

## THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. Councilmember Morrison was present via video/teleconference per an Executive Order issued by Governor Ricketts. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. 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 Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and stated that there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse councilmember absence (None)

### 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 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.

### 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 22, 2021 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Approve October, 2020 Financial Report
4. Approve November, 2020 Financial Report
5. Approve December, 2020 Financial Report
6. Approve January, 2021 Financial Report
7. Approve February, 2021 Financial Report
8. File for Record TCD Quarterly reports: Oct. – Dec., 2020, Jan. – March, 2021
9. File for record National Pollution Discharge Elimination System 2020 Annual Stormwater Report – Cities of Gering and Terrytown, Nebraska, MS4General Permit No. NER310000

### Claims 3-23-21 to 4-12-21

A & A PORTA POTTIES \$270.00; ABDO-SPOTLIGHT-MAGIC WAGON \$480.90; ACUSHNET COMPANY \$9,357.64; ALLAN D MITCHELL \$10,954.53; ALLEN, RONALD K \$275.00; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$2,123.71; AMAZON \$619.99; ANNA GAMBOA \$75.00; B & C STEEL \$85.45; B & H FOTO & ELECTRONICS, COR \$212.93; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$56.00; BAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$14,247.75; BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$56.71; BETSY ROSS FLAG GIRLS INC \$265.25; BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. \$1,379.14; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$2,368.62; BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$707.38; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$97,507.59; BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$174.04; BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00; CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$8,201.13; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE \$55.10; CENTRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT \$2,760.00; CENTURYLINK \$2,719.32; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$9,777.69; CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,307.44; CONNECTING POINT \$4,245.11; CONOCO \$37.00; CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPA \$25.36; CONSTANT CONTACT \$45.00; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$1,132.00; CORNHUSKERS C STORES INC \$19.48; CROWLEY FLECK PLLP \$713.00; DALLAS SCHAFFER \$75.00; DARRELL VANCE \$60.90; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL \$144.88; DAVID S. LEIS \$420.00; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPA \$130.72; DEMCO, INC \$189.79; DIVE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL \$730.00; DLT SOLUTIONS, INC. \$1,282.70; DOOLEY OIL \$3,264.08; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,519.83; DYKES OIL INC. \$52.15; EAKES INC \$230.32; ECKHARDT PORTABLE WELDING \$616.25; ECOLAB \$261.76; EJS SUPPLY, LLC \$9,376.71; ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$3,961.25; ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$484.00; ERIC REICHERT CONSTRUCTION \$46,558.39; FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT NORTH P \$192.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$1,302.55; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$2,623.58; FEDEX \$259.60; FILL N CHILL \$27.46; FIRST STATE BANK \$321.09; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$1,984.41; FRANCISCOS BUMPER TO BUMPER I \$235.40; FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$444.18; FRANK STRONG \$300.00; FREE CONFERENCE CALL.COM \$4.00; FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LL \$10,553.98; FYR-TEK, INC. \$2,570.69; GALE \$39.63; GALL'S INC. \$750.00; GEORGE HOLTHUS \$600.00; GERING HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC \$10,000.00; GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$529.00; GRAINGER \$374.45; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVIC \$189.50; GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$590.00; HACH COMPANY \$516.47; HALE MULTIMEDIA, LLC \$250.00; HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS \$159.99; HENNING BROTHERS \$83.00; HOBBY LOBBY \$18.74; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES \$90.21; HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTOMATI \$510.00; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, I \$247.45; ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS \$254.88; INDOFF INCORPORATED \$710.08; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$824.42; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$38,291.17; INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CIT \$27.45; INTOXIMETERS, INC. \$148.50; INTRALINKS, INC. \$9,484.88; JAMES JACKSON \$623.00; JL BECKER INC \$3,630.00; JOHN

