02 OVERPAID FINAL BILL, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$30.88 FINAL BILL – 1415 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$435.16 JANITOR CLEANING SUPPLIES/EXAM GLOVES/MOP HEADS, BROADWAY OFFICE CENTRE \$643.38 RPR COPIER – ADMIN, INK CARTRIDGES/OFFICE SUPPLIES, COPY PAPER, RPR AGREEMENT ON COPIER, TONER, LEGAL HANGING FILE FOLDERS, C & M AIR COOLED ENGINE \$993.42 FILTER SOCK, BALL BEARINGS, SCREWS, 9 BEDKNIVES, 3 REAR ROLLERS, CALEB PIANO TUNING \$85.00 TUNE PIANO, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$661.80 TV/INTERNET CHRG – CLUBHOUSE/ROBIDOUX, CITY INSURANCE FUND \$139,172.86 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY OF GERING \$1,484.06 AWARDS BANQUET/ECLIPSE PLAN MEETING, CITY OF GERING – GENERAL AC \$130,000.00 TRANSFER ACH PAYROLL, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$6,472.05 FSA MEDICAL 125, CLOSSON ALEX \$12.50 CDL, CONNECTING POINT \$135.99 FEB COPIER SRV CONTRACT, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT C \$173.55 MEALS FOR MASSIE AT ACADEMY, CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS \$1,661.85 SUPPLIES FOR LEAP PROGRAM, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$148.41 TOOLS/SUPPLIES FOR WELL RPR, SUPPLIES WWTP, CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE \$290.66 (150) LIB COLORING BKS FOR SMILE, CREDIT

