

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, MAY 12, 2025.

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl, and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmembers Shields and Seay. 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 Gillen to excuse the absence of Councilmember Seay from the April 28, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Kinsey. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. 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 April 28, 2025 regular City Council Meetings
2. Approve Claims

Claims 4/29/25 – 5/12/25

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$173.28, 3 DIRTY BOYS \$150.00, ACE HARDWARE \$281.16, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$1,310.46, ADIDAS AMERICA, INC \$1,260.00, ADVANCE SERVICES, INC. \$875.88, ADVANCED SERVICES, INC. \$462.00, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$3,436.32, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$5,096.19, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$184.50, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. \$578.04, AT&T MOBILITY \$293.06, AUTREY SUPPLY CO \$484.75, B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$398.75, B & S RASK GRILL \$6,013.48, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC \$556.05, BENEFIT PLANS, INC \$536.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$265.05, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$697.67, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$7,827.79, CAMPSHOT \$886.84, CITY OF GERING \$19,028.63, COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC \$419.31, CONNECTING POINT \$679.84, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$1,387.70, CORE & MAIN LP \$2,872.00, COZAD SIGNS, LLC \$915.00, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$3,502.27, EAKES INC \$342.05, EXPRESS TOLL \$13.80, FAIRFIELD INN \$289.90, FASTENAL COMPANY \$139.50, FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG INC \$1,280.25, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA \$10,652.93, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$584.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$3,118.90, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$1,363.96, FYR-TEK, INC. \$1,928.22, GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY \$38.98, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG., INC. \$49.00, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$232.00, GOLDSTAR PRODUCTS INC \$2,726.57, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$145.25, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$804.00, HACH COMPANY \$712.60, HAWKINS, INC. \$16,600.00, HEALTHBREAK, INC. \$625.00, HENNING BROTHERS \$83.00, HIGH PLAINS BUDWEISER \$1,149.72, HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTOMATION \$3,324.98, HYDROTEX \$12,165.73, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$537.83, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$1,374.08, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$54,453.04, INTRALINKS, INC. \$6,785.48, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$614.80, J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS \$2,006.25, J RODZ \$95.00, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$791.83, JEO CONSULTING GROUP \$11,800.00, JIRDON AGRI CHEMICALS, INC \$1,930.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$17,214.40, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$873.56, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$10,381.25, JOHNSON CORROSION ENGINEERING \$990.00, JULIET KELLER \$75.00, KANSAS GOLF & TURF INC \$64.75, LEGACY COOPERATIVE \$13,460.09, LITTLE IT HOUSE \$3,047.30, LOGOZ LLC \$715.00, LORETTA SOWERINE \$143.98, MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC \$141.50, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$12.00, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$246.70, MENARDS \$597.43, MIDWEST CONNECT \$3,582.04, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MONUMENT SHADOWS MENS GOLF \$2,720.00, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$5,005.73, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$784.16, NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$8,462.00, NKC TIRE \$32.10, NMC INCORPORATED \$601.26, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$2,094.68, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$104.87, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORE \$314.26, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$2,442.00, PETE'S QUICK LUBE \$119.25, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$100.00, POWERPLAN OIB \$383.57, PRAISE WINDOWS \$350.00, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$393.25, QUADIENT POSTAGE FUNDING \$59.32, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$116,637.28, RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$4,166.67, RIVERSTONE BANK \$571.41, RUSSELL'S EXCAVATION & CONSTRUCTION \$1,250.00, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$301.62, SCB. COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$171.74, SCOTTSBLUFF/GERING STATE GOLF C/O OTCF

\$2,000.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$273.02, SHANNON BLAINE \$75.00, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$5,253.56, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$8,457.97, STRAIGHTLINE PAINTING \$800.00, T HASHMAN FARMS \$700.00, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY \$1,185.56, TERESA TOSH \$15,605.19, THE CIT GROUP \$926.34, THE TORO COMPANY \$175.00, TOUR EDGE MFG INC \$1,086.50, TRANSWEST \$182.78, TYNDALE \$180.55, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$892.27, VERIZON CONNECT \$25.90, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$556.39, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. \$1,519.14, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$5,549.01, WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$311.55, TOTAL CLAIMS \$443,726.57

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

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Council to receive the 2024 Annual Audit Report from BerganKDV

Austen Thielen, BerganKDV Creative Planner, was present by Zoom with a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that he was presenting on behalf of Caroline Stutsman, CPA and Creative Planning Director. He briefly reviewed the FY24 Audit Report ending 9/30/24 pointing out page 3 with their opinions on the City's Financial Statements, shown below:

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gering, Nebraska (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gering, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

He further discussed the Manager and Auditor responsibilities, also contained in the letter, as well as other facets of the audit. He noted page 71 (another letter they issued) with an opinion that is required by government auditing standards that details their opinion on the internal controls. There was one finding on internal controls which was a lack of segregation of accounting duties. He added that that's very common with most cities the size of Gering. It doesn't make sense to hire enough staff to adequately segregate duties for certain accounting responsibilities; it isn't reasonable to do that. It's a very common finding and he doesn't think there is much concern to be raised over it. He noted the management letter as well, which was provided to the Council. There were no questions from the Council. Administrator Heath thanked Mr. Thielen for their work and added that the City looks forward to working with them in the future. The FY24 Audit Report is available on the City's website and can also be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and receive the 2024 Annual Audit Report from BerganKDV. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Master Short Form Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Gering, City of Scottsbluff and HDR Engineering, Inc.

Administrator Heath explained this is an engineering agreement between the Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering and HDR Engineering for consulting services and other services for solid waste disposal. He noted that William Nicholson, Engineer with HDR Engineering, Inc. was present at the meeting via Zoom if Council had questions. Councilmember Gillen verified that the City of Scottsbluff approved this agreement at their last Council meeting. Administrator Heath confirmed that the City of Scottsbluff approved the agreements on May 5. Councilmember Morrison asked what the timeline is. Administrator Heath responded they hope to have it done by November; six months is about the max. Mr. Nicholson thanked the Council for the opportunity and noted they are looking forward

to working with the Cities of Gering and Scottsbluff; this is a big project and they're looking to get off on the right foot and set the groundwork with a Conditional Use Permit and a financial model. He's glad the two cities want to hold on to their solid waste disposal because he thinks it's very important for cities to continue to operate that themselves and not be at the risk of a private entity landfill. He encouraged Council to reach out if they ever had questions.

Administrator Heath added that there is an option to purchase land in Sioux County for a future landfill; the option expires in January of 2026. There is approximately just under two years of space left in the current landfill. Scottsbluff and Gering want to get the CUP approved prior to purchasing the land for the landfill. The two cities are working on a formal interlocal agreement; that will be approved sometime this summer or early fall. They'd like HDR to do some of their work first to make sure there isn't anything that they come up with that would need to be added to that agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Master Short Form Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Gering, City of Scottsbluff and HDR Engineering, Inc. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Long-term Waste Management System Evaluation Task Order 01 between the City of Gering, City of Scottsbluff and HDR Engineering, Inc.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Long-term Waste Management System Evaluation Task Order 01 between the City of Gering, City of Scottsbluff and HDR Engineering, Inc. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

4. Gering Municipal Pool Facility Study Presentation - Miller & Associates

Larry Steele, Professional Engineer with Miller & Associates, was present to review the Pool Facility Study. Mr. Steele reviewed the timeline and process for the study and noted that there were 993 responses (from the community) with an 11.6% response rate. He noted the "Not Needed, Low Priority, Medium Priority and High Priority" numbers for Future Improvements. Water slide(s), low diving board, shallow water spray features, toddler slide, zero depth/beach entry, concession stand, family changing room/showers and evening/night swimming ranked high among High Priorities. He provided a history of the pool noting that it opened in 1977. In 2017 the flume side was replaced. In 2023, the pool tub was repaired and painted and the recirculation pipes from gutter to the filter house were repaired and replaced. In 2024 the boiler was replaced.

From the PowerPoint Presentation:

Gering Swimming Pool (and wading pool) is currently Grandfathered

**Title 178 NAC 2, DESIGN CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS
Section 005.01 EXISTING POOLS**

Swimming pools constructed or under construction prior to the effective date of these regulations, which do not fully comply with the design and construction requirements of these regulations may be continued in use as long as the swimming pool meets the current operating requirements in 178 NAC 2, poses no significant health or safety risks as determined by the Department or Director, and is operated and maintained as designed.

Perceived Deficiencies:

- The bathhouse does not meet ADA access requirements.
- The wading pool does not meet ADA access requirements.
- The swimming pool is required to have a minimum of two ADA accesses.
- There is no equipotential electrical bond installed for the swimming pool.
- The wading pool and swimming pool recirculation systems are combined.

- The wading pool recirculation rate cannot be controlled or verified that it meets current regulations.
- The swimming pool recirculation system provides about 76% of the required recirculation rate according to current regulations.
- The existing vacuum DE filter is at the end of its useful life.
- Chlorine is continuously fed, and the acid is manually fed.
- The deck is heaving and is a tripping hazard.
- The deck that was replaced by the filter house was not reinstalled correctly.
- Greater than 4" opening under the fence.
- Pool ladder wedge anchors were not installed correctly.
- Pool ladders are not secure.
- The flume slide should be inspected by the slide manufacturer to evaluate any safety issues.
- Near the top of the slide, it was leaking; the seals between slide joints need to be resealed per manufacturer's requirements.
- A fence needs to be installed around the base of the flume slide to limit access.
- The diving board surface finish is at the end of its useful life.
- Stainless steel gutter grates are missing.
- The grate openings are large and can cause finger entrapment.
- Replace the stainless-steel gutter grates.
- Replace overhead lighting to meet current lighting requirements.
- Existing lifeguard chairs are at the end of their useful life and need to be replaced.

Proposed Improvement Options:

1. Do nothing (may not be able to open every year due to mechanical issues).
2. Rehab Bathhouse, New (Beach-Entry) Zero-Entry Wading Pool, & Pool Improvements.
3. New Bathhouse, New Zero-entry Wading Pool & Pool Improvements.
4. New Bathhouse & New Swimming Pool.

Mr. Steele reviewed each option in detail with the Council with floor plans and estimated costs. Funding opportunities include foundations and non-profits, community fund raising and private donations, sales tax or bond, Keno funds and grants.

Councilmember Wiedeman noted that the Recreation Committee met with Mr. Steele on April 2; the minutes are in the packet. They looked at prioritizing option #2 and #3. The biggest challenges are ADA compliance. Regarding Option #1, the City can't just do nothing. Option #4, new bathhouse and swimming pool is seven million dollars; that's tough to swallow. The City will focus on #2 and #3 and see what kind of money and funding is out there to be able to do something with that. Administrator Heath added that staff will look into grant and bonding options as well.

Parks and Recreation Director, Amy Seiler, noted that Option #3 gives the City the option to relocate on that site where that bathhouse could be. Keeping in mind that in the future, the City may want to redo the swimming pool. The City would be without a pool for about a year if the pool is redone. If there was a complete master plan, and maybe relocate the bathhouse with the intention of in 10 to 15 years maybe adding a new pool, that would give the opportunity to plan for the future allowing the City to have a pool while the new pool is being constructed. Mr. Steele further explained how the master plan would be used and why it's important to have in response to a question by Councilmember Morrison. He added that there is plenty of space in that park if the decision is made to situate the pool in another area. Discussion followed. Administrator Heath added that the biggest challenge will be funding to make the bond payments and what type of funds can be received from grants.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Ewing thanked Mr. Steele for coming and for their work on this study. Mr. Steele noted that they're still finalizing the report; there will be more detail once that is completed. He thanked the Council and staff. The Power Point presentation is on file at the Office of the City Clerk.

5. Consider approval of Keno Fund Requests:

- PVC Monument Marathon
- Allred Brothers Fireworks Show

- Oregon Trail Days
- Gering Merchants
- Old West Balloon Fest
- Midwest Theater
- Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory d/b/a Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- 308 Truck Show
- City of Gering Parks Department
- Western Nebraska Youth Summer Camp

Keno Committee Chairman, Darrell Bentley, addressed Council and stated that April is a month they usually have a lot of applications for spring and summer activities. He noted that the Midwest Theater also submitted an application, but the Committee did not recommend funding at this time. Councilmember Wiedeman asked what the City of Gering Parks Department is going to use \$17,000 for. Mr. Bentley replied that it's to redo the water foundation at Northfield Park. Parks and Recreation Director, Amy Seiler, further elaborated on the repairs. It was installed in 2001.

