

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
MARCH 19, 2015**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on March 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman, and Councilmembers Christensen, Gibbs, and Morrison; Councilmember Allred arrived at 6:15 p.m. Absent were Councilmembers Smith, Holliday and Cowan and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Also present were Administrator Lane Danielzuk and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Gering Citizen, the designated method of giving notice. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public except as otherwise indicated.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Mayor noted that there was a quorum of the Council and City business could be conducted.

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

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

As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the 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.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Conduct interviews of applicants for the Ward II City Council vacancy.

- Jeff Kelley
- Michael Gillen
- Wade Soule
- Pamela O'Neil

Mayor Kaufman explained how the process for the interviews would work. Following the interview questions each candidate will receive three minutes for a closing statement. The Mayor explained that there will be no action taken this evening; the interviews are being recorded so the absent Council Members will have an opportunity to view the interviews and make a recommendation. Mayor Kaufman said the candidates could attend the March 23, 2015 Regular City Council meeting to find out who the Mayor will appoint. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to have the candidates draw a number to determine in what order the candidates would be asked interview questions.

Each candidate was asked the following questions and each candidate had an opportunity to answer each question.

1. Explain your interest in serving on the City Council and explain your background and the assets you feel you will bring to the City Council.
2. Explain your involvement in volunteer organizations and other civic organizations.
3. What do you feel are critical issues for the City of Gering?
4. Do you know what the largest source of revenue for the city is?
5. What are your feelings in general about Gering? (Gering as a community not government entity).
6. How do you feel about working with Scottsbluff and other cities and/or governmental entities?

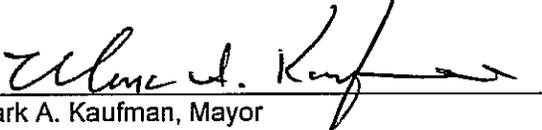
Mayor Meininger noted that the following communities have LB840 funding in place: Scottsbluff, Gering, Bayard and Mitchell. He added that he still has many questions for the consultants and invited others with questions to contact the consultants.

Mayor Meininger thanked everyone again and stated that this was the first time in history that this many communities have come together to work on a Regional Economic Development Plan. This is extremely important to our region and to the state of Nebraska.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Meininger, second by Mayor Greenwalt. There was no discussion. All in attendance voted in favor of adjournment, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

