

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, AUGUST 22, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on August 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. Absent were Councilmembers Smith and Backus. 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 6:00 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 O'Neal to excuse the absence of Mayor Kaufman from the August 8, 2022 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Backus. 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 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 August 8, 2022 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Approve June, 2022 Financial Report
4. Approve July, 2022 Financial Report

Claims 8/9/22 – 8/22/22

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$1,352.68, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$300.00, ACE HARDWARE \$301.46, ACUSHNET CO \$1,420.92, ADVANCE SERVICES, INC. \$163.80, ADVANCED WEIGHING SYSTEMS, INC \$4,815.00, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$3,372.64, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$3,394.22, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$58.98, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$574.80, AMY SEILER \$110.24, AT&T MOBILITY \$631.67, ATLAS \$904.00, AUTREY SUPPLY CO \$638.36, B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$120.00, B & S RASK GRILL \$486.00, BAD BIRDIE GOLF \$1,321.00, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$30,950.21, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$624.94, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00, CALLAWAY GOLF CO \$140.10, CENTURYLINK \$297.86, CLARK PRINTING LLC \$443.90, COBRA PUMA GOLF, INC. \$295.51, COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIES \$1,588.00, COMFORT INN-KEARNEY \$119.95, CONNECTING POINT \$9.65, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$503.35, CROSSROADS COOPERATIVE \$50,000.00, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO \$287.05, DHHS-ACCOUNTING \$6,404.65, DUTTON-LAINSON CO \$3,723.04, EAKES INC \$323.37, ECOLAB \$333.82, EJS SUPPLY, LLC \$2,488.07, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$6,869.50, ESC ENGINEERING \$4,306.25, FAIRFIELD INN \$124.95, FASTENAL CO \$630.52, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$157.52, FRANK PARTS CO \$223.67, FRESH FOODS INC. \$60.30, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$333.00, GRAINGER \$18.56, GREGORY'S LOCK SHOP LLC \$43.95, HENNINGS CONSTRUCTION \$7,970.00, HENSLEY BATTERY, LLC \$49.74, HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS \$65.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$210.68, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING & HEATING \$77.10, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$2,173.31, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$611.23, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$48,529.41, INTRALINKS, INC. \$2,543.08, J RODZ \$150.00, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$111.29, JIRDON AGRI CHEMICALS, INC \$1,927.70, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,454.08, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$714.23, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,222.34, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$30.38, KEEP SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING BEAUTI \$134.00, LEE ANDERS \$20.00, LEE ENTERPRISES \$166.81, LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRICAL \$1,821.16, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$66.07, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$296.00, MEAT SHOPPE \$30,450.57, MENARDS \$499.96, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$355,322.33, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$469.92, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$551.55, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$974.02, NE DEPT. OF REVENUE \$66,798.79, NEBRASKA DEPT OF

ENVIRONMENT AND EN \$12,121.76, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION \$312.50, NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. \$583.18, NEMNICH AUTOMOTIVE LLC \$901.22, NMC INCORPORATED \$1,060.28, NORTHWEST PARKWAY LLC \$6.20, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$174.46, ONE TIME VENDOR \$687.17, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$5,688.43, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$1,592.00, PAT HEATH \$99.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$100.37, PING INC \$203.92, POWERPLAN OIB \$276.84, PRECISION AIR \$100.00, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$227.02, PVB VISA \$5,682.08, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$11,774.84, RIVERSTONE BANK \$567.88, RON'S SHARP SHOP \$10.00, SARAH WYNN \$425.00, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$104.00, SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT \$380.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$141.75, SHAWNA WINCHELL \$840.00, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$702.50, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$3,460.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$1,658.54, SPORTS NEBRASKA \$1,000.00, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37, SUN MOUNTAIN SPORTS \$208.00, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$207.97, TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00, TERRY TODD \$150.00, THE TORO CO \$155.00, TONY KAUFMAN \$99.00, TOUR EDGE MFG INC \$271.12, UNANIMOUS, INC. \$175.00, US WEEKLY \$42.49, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$318.03, VERIZON CONNECT \$38.38, VIRGIN PULSE \$900.00, W & R INC. \$4,747.05, WALTER FIELD REPAIR \$2,105.46, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. \$299.60, WESTERN COOPERATIVE CO \$15,319.33, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$888.75, WESTERN STATES BANK \$41,201.20, WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$482.00, WILDER VALERIE \$75.00, \$794,345.90

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Backus. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

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

REPORTS:

1. Liaison Report, Councilmember Morrison – TCD (Twin Cities Development)

Councilmember Morrison presented an update regarding TCD:

HOUSING:

Rural Workforce Housing Fund: \$470,519.46 has been approved for projects, currently have three applications and are anticipating one more to be reviewed by the committee for approval.

Housing Taskforce: A taskforce of 15 people has been created to recognize housing barriers and produce a housing platform to increase the housing supply.

Housing Development: working with Gering and Scottsbluff, created an available properties profile book, and working with multiple developers on potential projects in our area.

Rental Management Program: Broadway Suites, Eastwood apartments, and Northfield apartments are being transitioned to Innago rental management software.

Scottsbluff High School: relationship with Scottsbluff High School using the Rural Workforce Housing Fund to purchase a house to be rehabilitated by the students.

Northfield Haven: the construction of the 15-unit housing complex for adults with disabilities is estimated to be completed in March of 2023.

Landbank: working with WNED on a regional landbank. Three communities have adopted an interlocal agreement so far.

Housing Study: worked with WNED on the recent completion of the regional housing study.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

E-Center: agreement signed for one year lease of the entire center starting in September.

E-Kitchen: five leases currently at the E-kitchen and started a scheduler/calendar. Doing stories on the tenants to showcase their culinary talents. Working with one on finding a building.

Career Pathways: working with resource partners focusing on worker pipelines from schools to businesses.

RISE: Working with USDA & NBDC on the potential for an Innovation Center grant.

Communities for Kids (C4K): Working with C4K to find buildings in Gering and people interested in running childcare facilities. Also, working to spread awareness of the 261-childcare gap in Gering. C4K would like to give a presentation to Gering leadership.

BUSINESS RETENTION, EXPANSION, and ATTRACTION:

Employ Panhandle: resource partner group to share resources to assist businesses with resources. Will be working on career expo events.

Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG): working on a grant for a perpetual fund for businesses.

Business Retention and Expansion: visiting member community businesses to learn about businesses and to understand the resources needed.

LB840: assisting the applicants and the City of Gering with filling out applications and going through the process.

Resource assistance: assisting businesses with finding buildings, sites, and needed resources to start, relocate and expand their businesses.

OTHER:

Marketing: Currently working on the development of a new website.

Proposition 1: assisted with the campaign that failed two times but passed this time. Estimated \$6 million in infrastructure improvements. Went door to door to businesses, created marketing materials and strategies and gave presentations to civic groups.

Strategic Plan: draft of the plan will be voted on at the September board meeting.

Annual Budget: the annual budget for the 2022 to 2023 fiscal year has been completed and approved.

Community Connections: working with Chamber of Commerce on newcomer meet & greet events.


OPEN COMMENT: Mayor Kaufman stated that discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only. None.

ADJOURN:

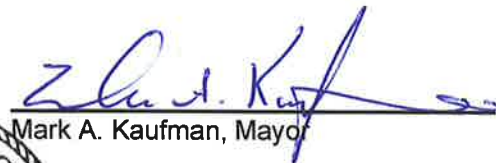
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Backus. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welf, City Clerk




Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor