

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, AUGUST 11, 2025.

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on August 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Gillen, Frye, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, 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 Ewing called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the Council was present 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 Shields to excuse the absence of Councilmember O'Neal from the July 28, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Frye, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Ewing 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 the Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. Approve minutes of the July 28, 2025 regular City Council Meetings
2. Approve Claims

Claims 7/29/25 – 8/11/25

308 UNITED SOFTBALL \$100.00, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$400.00, ACE HARDWARE \$386.89, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. \$30.00, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$2,491.15, ADIDAS AMERICA, INC \$2,402.50, ALL STAR PRO GOLF \$284.16, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$3,501.39, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$1,376.55, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. \$595.72, ANN BISHOP \$4,551.75, ASHLEY EUBANKS \$35.09, AT&T MOBILITY \$302.03, B & C STEEL \$1,390.71, B & S RASK GRILL \$746.58, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$56.71, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$498.60, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$1,222.84, BONN ALVARADO \$20.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$217.06, C & C MANUFACTURING LLC \$160.91, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$16.60, CAMPSPOT \$836.53, CITY OF GERING \$1,027.00, CLARK PRINTING LLC \$460.40, CLAYTON RAHMIG \$116.66, COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC \$403.34, CONNECTING POINT \$68.94, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$379.80, CORE & MAIN LP \$2,191.96, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. \$185.98, DITCH WITCH UNDERCON \$40.48, DOCU-SHRED LLC \$60.00, DODGE LOCK & SECURITY \$189.00, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$2,185.69, EAKES INC \$82.88, EJS SUPPLY, LLC \$26,553.00, FASTENAL COMPANY \$522.91, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$102.26, FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG INC \$5,987.88, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA \$9,214.93, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$584.00, FLORENCE HOFFMAN \$474.41, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$1,914.90, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$5,223.41, FRANK POWERSPORTS \$450.00, FRESH FOODS INC. \$19.90, FYR-TEK, INC. \$244.28, GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY \$3,651.92, GFSI LLC \$121.44, GOLF & SPORT SOLUTIONS \$3,581.79, GORSUCH & SONS \$2,541.67, GRAINGER \$302.34, HAWKINS, INC. \$1,953.24, HENNING BROTHERS \$83.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$387.61, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$528.23, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$63,569.81, INTERSTATE BATTERY \$1,381.78, INTRALINKS, INC. \$11,834.03, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$1,042.75, JAMES ADAMS \$6,069.64, JASON JOHNSON \$2,790.40, JEO CONSULTING GROUP \$17,058.65, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$17,761.50, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$873.56, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$10,024.54, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$145.92, JOSEPH KYSER \$175.00, LEGACY COOPERATIVE \$19,601.92, LONDON FLATS, LLC \$826.80, LUIZA GUZMAN \$175.00, MARK CHRISMAN TRUCKING \$4,000.00, MARY PEBLEY \$75.00, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$95.52, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$610.42, MATTY B'S HVAC \$200.00, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$8,718.43, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$5,195.75, NEBRASKA CHILD

SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER \$714.93, NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$7,495.00, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION \$154.45, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$194.00, NKC TIRE \$1,073.18, NORTHSIDE MOBILE HOME RANCH \$1,678.65, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$2,569.04, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORE \$135.28, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$2,123.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$233.85, PEDRO CASTILLO \$987.84, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$1,500.00, POWERPLAN OIB \$3,695.06, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$59.69, QUEST, INC. \$1,737.25, RANDY RAINES \$1,350.00, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$120,060.94, RESCO \$92,312.40, RIVERSTONE BANK \$579.58, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$939.01, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY TREASURER \$10,278.07, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$273.02, SE MUNICIPAL SOLAR (NE), LLC \$53,866.75, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$7,450.90, STEVE HESSLER \$283.16, TEAM CHEVROLET \$600.00, TERESA TOSH \$11,223.14, TERRY TODD \$150.00, THE ROCK PILE \$4,046.62, THE TORO COMPANY \$315.00, TRANSWEST \$20.25, ULINE, INC \$1,108.60, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$820.83, VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY \$4,130.00, VERIZON CONNECT \$25.90, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$552.70, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$1,859.96, TOTAL \$602,313.49

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Frye, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of Keno Fund Requests:

- **Empowering Families, \$2,500.00**
- **Gering Public Library, \$2,450.00**

Keno Committee Chairman, Darrell Bentley, stated both applicants have requested funding before.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the Keno Fund requests which are \$2,500 for Empowering Families and \$2,450 for the Gering Public Library. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. AYES": Shields, Gillen, Frye, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

2. Approve appointment of Councilmember Wiedeman to the Investment Committee

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve the appointment of Councilmember Wiedeman to the Investment Committee. Second by Councilmember Frye. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Frye, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS:

1. Liaison Report – Riverside Discovery Center, Councilmember Gillen

Councilmember Gillen reported:

- The zoo is on the Pathway's Program working towards accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The staff is working to address the concerns of AZA identified during the last accreditation. Animal care was not listed as a concern. AZA wanted financial reserves built up in case of an emergency. They request that a facility has three months of operating budget held in reserve.
- The zoo completed renovations on the mountain lion exhibit and have made it larger. The zoo is now home to two mountain lion cubs. One will need a little more time to grow up before introductions can be completed. They have had the opportunity to meet each other through the fence.
- The zoo completed renovations on the concessions area. This provides better power with heating and cooling. The zoo is also working on renovations to the front of the building that houses the restrooms. They will house some of the zoo's education animals on display for the public.
- The zoo is also working on renovations to the bison exhibit. The exhibit is currently empty and once the renovations are complete, the zoo plans to bring back a bison herd.

- The zoo is working on having activities each month for patrons to enjoy. Some are bigger events like the Conservation Carnival while others take smaller resources to facilitate.
- This year is the zoo's 75th Anniversary. They had a 75th celebration on May 10th at the zoo and will host a 75th Anniversary Banquet at the Gering Civic Center. The banquet is on October 3, 2025. The doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. There will be raffles, games, auction items, and entertainment that evening.

OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only. None.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Frye, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Kent E. Ewing, Mayor