

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on September 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Gillen, Cecil, Kinsey, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews, City Clerk Kathy Welfl, and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmembers Shields and Jackson. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Star-Herald, the designated method of giving notice, on September 17, 2026. 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 5:30 p.m. A quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. 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 current copies of the Open Meetings Act; copies were available 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 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers related to the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Tax Request

Mayor Ewing opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers and citizens regarding the City of Gering Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Tax Request at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Ewing stated that the 2026 property tax request was \$2,246,875.00 and the 2027 tax request is \$2,356,748. The 2026 Tax Rate was 0.310520 and the 2027 Tax Rate is set at 0.300264.

Mayor Ewing asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 proposed tax request. Hearing none and with no further comments, the administrative record was closed and the public hearing closed at 5:33 p.m.

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.

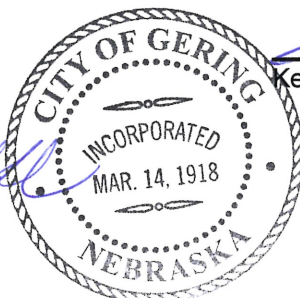
ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



Kent E. Ewing, Mayor