

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF GERING KENO COMMITTEE

February 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Gering Keno Committee was held in open session at 4:30 p.m. in the Gering City Hall Council Chambers at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE, on February 5, 2025. Present were Committee Members Darrell Bentley, Donna Engleman, Matt Janecek and Don Kugler. Absent: Julie Morrison, and Amy Doll. Also, present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Treasurer Lyndsey Mathews, and Secretary Carol Martin.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Star-Herald, which is the designated method of giving notice. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Darrell Bentley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. 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 Chairman. 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 Keno Committee determines that the matter requires emergency action.

C. Approval of November 6, 2024, Keno Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Matt Janecek to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024, Keno Committee meeting. Seconded by Don Kugler. There was no discussion. The vote was called. "AYES": Bentley, Engleman, Janecek and Kugler. "NAYS": None. Absent: Morrison and Doll. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

D. Keno Fund Financial Report

Lyndsey Mathews, City Treasurer, said in the city pooled cash account there is a negative \$610,340.00 and this is paying from the Endowment on the pickleball court. In the US Bank Keno, that is where all the proceeds come from when it is received from Lucky Keno, \$327,689.00. She said the pooled investments amount is \$1,494,207.00. The obligations that are outstanding for the sales tax, the deferred commissions and the obligations that have already been awarded, there is \$182,706.00 outstanding. The available unobligated cash is \$1,028,849.00. This last quarter they collected \$46,459.00. If they were to pay back the full endowment, the available cash would be \$354,745.00. Lyndsey asked the committee if she could go ahead and do a transfer from US Bank to pay part of that endowment back. The last time a payment was made was in May of 2024 for \$200,000.00. Matt said based on what is asked for this quarter, it might be a good time to do that since there is only one this time. Darrell said that would leave about \$160,000.00 to move forward plus what is brought in next quarter. Pat said if it is about average then it would be about \$200,000.00 by the end of the next quarter. Darrell said the money that is obligated is already taken out of that. Lyndsey said she has already accounted for that money coming out of about \$81,000.00. Pat noted some of the previous requests that are highlighted will go back into the fund. Lyndsey said that out of the obligations that were past, there were five of them that have expired. There is about \$35,557.00 that will be added back into the account.

Motion by Matt Janecek to move \$200,000.00 to the pooled cash account. Seconded by Don Kugler. There was no discussion. The vote was called. "AYES": Bentley, Engleman, Janecek and Kugler. "NAYS": None. Absent: Morrison and Doll. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

E. Review and discuss applications for Keno Funds

1. High Plains Auto Club

Information taken directly from Keno Application submitted by High Plains Auto Club:

High Plains Auto Club

High Plains Auto Club has proudly conducted the Father's Day Classic Car Show on Father's Day Weekend. We typically have 300 registrants from as many as eleven states. We are able to showcase area attractions such as Scottsbluff National Monument, Legacy of the Plains, Chimney Rock, etc. as well as enhancing motel and restaurant usage. Our Friday night barbecue is the first event at the civic center, which brings the entrants together.

Funding from the City of Gering Keno Funds is much needed and appreciated to assist High Plains Auto Club in providing a memorable experience in Gering. These funds along with sponsor donations have made the Father's Day Classic car show the best show as expressed by many participants.

Thank You

Discussion regarding Keno Fund Requests:

1) High Plains Auto Club \$3,500.00

Motion by Donna Engelman to recommend \$3,500.00 for High Plains Auto Club. Seconded by Matt Janecek. There was no discussion. The vote was called. "AYES": Bentley, Engleman, Janecek and Kugler. "NAYS": None. Absent: Morrison and Doll. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

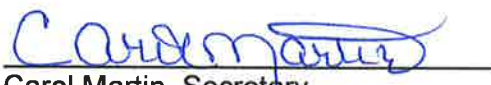
OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by Keno Committee regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only. None.

F. Adjourn

Motion by Donna Engleman to adjourn. Seconded by Matt Janecek. There was no discussion. "AYES": Bentley, Engleman, Janecek and Kugler. "NAYS": None. Absent: Morrison and Doll. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.


Darrell Bentley, Chairman


Carol Martin, Secretary