MANAGEMENT \$207.63 GARNISHMENT 2, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$499.18 CONDUIT BENDER TOOL, 500' ELECT WIRE, CONNECTORS, ELEMENTS, ELECTRICAL FOR SHOP, CST MECHANICAL INC \$4.00 REFUND ON ACCOUNT, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$68.00 SALT, DALES TIRE & RETREADING \$108.25 RPR ON TIRE FOR G11 & G9, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT \$9,164.27 (10) HEAD LIGHT LAMPS, (5) SETS TURNOUT GEAR, DETROIT INDUSTRIAL TOOL \$709.24 QUICKIE SAW BLADES, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEAL \$36.00 WATER LAB, DUTTON - LAINSON CO \$986.45 BOLTS, CONNECTORS, ECO LAB \$117.72 RODENT CONTROL, ENGINEERED SYSTEMS INC \$158.79 AIR RELEASE VALVES FOR WELLS, ENVIRO SRV INC \$924.00 WATER/WWW LAB, EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC \$391.48 GARNISHMENT 2, FASTENAL CO \$599.85 BATTERIES/GLOVES, #4 WELL RPR, WWTP STORAGE BUILDING, FIRST STATE BANK \$373,040.56 INVSTMNT - BOND RESERVE W/WWW, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$709.31 (2) - CLEVIS, CHECK ENG LIGHT TEST, YOKE, SEAT COVER - G10 & G8, OIL KIT G11, FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS \$113.52 FIREFIGHTER LIFE INS, FORTRES GRAND CORP \$63.18 (2) LICENSES FOR CLEAN SLATE, FURST - MCNESS CO \$132.00 POND 3-B RPR, GALE \$32.38 (2) LARGE PRINT BOOKS, GALLS INC \$4,325.72 CREDIT - RETURNED UNIFORM PANTS, WEAPON RACK, UNIFORM - B. STICKELS, DUTY BELTS, GARRISON DAVID \$53.03 OVERPAID FINAL BILL, GARY'S CLEANING & RESTORATION \$678.00 CLEAN CHAIRS, GERING COURIER \$35.00 ADVERTISING, GERING MERCHANTS \$879.00 KENO FUNDS MAKE GERING SHINE, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$484.80 RPR ICE MAKER, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT \$442.00 REGISTRATION FOR COMM TRAINING, GILLEN MICHAEL \$527.65 MIDWINTER 2017 CONFERENCE, GREASE N GO \$48.32 OIL CHANGE, GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP \$100.00 COPIER LEASE, GREGORY'S LOCK SHOP LLC \$222.14 CHANGE LOCK ON SUPPLY CLOSET, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$510.00 JANUARY CLEANING, HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD \$236.27 FIRE HYDRANT RPR, #4 WELL RPR, HEILBRUN \$651.34 NITRILE GLOVES, CYLINDER KITS, BELTS, BATTERY, CABLES, TRAILER LIGHTS, TRAILER RPR, (2) OIL FILTERS, RETURN 4 FILTERS, (6) SPARK PLUGS, SHOP TOWELS, WD40, (3) HYD FILTERS, GEAR BOX LUBE, (2) PLUGS, WELLS 11-14 RPR, CONNECTOR & CABLE - WILDCAT TRAILERS, (8) FILTERS, WIRE LOOM, SHOP SUPPLIES, TRUCK RPR'S, HERTZBERG - NEW METHOD INC \$145.90 (11) CHILDREN BOOKS, HOA SOLUTIONS INC \$873.86 SCADA RPR'S #4 WELL & 11 - 14, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$1,104.28 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$613.72 EXCHANGED MATS, MOPS, TOILET PAPER, HAND TOWELS, AIR FRESHNER, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING/HEATING \$24.59 GALVANIZED PIPE 12' X 2, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$861.47 (46) BOOKS, (17) CHILDREN BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$82,777.47 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$2,708.03 COMPUTER SUPPORT, (11) TAPES FOR BACK UP, REPLACED SOUND CARD, REPLACED SERVER, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$902.44 TRANS PAD, JL BECKER INC \$3,187.50 TRUCK RENTAL SNOW HAULING, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$27,241.11 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHN MEJIA \$545.65 MIDWINTER CONF LNM 2017, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$305.47 WAX RING, BOLTS, FURNACE FILTERS, TAPE, SAW BLADES, RPR KITCHEN FLOOR, SHOP SUPPLIES, DISPLAY SHELVING FOR ST ROOM, PADLOCKS, #4 WELL RPR, DODGE PICKUP SUPPLIES. SPRAY FOR SEAT G10, KARENS CLEANING \$426.00 FEB JANITORIAL SRV, KAUFMAN TONY \$516.65 MIDWINTER 2017 CONF, KLUTE INC \$44,571.76 SUBSTATION STEEL, KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT \$903.65 MOTOR FOR COVER ON G9, KOVARIK, ELLISON MATHIS \$2,888.75 RETAINAGE - CITY ATTORNEY, KRIZ - DAVIS CO \$5,971.64 LIGHTS, TOOLS, CONNECTORS, SHADE, ELECTRICAL & LIGHTS FOR SHOP, SAFETY CONES FOR FLASHLIGHTS, ELECT - SHOP, LL JOHNSON DIST \$296.77 MOWER RPR'S, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITY \$1,375.00 MIDWINTER CONF 2017 - KAUFMAN, GILLEN, BACKUS, MEJIA, MASEK GOLF CAR CO \$7.16 (2) HUB DUST COVERS, MATHESON TRI - GAS INC \$236.55 GAS FOR HYDROGEN SENSOR, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$320.10 DOOR RPR, MEAT SHOPPE \$21,856.14 CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$207.67 RPR'S AT #4 WELL, 56" INDUSTRIAL FAN, METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL \$5,800.11 WATER METER RADIO ADAPTERS, MG TRUST CO LLC \$13,083.84 MG T - POLICE, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$178.10 TONER - ACCTG, UTILITY, STK, PENS FOR OFFICERS, BUSINESS CARDS - STK, RETURN 2 PLANNERS, BINDER COVER, BINDERS FOR PAYROLL, MORRILL CO COURT \$230.46 GARNISHMENT 2, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$1,148.90 SRV LINE RPR, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$358.75 RETIREMENT MANAGEMENT, NATIONAL INSURANCE SRV \$649.04 VISION INSURANCE, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$1,255.12 CHILDRN SUPPORT 1, NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) \$11,905.32 STATE TAXES, NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$77,486.86 JANUARY SALES & USE TAX, NE DEPT OF REVENUE COMPL \$720.00 GARNISHMENT, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$150.87 ELECTRIC - 240066 HIGHWAY 92, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$145.00 FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE/INSPECTIONS, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$746.89 CUTTING EDGES GRADER, FILTER FOR SHREDDER, NEBRASKA TRANSPORT CO \$650.00 CANS - LYMAN, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$74.75 TIRE REPAIR - G HOLTHUS, NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST \$800.00 POSTAGE, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$475.27 #4 WELL RPR, PRESSURE VACUUM BREAKER, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$46.86 LOCATE FEES, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD \$1,350.00 TRANSFORMER PAD, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 FEBRUARY MONTHLY SUPPORT, PAYROLL CHECKS \$112,709.11 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 2-3-2017, PAYROLL CHECKS \$109,467.31 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 2-17-2017, PETTY CASH \$9.15 PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT, PLAS - TANKS INDUSTRIES INC \$385.00 BRINE TANK DUST BAGS, PLATTE VALLEY BANK \$449,086.96 KENO, T & A REINVEST CD, PLATTE VALLEY VAC & SEW \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, POSTMASTER \$874.00 POST OFFICE BOX SRV FEE, MAILING PERMITS, POWERPLAN OIB \$243.86 WIPER BLADES, PARTS FOR SCRAPER, FILL CAP FOR J344 LOADER, PRINT BROKER \$2,751.99 DISCONNECT NOTICES, UTIL BILLS, 5500 LASER CHECKS, PT HOSE & BEARING \$196.65 PIPE ELBOW, SUPPLIES. HYD HOSE FOR TRUCK, ADAPTER, SUPPLIES, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$94.80 OVERPYMT ON INV 75206117, (3) AUDIOBOOKS, RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$6,250.00 QUARTERLY PYMT, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$313.62 KUBOTA RPR'S, COUPLER HYDRO, (2) SKIDS - SNOW PLOW, SANITAS TECHNOLOGIES \$195.00 SOFTWARE RENEWAL, SCOTTS BLUFF CO CONSOLID \$170.00 ALARM PERMIT, SCOTTSBLUFF TOWING SRV \$305.00 TOWING SRV, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$262.58 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$1,599.95 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, KENO FUNDS TO RESEAL & RECAULK, SLAFTER OIL CO \$992.43 FILTER FOR PUMP, 55 GAL HYD OIL, OIL FILTERS, GREASE, 5 GAL HYD OIL, SNELL SRV \$75.00 RPR KITCHEN HOOD, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$665.54 SEAL FOR TRASH TRUCK, STAR HERALD \$1,073.83 NOTICE OF MEETINGS - JANUARY, ADMIN POLICY NOTICE, BOA MTG NOTICE, EE QUORUM NOTICE, LIQUOR RENEWAL NOTICES, CC MTG NOTICE, REC MTG NOTICE, PC MTG NOTICE, CONDENSED MINUTES, LB840 MTG NOTICE, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$2,156.74 CREDIT UNION, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$650.00 WATER WELL LAND RENT, VERIZON WIRELESS \$549.29 IPAD FEES, JAN ON CALL CELL, LAPTOP FEES, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$90.00 WELLNESS WARHSE, WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEA \$100.90 COPIER LEASE PYMT, WESTCO \$2,482.80 DIESEL, WESTERN STATES BANK \$49,560.41 GERING/SCB SINKING FUND, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$640.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$360.00 JAN - CLEAN HALLS &

BATHS, WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$1,262.43 RECYCLING, YMCA \$459.32 WELLNESS, ZIMMERMAN LAW FIRM \$5,650.00 GENERAL SRV'S

2-18-17 to 3-3-17

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$32.97 OIL FILTERS, ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES \$13.31 COLLECTIONS, ACUSHNET CO \$85.07 GOLF SHOES RETURNED, GOLF BALLS, AHLER'S BAKING INC \$16.93 LB840 MEETING, AL-JON MANUFACTURING LLC \$143.61 LEVEL GAUGE, ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC \$127.79 STROBE LIGHTS, AMAZON \$1,330.92 ACCESSORIES FOR SNOW REMOVAL, PARTS - NEW PICKUP, PC BOOKS, 5 BOOKS, 1 DIGITAL SONG, UNIFORM PANTS & GLOVES, AMAZON PRIME MEMBERSHIP, AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM \$358.12 FLAGS, ARMADA MEDIA CORP \$600.00 ADVERTISING, ASTM FEES/PUBLICATIONS \$51.00 PVC SPEC MANUAL, ATLAS LAWN EQUIPMENT CO \$560.17 RPR MOWER, B & C STEEL \$1,991.92 STEEL PANELS FOR SHOP, 2 FLAT BRS - TRUCK & HOWARD PLOW 3/8" X 6' BAR - KUBOTA SNOW PLOW, SQUARE TUBING - PLOW TRUCK, BAVCO VALVE CO \$129.70 BACKFLOW PREVENTER REPAIR, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$132.90 PEST CONTROL, BKD RENTALS LLC \$2,154.20 MAR RENT SUBSIDY PRAIRIE PINES, BLANKENAU WILMOTH LLP \$898.50 LEGAL FEES, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$335.16 WIPES, RUG CLNR,FRSHNR, GLOVES, RR SUPPLIES, CLEANING SUPPLIES, BOSTRON SUSAN \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, BROADWAY OFFICE CENTRE \$427.59 EXPND FLDR, 3 RING BINDER, BACKUP TONER, HNGNG FLDRS, PST ITS, MAILING ENVELOPES, OFFICE SUPPLIES, SHARPIE, PRINTER INK, EXPANDABLE FILE POCKETS, BRUNTZ BRENDA \$420.76 NPZA CONFERENCE, BUDGET TIRE & SRV \$14.00 RPR 1 FLAT TIRE, C & M GOLF & GROUNDS \$705.85 RPR - JAC MOWER, CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #27 \$89.00 FUEL CHRG - K MASSIE ACADEMY, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT \$45.54 LARGE PRINT BOOKS (2), CITY OF GERING \$22.42 BUS CLUB LUNCH, KAUFMAN, WELFL, CITY OF GERING - GENERAL AC \$65,000.00 ACH PAYROLL TRANSFER, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$3,294.85 FSA MEDICAL 125, COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE \$370.80 STERKEL CERTIFICATION, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT \$372.21 MEAL CHRG ACADEMY - K MASSIE, CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS \$86.23 CNTNG ACTIVITY & 1 PKG ART PAP, COOKS ILLUSTRATED \$39.95 SUBSCRIPTION 1 YR, CORNHUSKER C STORES INC \$32.25 FUEL CHRG - K MASSIE ACADEMY, CPS DISTRIBUTORS INC \$1,371.40 PUMP 3 HP, CREDIT MANAGEMENT SRV \$207.63 GARNISHMENT 2, D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY \$28.80 BATTERIES, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$40.00 TIRE RPR FOR G9, DANIELZUK NIKKI \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, DATA TECHNOLOGIES \$386.98 TAX FORMS, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$56.00 WATER LAB, DHHS DRINKING WATER & EN \$40.00 POOL PERMIT, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #077 \$26.90 BATTERIES FOR AIR FRESHENERS, 2 CASES OF WATER, RR SUPPLIES, DUTTON - 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WALSH, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$164.00 FURNACE RPR, GFOA \$380.00 GFOA CONF REG - MEJIA, GOTPLOWPARTS.COM \$274.54 SNOW PLOW RPR, GREASE N GO \$39.93 OIL CHANGE PATROL CAR, HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD \$5,522.42 HYDRANT RPR, FIRE HYDRANT RPR, METER PURCHASES, #11 - 14 RPR, HEATH PAT \$6.40 PURCH SPEC BATTERY FOR CAMERA, HEILBRUN \$1,575.56 RUST SPRAY, 2 JACK STANDS, BRAKLEEN, COVER, RPR'S, WWTP RPR, PICKUP PARTS, STROBE LIGHT, TIRE GAUGE, SHOP SUPPLIES, BOLTS, SHOP TOOLS, OIL CHANGE, OIL & FILTERS, HEADLIGHTS, PIGTAIL & TAIL LIGHT, OIL FILTER AND COOLANT/BATTERY, COUPLERS FOR PICKUP, HERTZBERG - NEW METHOD INC \$81.64 CHILDRENS BOOKS (5), HOBBY LOBBY \$64.44 SUPPLIES FOR CRAFT CLUB, HOLIDAY INN \$358.49 WORK STATE BOOTH/STOCK SHOW - KARLA, HONEY WAGON EXPRESS \$140.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$552.14 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$160.54 EXCHANGED DOOR MATS, MOPS, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$414.24 (23) BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$45,298.08 FED/FICA TAX, INTERNATIONAL ACCOS PLUM \$592.71 CODE BOOKS, INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID \$455.80 BATTERIES, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOL \$3,994.30 COMPUTER SUPPORT/YEARLY SPAM SRV, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,360.16 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$766.69 DRILL BIT, 2 HOLE STRAPS, WORK FOR NEW CANS, COAT HOOK, WASHERS, 4 BROOM HANDLES, HEAT TAPE FOR FUEL TANK, BULBS, C CELL BATTERIES, PAINT & TAPE FOR ST ROOM, 2 KEYS, NUTS & BOLTS, 12 TUBES CAULK, 2 PR GLOVES, #4 WELL RPR, SPRAY FOAM, SPRAY PAINT, SCRUB BRUSH, TARP & 5 TARP HOOKS, SUPPLIES, NAILS, KNEB \$552.25 RADIO ADVERTISING, KRIZ DAVIS CO \$4,501.56 FUSES, KWIK STOP #10 \$41.96 GAS FOR TRAVEL - GET DARRELL'S PU, LANE DANIELZUK \$338.76 NPZA CONFERENCE, LEAGUE FO NE MUNICIPALITY \$100.00 SOLID WASTE SCREENING CLASS, LOGOZ LLC \$394.00 UNIFORM NAME PLATES, SHIRTS, HOODIES, UNIFORM PATCHES, MC SCHAFF & ASSOC \$1,372.00 ENGINEERING FEES, MEAT SHOPPE \$25,236.90 MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$524.19 SHOP SUPPLIES, 104 C CELL BATTERIES, SEWER COUPLINGS, RPR'S, MERRICK & CO \$2,580.00 ENGINEERING, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,393.66 MG T - POLICE, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$131.14 OFFICE SUPPLIES, CRTRDG STK, 4 CLC RIB, 5 FLSH DR, TAB INDEXES, PAGE PROTECTORS FOR REPORTS, MORRILL COUNTY COURT \$118.94 GARNISHMENT 2, MOTION INDUSTRIES \$2,587.20 BELT FOR GRINDER, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$422,757.59 POWER BILL/RITA DUES, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$718.29 MAIL RPR, SRV LINE RPR, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$238.75 PENSION BOOKKEEPING, NDOR - LODGING \$653.30 COUNTY LODGING TAX, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$627.56 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REVENUE COMPL \$360.00 GARNISHMENT, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,318.48 UTILITIES/PHEASANT DR, NE STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE \$50.00 REGISTRATION - ABEL, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$320.00 FIRE EXTING INSPECTION/FIRE EXTINGUISHER, NEBRASKA PGA \$100.00 DUES - PANHANDLE GOLF ASSOC, NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$8,181.86 ICE SLICER, NEBRASKA TRANSPORT CO \$650.00 CANS, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$42.91 SILL-COCK, GALVANIZED NIPPLE, PIPE FITTINGS, OCLC INC \$144.21 FEB CAT & ILL SUBSCRIPTIONS, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOC \$5,255.49 FUEL - LANDFILL, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$4,982.00 DOOR FOR CIVIC CENTER/CVB, PAYPAL \$692.00 SPRNG STORM WATER SYMP - P SNARR/RADIO, CLERK SCHOOL & ACADEMY, PAYROLL

