

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING (BY TELECONFERENCE) OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, March 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Due to on-going COVID19 precautions and pursuant to a Limited Waiver Executive Order by Governor Ricketts, the Gering City Council held this meeting by teleconference. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. 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 via teleconference to the public and media.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that there was a quorum of the Council present by teleconference and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse councilmember absence

Mayor Kaufman stated that if anyone was not an active participant in this meeting, to please mute their phone to help avoid background noise during the meeting. He added that Finance Director, Renae Jimenez, was also present on the call. He then made note of a few procedural changes to the meeting. He asked that Council Members identify themselves before making or seconding a motion, for the record. In addition, the Clerk will call every vote by roll call. He added for members of the media or the public, there is an open comment section towards the end of the meeting where they can comment.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to excuse the absence of Councilmember O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan from the March 9, 2020 regular meeting. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14

Mayor Kaufman stated: As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act, in this case available in the Council packet or online at nebraska.gov/open-meetings. 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.

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 March 9, 2020 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials

Claims 3-6-2020 to 3-19-2020

A & A PORTA POTTIES \$135.00; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTI \$284.65; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. \$1,403.33; ACUSHNET COMPANY \$9,996.82; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$1,920.29; ALMQUIST MALTZAHN GALLOWAY & L \$1,000.00; AL'S TOWING, INC \$85.00; AMANDA DIEDRICH \$37.50; AMAZON \$0.99; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC \$285.89; ATLAS \$741.00; B & C STEEL \$106.77; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$114.50; BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$206.71; BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. \$765.97; BIBLIONIX LLC \$2,300.00; BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$209.84; BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$470.50; BOMGAARS \$582.96; BOMGAARS \$715.45; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$1,612.87; BOSSELMAN TRAVEL CENTER \$32.72; BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$57.99; BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$103.98; CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$1,893.94; CARHARTT \$513.58; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE \$71.41; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$678.83; CITRIX \$1,489.06; CITY OF GERING \$313.67; CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,720.06; CONNECTING POINT \$110.05; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$596.05; CORNHUSKER SQUARE GARAGE \$22.50; CUTTER & BUCK \$1,575.53; D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC. \$123.07; DALE'S TIRE \$836.28; DICKIE K COCHRANE \$33.00; DOMINGO PALOMO \$33.00; DOOLEY OIL \$641.71; DOUG PARKER \$32.58; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$6,887.92; EAKES INC \$570.43; ECOLAB \$293.22; ELECTRIC PUMP, INC. \$1,103.40; ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$3,080.00; EVENT BRITE \$122.40; EXPRESS TOLL \$8.95; FASTENAL COMPANY \$979.39; FIRST STATE BANK \$341.71; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$3,105.20; FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$1,095.80; FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$269.50; FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LLC \$2,245.35;

FRESH FOODS INC. \$52.11; FYR-TEK, INC. \$291.86; GALL'S INC. \$339.32; GERING MERCHANTS \$3,720.56; GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG. \$2,603.28; GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$590.00; HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS \$72.82; HARS PETERSEN \$75.00; HEALTH \$32.05; HOBBY LOBBY \$82.08; HORIZON WEST, INC. \$69.00; ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$709.74; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$477.77; INDOFF INCORPORATED \$355.17; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$1,082.71; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$42,478.36; INTRALINKS, INC. \$5,126.72; IWORQ SYSTEMS \$5,178.00; JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,064.46; JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$5,824.72; JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$629.94; KAREN SUE BRUNTZ \$425.00; LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS STORE \$14.69; MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER HOTEL \$440.00; MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$97.32; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$1,314.82; MATRIX TRUST COMPANY \$591.69; MCDONALD'S \$24.01; MEAT SHOPPE \$13,487.83; MENARDS \$361.33; MESA HOTLINE SCHOOL \$350.00; MIKE DAVIES \$150.00; MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$126.62; MSC 410526/DOLLAR GENERAL CORP \$29.55; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$314,008.71; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$225.13; MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$19.98; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$647.09; NE DEPT. OF REVENUE \$63,586.11; NE. SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC \$253.00; NEBRASKA GENERATOR SERVICE LLC \$4,883.25; NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION \$164.00; NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION \$305.00; NEBRASKA LIFE MAGAZINE \$24.00; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$39.65; NKC TIRE \$1,884.27; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$24.11; OCLC, INC. \$160.66; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$34.18; OREGON TRAIL PLBG. & HEATING \$314.00; PALACE STATION \$85.04; PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$65.00; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$1,058.00; PAYROLL CHECKS \$126,232.32; PEACEFUL PRAIRIE NURSERY, INC. \$9,281.70; PETRO OF YORK \$51.10; PETTY CASH \$22.10; PILOT \$42.78; POSTMASTER \$152.75; POWERPLAN OIB \$606.65; PRINT BROKER \$2,692.00; PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL \$395.00; QUARK SOFTWARE \$525.00; QUICK RESPONSE FIRE SUPPLY \$269.19; R & J FOOD MART \$30.01; RECORDED BOOKS, INC. \$145.77; REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER \$588.07; RUNZA RESTAURANT \$21.03; RYAN'S WELDING LLC \$495.00; SAFETYLINE CONSULTANTS \$56.00; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$(216.07); SAPP BROS \$41.45; SCB. COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$10.00; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$68.00; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY TREASURER \$2,265.58; SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$127.50; SHAWNA WINCHELL \$600.00; SHELL \$21.87; SILVER STATE CONSULTING \$190.00; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$1,640.00; SIMON CONTRACTORS \$772.75; SKILLPATH SEMINARS \$34.12; SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55; SOUTHWEST \$243.96; SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$1,681.86; STAGECOACH STOP \$77.55; SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37; TALMADGE PROPERTIES INC. \$120.69; THE COPIER NINJA, LLC \$76.63; THE PEAVY CORP. \$240.75; THE TORO COMPANY \$155.00; TRIHYDRO CORPORATION \$4,481.14; TURNING WRENCHES LLC \$283.07; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN \$80.00; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$91.24; VAN PELT FENCING CO., INC. \$50.00; VERIZON CONNECT \$40.00; VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$40.01; VOICE NEWS \$22.50; W & R INC. \$374.05; WALMART \$52.75; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$6,108.59; WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$60.50; WESTERN STATES BANK \$25,165.16; WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$516.00; WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL \$39.21; WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$264.22; WINSUPPLY SCOTTSBLUFF NE CO. \$775.63; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$226.59; YRC \$1,086.41;

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

BIDS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Cities of Gering and Terrytown, 2019 Annual Stormwater Report

Public Works Director, Pat Heath, stated that this is an annual report for our Stormwater MS4 Program for the City of Gering and City of Terrytown; we're running under a joint permit. Our program is pretty much on par where we need to be with our Stormwater Management Plan. One thing we did not do last year was the Post-Construction Ordinance. We are currently performing a Stormwater Master Plan; an engineering firm out of Omaha is doing that plan for us. Once we have the results of that plan showing where we're treating stormwater and where we're not, then we'll be able to develop our Post-Construction Stormwater Ordinance. We have until 2023 to have this program completely in place. We're on schedule and we're moving along well where we want to be. Councilmember Morrison asked, regarding stormwater retention, these are the ponds associated with a new business being built, correct? Mr. Heath replied yes, and that some are called regional retention, such as what is behind B & C Steel. He and Annie Folck, City Engineer, have had discussions with developers and if we can have regional retention and have the City maintain those, it's a lot easier for us to run the program. It's a better option if we put in more regional retention than individual retention. That's something the master plan is also looking at. Councilmember Morrison asked when those are built, they are built to the expense of the business owner, correct? Or if we go regional, will there be an expense to the City? Pat replied that what they believe will happen with the regional is that the developers will probably foot most of the bill to build those regionals. Our idea would be to have a monthly maintenance fee but that hinges on state statutes. We have to be careful because right now state statute does not allow stormwater utility to be developed. We're hoping they'll look at that in the next couple of years.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Cities of Gering and Terrytown, 2019 Annual Stormwater Report. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Request for Public Works Committee meeting – Agenda item: Discussion of an LB357 proposition on the 2020 General Election Ballot and discuss proposed infrastructure projects

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve a request for a Public Works Committee meeting with agenda item: Discussion of an LB357 proposition on the 2020 General Election Ballot and potential discussion on proposed infrastructure projects. Second by Councilmember Morrison. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

(Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.)

REPORTS: (Information only) None

OPEN COMMENT SECTION: None

Mayor Kaufman stated at this time an open comment period will be held. Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only. He added that if anyone would like to make a comment, to please identify themselves and state their address.

ADJOURN:

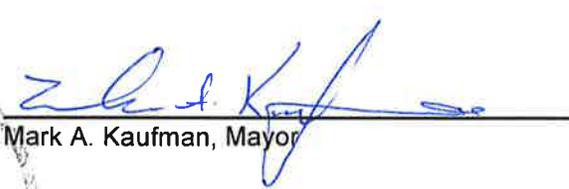
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

