

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on September 14, 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
2. Roll Call

**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.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Approval to increase 2016-2017 Restricted Funds Authority by an Additional 1%**

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to increase 2016-2017 Restricted Funds Authority by an Additional 1%. 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. Approve Ordinance 2049 – An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget Statement to be termed the Annual Appropriation Bill; Appropriate Sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide an effective date**

**Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2049 - An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget Statement to be termed the Annual Appropriation Bill; Appropriate Sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide an effective date. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Gillen stated that he was not at the meeting on Monday and didn't know if we had any traction on the total conversion cost for the electrical system; where we're at on those numbers. Administrator Danielzuk replied no, we have not had the numbers come in.

**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. 2049 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. 2049 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. 2051 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.

**3. Adopt Resolution 9-17-1 regarding property tax request and final levy**

Motion by Councilmember Smith to adopt Resolution 9-17-1 regarding property tax request and final levy. 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.


**CLOSED SESSION:** (Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.)

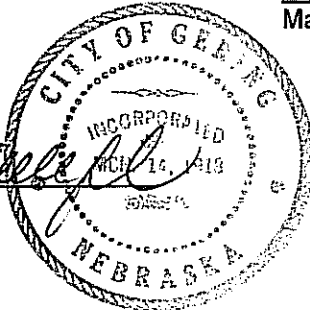
**ADJOURN:**

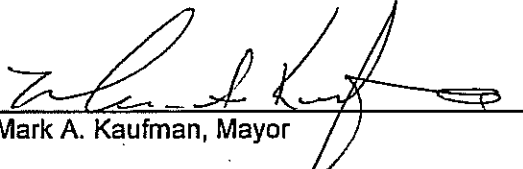
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor