

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GERING PLUMBING BOARD MEETING
July 16, 2026

A meeting of the City of Gering Plumbing Board was held in open session on July 16, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. in the Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Board Members Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer and Mathew Beebe. Absent: Mike Davies and Lucan Palomo. Also present was City Engineer Annie Folck and Administrative Support Specialist Karen Heins.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Roll call was taken and noted that a quorum of the Plumbing Board was present and business could be conducted.

2. Open Meetings Act

Chairman Beebe reviewed the Nebraska Revised Statutes Chapter 84, Article 14, which requires at least one copy of the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Star Herald, the designated method of giving notice. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance to the Media and Board Members. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

3. Approval of the May 18, 2026 Minutes

Board Member Schlaepfer moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2026 Plumbing Board regular meeting. It was seconded by Board Member Vance. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Vance, Schlaepfer and Beebe. "NAY": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Davies and Palomo.

4. Current Business

A. Review and consider approval of application for Master Plumber – John Wilson

The Board reviewed the applicant's work history.

Board Member Vance moved to approve granting a Master Plumber License to John Wilson. The motion was seconded by Board Member Schlaepfer. There was no further discussion. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Beebe, Schlaepfer and Vance. "NAY": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Davies and Palomo.

B. Review and consider approval of application for Journeyman Mechanical License – Travis Offen

The Board reviewed the applicant's work history.

Board Member Vance moved to approve granting a Journeyman Mechanical License to Travis Offen. The motion was seconded by Board Member Schlaepfer. There was no further discussion. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Schlaepfer, Vance and Beebe. "NAY": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Davies and Palomo.

5. City Building Inspector Report (Information only)

Board Member Vance reported that there was no significant new information to present. He noted several projects currently underway or scheduled to begin, including work at the DMV building, the Runza building, and the Hobbs Horizon apartment complex, which is expected to begin construction in the fall.

Engineer Folck reported that the City will soon begin work on the transfer station project and the landfill project. She also noted that a water project is planned to supply the sprinkler system at the transfer station.

6. Open Comment: Discussion or action by the Plumbing Board regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

There were no comments.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Schlaepfer and it was seconded by Board Member Vance. There was no discussion. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Vance, Schlaepfer, and Beebe. "NAY": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Davies and Palomo.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Mathew Beebe, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Heins, Administrative Secretary