HANCOCK USA \$13,895.24; JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$556.16; JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$5,916.48; JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$98.52; JOSE RODRIGUEZ \$125.00; JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD \$1,304.10; K L WOOD & CO., LLC \$26,991.00; KALEB SHAW \$241.00; KAREN SUE BRUNTZ \$425.00; KWIK STOP \$116.37; LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT \$(266.66); LOGOZ LLC \$417.00; MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$1,357.50; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$8.37; MATT FRIEND TRUCK EQUIP. \$52.71; MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$398.00; MEAT SHOPPE \$14,302.24; MENARDS \$1,183.14; MIDTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, P.C. \$10.00; MIKE DAVIES \$273.00; MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$175.67; MOTOR TREND \$20.00; MSC 410526/DOLLAR GENERAL COR \$6.00; MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$1,405.80; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENT \$462.93; NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$160.02; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$352.00; NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC \$416.05; NE. MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEFS \$387.50; NEB DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND E \$8,308.70; NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE \$34.45; NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION \$543.00; NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT \$204.00; NKC TIRE \$60.00; NMC EXCHANGE LLC \$9,494.24; NORTH PLATTE NRD \$80.00; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$177.98; OCLC, INC. \$160.66; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$133.96; PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$10,532.51; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVI \$1,956.00; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50; PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$358.59; POSTMASTER \$1,423.08; POWERPLAN OIB \$3,786.58; PUKKA INC \$991.68; PUMP & PANTRY \$34.47; PVB VISA \$4,042.42; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC \$867.50; R & C WELDING & FABRICATION \$75.00; RANDALL, YVONNE \$75.00; RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO. I \$59.89; RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$12,500.00; ROBERTS, LEE \$1,337.27; ROSITA'S RESTAURANT \$40.00; RUBEN PEREZ \$75.00; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$626.15; SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY \$1,496.42; SAPP BROS \$32.25; SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$276.00; SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE \$316.23; SCB. COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$206.53; SCB/GERING UNITED CHAMBER OF \$360.00; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$68.00; SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$128.75; SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00; SHAWNA WINCHELL \$620.00; SHELL \$90.06; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$1,500.00; SIMON CONTRACTORS \$1,740.00; SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO., LLC \$434.05; SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55; SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPAN \$1,217.21; SPECTRUM \$1,381.78; SPIC & SPAN CLEANRS \$5,015.25; SPOTIX INC \$159.26; STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$185.35; STATE FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING D \$50.00; SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37; TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00; TERRY CARPENTER, INC. \$650.00; THE CIT GROUP \$2,641.30; THE CREATIVE COMPANY \$1,078.96; THE TORO COMPANY \$155.00; TONY KAUFMAN \$119.58; TOUR EDGE MFG INC \$286.00; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATI \$75.00; TWIN CITY AUTO, INC \$365.04; TWIN CITY ROOFING/SHEET METAL \$454.20; U.S. VENTURE, INC. \$331.67; UNANIMOUS, INC. \$115.00; UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE \$33.90; UNO MARKETPLACE \$839.00; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$123.11; VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LL \$1,409.72; VITALSOURCE \$228.40; WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB \$134.54; WEBB EYECARE \$234.00; WESLEY JORGENSEN \$241.00; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$17,539.72; WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$63.00; WESTERN STATES BANK \$29,141.94; WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$550.00; WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL \$13.00; WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC \$116,125.88; WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$2,754.12; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$661.63; ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS \$14.99

**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, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

## **BIDS:**

### **1. Overland Trails Road Improvements Bid – Street Department**

City Administrator, Pat Heath, stated this is an emergency road replacement. During the March snow storm, the rain and snow put staff in a bind as to where we were going to haul the snow. Staff knew our trucks would get buried at our typical sites on K Street and at the Amphitheater. Those spots were tested and our trucks got stuck. Staff looked at all the options and the only choice they had was Overland Trails Road in the grass area between Overland Trails and Kimball Avenue. The road was in very poor shape prior to this; staff were concerned it would break up, and it did.

The south half of the road will be replaced. Staff worked with some engineers and considered asphalt, but were told that if we have to do this again, we'd probably tear it up, even with three to six inches of asphalt. They recommended concrete. After going out for bids, Infinity Construction was the low bid at \$279,432.00. It's staff recommendation to award to the low bidder – Infinity Construction. Councilmember Smith inquired if this will be going on during the baseball season. Administrator Heath replied that the deadline to complete this project is May 21, 2021. We may need to allow T-Ball and softball participants to come in on J Street while the work is being done. It will be done prior to the Pioneers starting their season. Councilmember Bohl asked if they'll be able to clean up everything that is between the road and highway – the chunks of road laying up in there? Administrator Heath replied that staff will do that, and clean that area up. Staff intend to start removing that road a week from today. The contractor will come in immediately after, weather permitting.

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to award the Overland Trails Road Improvement Bid to Infinity Construction in the amount of \$279,432.00. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve Special Designated License for Non-Profit Applicant, Oregon Trail Community Foundation**

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve a Non-profit Special Designated License application for the Oregon Trail Community Foundation for an event to be held on June 20, 2021 at Five Rocks Amphitheater. Second by Councilmember O'Neal.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Wiedeman clarified that this is for the Robidoux Quick and Dirty. One of the event organizers present, Matthew Hutt, replied yes; 450 participants are signed up. They had to cut it off because there are no more hotel rooms. This event had great reviews last year. Mr. Hutt added that the terrain here is made for this type of event. They thanked Council for their support.

**The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** (Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.) None

**ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



*Kathleen J. Welf*  
Kathleen J. Welf, City Clerk

*Mark A. Kaufman*  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor