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City of Gering
Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

November 10, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14
As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available current copies of the Open Meetings Act provided in the meeting room on the counter by the press corps. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Chairperson. 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 Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve minutes of the November 21, 2025 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

2. Update from staff and legal counsel regarding the status of City of Gering Economic Development loans and grants

CLOSED SESSION:

The City of Gering Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee reserves the right to enter into closed session for the purpose of: Strategy/negotiation session regarding confidential financial records review, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy, negotiation, and guidance from City legal counsel. Neb Rev. Stat. Sections 84-1410 & 1410 (a).

OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

ADJOURN.

Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
November 21, 2025

Present: Chairman Galen Larson and Committee Members Shain Shimic, Carla Swanson, Tami Pierce, Rhonda Schledewitz, Tom Goodman, as well as City Administrator Pat Heath, City Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews, City Attorney Jim Ellison, and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. Absent was Eric Wilcox.

Call to order by Chairman Larson at 8:00 a.m.

Current Business:

1. Approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

> **Motion by Shain Shimic, second by Carla Swanson to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. There was no discussion. Chairman Larson called for the vote. "AYES": Larson, Shimic, Swanson, Pierce, Schledewitz, Goodman. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wilcox. Motion carried.**

2. Update from staff and legal counsel regarding the status of City of Gering Economic Development loans and grants including but not limited to Ed and Christina Bartella (formerly Chino's Mexican Restaurant) and Gering Hospitality Group

Closed Session:

The LB840 Application Review Committee reserves the right to enter into closed session for: Strategy/negotiation session re: Confidential financial records review, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy, negotiation, and guidance from City legal counsel. Neb Rev. Stat. Sections 84-1410 & 1410 (a).

> **Motion by Galen Larson, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 84-1410, also known as Nebraska's Public Meetings Law, that the Gering Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee enter into closed session for the purpose of: Strategy/negotiation session for confidential financial records review, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy and guidance from City legal counsel pertaining to an update from staff and legal counsel regarding the status of City of Gering Economic Development loans and grants including but not limited to Ed and Christina Bartella (formerly Chino's Mexican Restaurant) and Gering Hospitality Group. Second by Shain Shimic. There was no discussion. Chairman Larson called for the vote. "AYES": Larson, Shimic, Swanson, Pierce, Schledewitz, Goodman. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wilcox. Motion carried.**

The Committee entered into closed session at 8:01 a.m.

> **Motion by Tom Goodman to come out of closed session at 8:17 a.m. Seconded by Tami Pierce. There was no discussion. Chairman Larson called for the vote. "AYES": Larson, Shimic, Swanson, Pierce, Schledewitz, Goodman. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wilcox. Motion carried.**

Regarding Ed and Christina Bartella:

> **Motion by Shain Shimic, regarding Ed and Christina Bartella, to change the term of their loan to 15 years with monthly payments. Second by Rhonda Schledewitz.**

Discussion: Staff asked for clarification regarding when the new loan would begin. It was agreed that the first payment would be on January 17, 2026 following pending Council approval on January 12, 2026. As before, 0% interest. Shain Shimic was in agreement to adding that to his motion.

> **Chairman Larson called for the vote. "AYES": Larson, Shimic, Swanson, Pierce, Schledewitz, Goodman. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wilcox. Motion carried.**

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

Adjournment:

> **Motion by Tom Goodman to adjourn. Second by Rhonda Schledewitz. There was no discussion. Chairman Larson called for the vote. "AYES": Larson, Shimic, Swanson, Pierce, Schledewitz, Goodman. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Wilcox. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kathy Welfl
City Clerk