CHECKS \$119,474.87 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 3-3-2017, PEN AIR \$183.70 GCSAA CONF – WALSH, POPEYE'S \$17.34 MEAL CHG/MORENO PU CAR IN COLO, POWERPLAN OIB \$1,117.17 OIL – EQUIPMENT/PARTS, PRINT EXPRESS \$347.90 LETTERHEAD SHEETS (1,000), PRO'S CHOICE AUTOMOTIVE \$18.93 DECAL REMOVER, PROTEX CENTRAL INC \$229.50 REPL SMOKE DETECT/ALARM INSP, PT HOSE & BEARING \$803.06 HYD MOTOR FOR SANDER, SHOP SUPPLIES, PARTS, PIPE FITTINGS – 2004 CROWN VIC, QUALITY BOOKS INC \$880.37(43) BOOKS, RDJ SPECIALTIES INC \$34.10 FREIGHT FOR SUCKERS, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$35.99 AUDIOBOOK (1), RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$20,000.00 KENO FUNDS – DINO DIG ROOF, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$7,924.16 BUILDING LIGHTS, #4 WELL METER RPR, WWTP BLOWER RPR, ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER GO \$165.00 DUES, RYAN'S WELDING LLC \$450.00 WORK G8, SCB COUNTY AMBULANCE SRV \$316.23 FEBRUARY AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEED \$50.00 THOMPSON, MOENCH, SHELLITO, DUNOVAN, HERNANDEZ DEEDS, SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLIS \$152.10 CHILDRENS BOOKS (6), SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$34.00 COURT COSTS, SCOTTSBLUFF BODY & PAINT \$1,335.40 PRP/REPNT DOORS 2010 CHARGER, SCOTTSBLUFF TENT & AWNING \$20.00 RPR'S, SCOTTSBLUFF TOWING SRV \$200.00 TOW FEES – 2007 TOYOTA TACOMA, 1990 CHEV PICKUP, SCOTTSBLUFF GERING UNITED \$131.29 UNITED WAY CTRB, SECRETARY OF STATE \$20.00 BIENNIAL FILING FEE, SHELL \$166.78 FUEL G10, FUEL – MORENO PU CAR IN COLO, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$420.00 PAINT FOR CONTAINERS, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 CITY PROSECUTOR BILL, SNARR PAUL \$561.66 STORM SEWER FUNDING & TRAINING, SOLUTIONS EAP \$489.10 COUNSELING, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$277.91 PARTS – TRUCK, SPORTSMAN GUIDE \$109.25 CITY CARD USED IN ERROR, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$905.68 IPAD CHARGING CORD SCALE, 1 PRINTER, STAR HERALD \$656.74 WATER MAIN BID NOTICE D & 7<sup>TH</sup>, STREET DEPT BLDG BID NOTICE, 1 & 6 YR NOTICE, D STREET SUBSTATION BID NOTICE, SPECIAL MTG NOTICE LIBRARY BRD, GIRLS DAY OUT BOOTH, STATE OF NE/DAS COMM \$152.73 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHGS, STERKEL ROD \$434.28 INSPECTION TRAINING, STEVE'S CLEANING & RESTORATION \$1,950.10 CARPET CLEANING, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CRED \$1,078.37 CREDIT UNION, TARGET \$87.87 BREAKROOM COFFEE MAKER, DVD'S FOR INTERVIEW RECORDING, TASER INTERNATIONAL \$3,237.48 TASERS, TEACHERS CORNER \$7.07 (3) PKG STICKERS FOR SMILE PROG, TEAM CHEVROLET \$393.84 WING VEHICLE LEASE, 1 SEAL FOR 2010 TAHOE, TRAVEL ALLIANCE PARTNERS \$1,330.00 TAP DANCE 2017 REGISTRATION KARLA, UNANIMOUS \$1,430.00 JANUARY WEB SUPPORT, ADVANCED WEB HOSTING, UNITED AIRLINES \$378.40 GCSAA CONFERENCE, UNITED CHAMBER OF COMM \$150.00 ANNUAL BANQUET TICKETS, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA \$300.00 PESTICIDE TRAINING – ERNST, FANKHAUSER, WALSH, SCHLAGER, BUSKIRK, US AUTO FORCE \$73.83 HOWARD SNOW PLOW, WALMART \$122.55 CLING SPLS, BATTERIES, COOKIES, 1 BX SHARPIES, SUPLS FOR CRAFT CLUB, WELFL KATHY \$431.43 CLERK SCHOOL & ACADEMY, WESTCO \$7,898.99 GAS/DIESEL, WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM \$7.50 (30) DISCS CLEANED, WESTERN NE HUMAN \$95.00 HR CONFERENCE, WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS \$150.96 COPIER MAINTENANCE, WESTERN STATES BANK \$13,473.08 HSA CTRB 125, WESTERN STATES BANK – POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$850.00 CLEAN HALLS, BATHS, FRONT OFFICE,