Motion by Councilmember Kinsey to approve the Keno Fund Requests as follows: \$6000 for PVC Monument Marathon, \$7500 for the Allred Brothers Fireworks Show, \$4099.90 for Oregon Trail Days, \$19,000 for the Gering Merchants, \$6000 for the Old West Balloon Fest, \$1300 for the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory d/b/a Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, \$2000 for the 308 Truck Show, \$17,322 for the City of Gering Parks Department and \$2000 for Western Nebraska Youth Summer Camp. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

6. Consider approval of Occupation Tax Grant Fund Requests:

- Oregon Trail Days
- WNCC Foundation for PVC Monument Marathon
- Western Nebraska Fury
- Western Nebraska Pioneers Baseball Club

Director of Tourism, Tina Worthman, gave a brief overview of how each organization will be using Occ Tax Grant funds. The applications were provided to Council in their packet.

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve the Occupation Tax Grant Fund Requests as follows: \$6500 for Oregon Trail Days, \$9000 for the WNCC Foundation for the Monument Marathon, \$8500 for the Western Nebraska Fury Oregon Trail Invite, and \$7200 for the Western Nebraska Pioneers. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

7. Approve the appointment of Councilmember Jackson to the Recreation, Personnel and Administrative Standing Committees and an alternate to the Public Works Committee

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve the appointment of Councilmember Jackson to the Recreation, Personnel and Administrative Standing Committees and an alternate to the Public Works Committee. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

8. Approve the appointment of Councilmember O'Neal as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the appointment of Councilmember O'Neal as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no

discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

9. Approve the appointment of Councilmember Shields as Vice-Chairperson of the Recreation Committee

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

10. Approve the appointment of Councilmember Jackson as Liaison to the Park, Cemetery and Tree Board

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the appointment of Councilmember Jackson as Liaison to the Park, Cemetery and Tree Board. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

11. Approve request for Administrative Committee meeting – Agenda item: Review and discuss Chapter 51 and 52 of the City Code related to Water and Sewer Regulations

Motion by Councilmember Kinsey to approve a request for an Administrative Committee meeting with Agenda item: Review and discuss Chapter 51 and 52 of the City Code related to Water and Sewer Regulations. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

12. Approve request for Recreation Committee meeting with agenda items: 1. Discuss adoption of a no smoking policy at Dome Rock Diamonds, Oregon Trail Park Stadium, Diamond 1 and practice fields, 2. Discuss adoption of a policy prohibiting dogs on all City ballfields and within Dome Rock Diamonds proper

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve a request for a Recreation Committee meeting with agenda items: 1. Discuss adoption of a no smoking policy at Dome Rock Diamonds, Oregon Trail Park Stadium, Diamond 1 and practice fields, 2. Discuss adoption of a policy prohibiting dogs on all City ballfields and within Dome Rock Diamonds proper. Second by Councilmember Kinsey.

Discussion: Kim Graslie, in the audience, asked questions regarding this agenda item. It was explained that this agenda item is just to approve holding a Recreation Committee meeting. Discussion about the topics to be discussed at the meeting will be held at the meeting once it's scheduled.

Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

13. Consider moving the second regular City Council meeting in May from May 26 to May 27 due to the Memorial Day Holiday

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve moving the second regular City Council meeting in May from May 26 to May 27 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Jackson. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1. Approve Ordinance No. 2159 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 WARDS, SUBSECTION 11.02 AS PART OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF CITY COUNCIL WARDS AND TO REPEAL THE EXISTING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 11, SUBSECTION 11.02 OF THE CITY ORDINANCES

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2159 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 WARDS, SUBSECTION 11.02 AS PART OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF CITY COUNCIL WARDS AND TO REPEAL THE EXISTING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 11, SUBSECTION 11.02 OF THE CITY ORDINANCES. Seconded by Councilmember Jackson. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Morrison, Jackson. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gillen moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2159 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, and that the ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinsey. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. “AYES”: Gillen, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Morrison, Jackson. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Shields, Seay. Motion carried.

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.

Dale Hauck, 2355 Country Club Road, asked regarding the swimming pool, if it’s a summertime facility. Wintertime has an effect on these swimming pools with the weather and cold, he wondered about considering having a full-time swimming facility. It might be something to consider. He thanked the Council.


ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

