

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
MARCH 16, 2026**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. Absent was Councilmember Gillen. 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

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.

- Alan Doll
- Michael Marez
- Wendy Goos
- Dylan Cecil

Mayor Ewing welcomed Mr. Doll, Mr. Marez, Ms. Goos and Mr. Cecil and expressed appreciation for their interest in this position. Mayor Ewing then asked all four candidates the following questions alternating who answered first with each question:

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 participation 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 other cities and/or governmental entities?

Mayor Ewing asked all six questions to all four candidates alternating who answered first with each question. All candidates answered all of the questions. At the conclusion, Mayor Ewing stated that a candidate would be appointed at a special City Council meeting on March 18th at 5:00 p.m. He encouraged the candidates to attend. Following that meeting, staff will arrange an orientation and briefing with the new Ward III Council Member on March 19th or 20th. The new Council Member will be sworn in at the March 23rd regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. 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 Kinsey to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Absent: Gillen. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST 

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