**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.**

#### **BIDS:**

##### **1. Gering Pool Slide Bid - Parks & Recreation Department**

Parks and Recreation Director, Ron Ernst, reported that this is to replace our existing water slide at the pool. Two companies bid, only one bid a total purchase of slide and construction of installing it. Staff recommend the bid from Crouch Recreation for \$134,031.00. Councilmember Holliday asked when construction would begin. Mr. Ernst replied that the plan is to have it ready to go by Memorial Day. This is very similar to the old slide. Councilmember Backus asked if a new slide decreases our liability; Mr. Ernst stated that he doesn't think it makes any difference. He added that the old slide is very worn out and is 30 years old. Mayor Kaufman noted that this was an appropriated expense in the budget.

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the staff recommendation and award the total construction bid for the pool slide to Crouch Recreation for \$134,031.00. Second by Councilmember Cowan.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember O'Neal asked what the reason was for not having the City do any of it at all. Mr. Ernst stated that one reason is because the Street Department and Recreation Department have a lot on their plate. Also, if they find something doesn't line up or is wrong then we have that issue. She noted also that it's over the budgeted amount. Mr. Ernst replied that he has the difference in his budget and it won't be a problem. Paul Snarr, City Engineer, stated that the company also added an additional year warranty for nothing; also having them do the whole thing takes liability off the City. It's now a two-year warranty.

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

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kaufman moved the Annual Audit report up on the agenda ahead of the Fire Department Annual report at the request of Chief Templar.

**2. Approve Audited Financial Statement for FY 15/16**

Kevin Sylvester with Dana Cole & Co. reviewed the Audited Financial Statement for FY 15/16 with the Council. He noted that Council should have the audit report on their iPads. He reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report and stated that their job is to express their opinion on these financial statements to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. He added that their opinion is that they present fairly; they don't need any significant changes to them. They did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls that they consider to be a material weakness, however weaknesses may exist that they have not identified. Compliance with Laws and Regulations: They did not identify any instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be recorded under government auditing standards. He then reviewed the AEC260 letter, a required communication from auditors to governing bodies; he noted there were about six to eight journal entries that they made. One was just reallocating restricted cash.

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and file for public record the Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. 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.**

**1. Fire Department Annual Report – Jay Templar, Fire Chief**

Fire Chief, Jay Templar, reviewed the annual Fire Department Report. He stated that it was 26 years ago this month when he came before Council the first time and received the nomination from the Council to become the new hired person for the City of Gering. He noted photos on the cover of the report of significant events of the year including a structure fire. He noted that the training facility is also being used for State Patrol training; other fire departments have done training there as well. He reviewed comparisons from the last few years to 2016; there was a record setting 738 calls in 2016. He reviewed property value loss and volunteer hours; there were 14,157 total volunteer hours for the year. There were roughly 250 calls in 1991 compared to last year. He stated that it has been an honor to be a part of the Gering Fire Department. He recognized the members of the department that attended the Council meeting. He added that this department is ready to move forward.

Mayor Kaufman thanked Chief Templar for his leadership and stewardship. He then presented him with a proclamation.

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief, James Templar, began his distinguished career in the fire service as a volunteer with the Gering Fire Department in 1980 and was a volunteer for 11 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his full-time position of Fire Chief/Fire Marshall with the City of Gering in 1991 and has served in that capacity for 26 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Templar has worked tirelessly for 37 years to understand the needs of the community and how the Gering Fire Department can best meet those needs and make Gering a leader in fire and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Templar has demonstrated outstanding leadership as a Volunteer Firefighter, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief and Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership as Fire Chief, the Gering Fire Department has expanded to provide outstanding public service in the areas of: Structure Fires, Wildland Fires, Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue Operations, Community and School Education, Fire Prevention, Hazardous Materials Response and multiple other services; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Templar has demonstrated throughout his life and career a sense of deep responsibility, pride and doing the right thing, whether it be for his family, his community or the fire service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Templar's service and leadership has reached beyond the local level to regional and state impacts by testifying for legislative bills and providing education to other fire departments through the State Fire Marshall's Office; and

WHEREAS, Chief Templar has responded to thousands of calls, some exceptionally dangerous, in every conceivable condition, day and night; and

WHEREAS, Chief Templar will retire on March 31, 2017, after more than thirty-seven years of exceptional leadership and commendable dedication to the Gering Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED this Council does hereby confer upon FIRE CHIEF JAMES TEMPLAR its highest commendation for the manner in which he has performed his duties as a Member and Chief of the Gering Fire Department, with special thanks for his professionalism, commitment and service to the members of our community.

Presented on this 13th day of March, 2017.

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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor  
City of Gering

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to file for record the Fire Department Annual Report. Second by Councilmember Cowan. 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. Remove from table: Approve or deny a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel in a blighted and substandard area thereby terminating the original Redevelopment Plan, Resolution, and Agreement approved by City Council July 27, 2015 and recorded in the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds Office under Instrument No. 2015-3832 Dated July 29, 2015.**

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to remove from table approving or denying a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel. 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.**

**3a. Approve or deny a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel in a blighted and substandard area thereby terminating the original Redevelopment Plan, Resolution, and Agreement approved by City Council July 27, 2015 and recorded in the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds Office under Instrument No. 2015-3832 Dated July 29, 2015.**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel in a blighted and substandard area thereby terminating the original Redevelopment Plan, Resolution, and Agreement approved by City Council July 27, 2015 and recorded in the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds Office under Instrument No. 2015-3832 Dated July 29, 2015. 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. Remove from table: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the**

construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel in a blighted and substandard area thereby terminating the original Redevelopment Plan, Resolution, and Agreement approved by City Council July 27, 2015 and recorded in the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds Office under Instrument No. 2015-3832 Dated July 29, 2015.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to remove from table authorizing the Mayor to sign a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel. 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.

4a. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel in a blighted and substandard area thereby terminating the original Redevelopment Plan, Resolution, and Agreement approved by City Council July 27, 2015 and recorded in the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds Office under Instrument No. 2015-3832 Dated July 29, 2015.

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to authorize the Mayor to sign a Redevelopment Agreement using Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) from real property For Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel in a blighted and substandard area thereby terminating the original Redevelopment Plan, Resolution, and Agreement approved by City Council July 27, 2015 and recorded in the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds Office under Instrument No. 2015-3832 Dated July 29, 2015. 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.

5. Remove from table: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Tax Increment Development Revenue Bond

5a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Tax Increment Development Revenue Bond

Mayor Kaufman noted that items 5 and 5a, at the direction of the City Attorney, will not be addressed at this time. They will be addressed at a future date.

6. Remove from table: Approve Ordinance 2042 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF GERING, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF SAID CONVEYANCE AND FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to remove from table Ordinance 2042. 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.

6a. Approve Ordinance 2042 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF GERING, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF SAID CONVEYANCE AND FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2042 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF GERING, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF SAID CONVEYANCE AND FOR PUBLICATION AND 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. 2042 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.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Wiedeman asked if we know when they're going to actually start this. Mayor Kaufman replied he thinks they are getting close; that would be a great question for the developer.

**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. 2042 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. 2042 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.

#### **7. Annual Clerk's Report – Kathy Welfl, City Clerk**

Clerk, Kathy Welfl, briefly reviewed the Annual Clerk's Report and commended Administrative staff, Carol Martin and Brenda Bruntz, for their hard work and contributions to keeping the Clerk's Office running smoothly. Mayor Kaufman thanked Ms. Welfl and her staff for all they do.

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to file for record the Annual Clerk's Report. 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.**

#### **8. Request for Administrative Standing Committee Meeting, Agenda item – Review of Special Events Ordinance, credit card fees and future options**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve a request for an Administrative Standing Committee Meeting, Agenda item – Review of Special Events Ordinance, credit card fees and future options. 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.**

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

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

**REPORTS:** None.

#### **OPEN COMMENT SECTION:**

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

ReNae' Garton, President of the Gering Merchants Association, updated the Council on upcoming events they are planning. She said they decided to focus on their main projects; they will no longer be doing the Arts Festival. The Sugar Valley Rally Finish Line event will be June 4. They added a Trick or Treat event with the

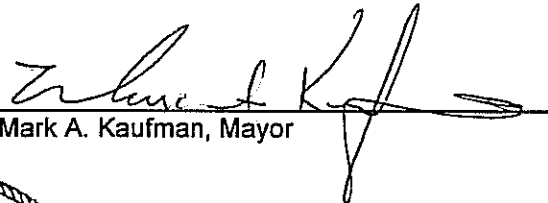


merchants last year and will do it again this year. They thanked the Council and City Departments for their assistance with events like the Holiday Parade and Santa's Village. They will open on an evening for Santa's Village again; it was hugely successful last year. Ms. Garton stated that the City contributes a great deal of time and resources to their events and they appreciate it very much.


**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 7:09 p.m.

  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Weiff, City Clerk

