

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 4, 2025

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on June 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. 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 5:00 p.m. He stated a quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse council member absence

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Shields and Kinsey from the May 20, 2025 special City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: 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 Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Conduct interviews of candidates for the Ward III City Council vacancy.

- Gunther Koob
- Tamera Frye
- Michael Marez

Mayor Ewing welcomed Mr. Koob and Mrs. Frye and expressed appreciation for their interest in this position. He noted that Mr. Marez was not able to attend the meeting but asked that his letter of interest still be considered by the Council. Mayor Ewing then asked both candidates the following questions:

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

Mayor Ewing alternated the six questions between both candidates giving each of them an opportunity to answer three questions first. Both candidates answered all of the questions. At the conclusion, Mayor Ewing stated that a candidate will be appointed at the regular City Council meeting on June 9. He encouraged the candidates to attend. Following approval by the City Council, staff will arrange an orientation with the new Ward III Councilmember. The new Councilmember will be sworn in at the June 23 regular City Council meeting after which he or she will be seated with the Council.

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

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

ADJOURN

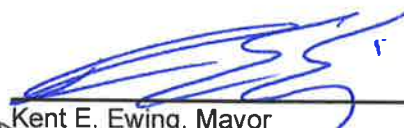
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Kent E. Ewing, Mayor