

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
AUGUST 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Gillen and Councilmembers Smith, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent was Mayor Kaufman. 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**

Council President Gillen 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 Bohl to approve the absence of Councilmember Cowan from the July 25, 2022 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

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

Council President Gillen 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 Council President. 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:**

1. Approve minutes of the July 25, 2022 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims

**CLAIMS 7/26/22 – 8/8/22**

24/7 FITNESS \$263.00, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$500.00, ACE HARDWARE \$506.90, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$1,045.17, ADIDAS AMERICA, INC \$65.00, ADVANCE SERVICES, INC. \$313.14, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$212.13, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$334.73, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$566.84, AT&T MOBILITY \$92.72, B & S RASK GRILL \$615.00, BACKFLOW APPARATUS & VALVLE CO \$329.60, BAIRD HOLM LLP \$192.00, BENEFIT PLANS, INC \$244.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$206.71, BEST WESTERN WEST HILLS INN \$72.00, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$1,176.13, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$3,774.56, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$669.49, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$1,010.30, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$1,216.20, CONNECTING POINT \$67.14, CROELL, INC \$3,838.00, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO \$2,345.55, DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL \$161.54, DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO \$120.40, DOCU-SHRED LLC \$143.00, DOOLEY OIL \$120.67, DUTTON-LAINSON CO \$466.39, EAKES INC \$158.13, EASY PICKER GOLF PRODUCTS \$181.52, ECOLAB \$31.05, ELECTRIC PUMP, INC. \$30,164.69, ELITE TOTAL FITNESS \$131.00, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$598.50, ENERGY ONE ELECTRONICS \$616.37, ESI \$1,225.16, FASTENAL CO \$302.68, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$6,792.81, FRANCISCOS BUMPER TO BUMPER IN \$300.00, FRANK PARTS CO \$2,069.61, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$1,772.00, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LLC \$0.10, FRESH FOODS INC. \$281.40, GREY HOUSE PUBLISHING \$250.75, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$847.63, HAWKINS, INC. \$1, 991.51, HENNING BROTHERS \$166.00, HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES \$15.68, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$226.73, INDOFF INC \$535.65, INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC. \$14,571.72, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$1,073.42, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$44,474.25, INTRALINKS, INC. \$8,841.16, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$536.77, JEFFREY VANCE \$33.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,172.05, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$590.77, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,126.88, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$116.37, LEE ENTERPRISES \$183.30, LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRICAL \$1,590.80, LOGOZ LLC \$374.00, LUIKENS WELL & PUMP SERVICE \$2,853.50, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$406.32, MAX POWELL \$88.00, MEAT SHOPPE \$18,001.54, MELLEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$4, 179.05, MENARDS \$689.91, MERCHANT JT&S \$550.00, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS CO \$30.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$1,900.50, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$551.55, NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND EN \$460.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$5,928.28, NMC INC \$38.89, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$53.15, OCLC, INC. \$171.34, OMAHA SLINGS INC. \$87.78, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$79.36, OREGON TRAIL COMMUNITY FOUNDAT

\$2,500.00, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$11,047.05, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$1,823.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$1,508.42, PING INC \$396.90, PLATTE VALLEY BANK \$1, 215.00, POWERPLAN OIB \$197.87, PRECISION AIR \$117.53, PROTEX CENTRAL, INC. \$98.00, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$174.08, QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC \$1,532.99, RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$20,000.00, RIVERSTONE BANK \$537.94, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$573.53, SCHNEIDER WILD FURS \$164.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$141.75, SETH DEBOER \$193.00, SHAWNA WINCHELL \$450.00, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$280.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$741.93, SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$391.09, SPEAK WRITE \$68.67, STATE FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING DI \$50.00, STATE GOLF HOST COMMITTEE/OTCF \$5,500.00, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37, SUN MOUNTAIN SPORTS \$161.00, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$301.70, THE CIT GROUP \$1,258.39, TOUR EDGE MFG INC \$276.00 , TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV \$75.00, TRIHYDRO CORPORATION \$3,256.50, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$1,728.00, UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVE \$4,620.00, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$15.00, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$1,160.19, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$96.00, WESTERN COOPERATIVE CO \$16,249.68, WESTERN STATES BANK \$26,232.57, WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$482.00, YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$670.00, ZAC BIBB \$193.00, GRAND TOTAL \$304,331.64

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

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Consider Ag Estate Dwelling Site (AEDS) located in the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 24 N, Range 55W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., aka 200124 Robidoux Road**

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to table, for further staff review, item #1 under Current Business regarding an Ag Estate Dwelling Site (AEDS) located in the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 24 N, Range 55W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., aka 200124 Robidoux Road. Second by Councilmember O'Neal.**

**Discussion:** Council President Gillen stated he would like to ask that a review, being performed by staff, includes those areas of town that are identified as most likely for future growth. He thinks this is what the ordinance was really geared towards for the Ag Estate Dwelling – to identify those areas in which it would be mindful of the City to look at a different acreage allotment based upon what the future growth is. He thinks that needs to be part of the City's Comprehensive Plan going forward if the City is going to make a mass change in what would be envisioned.

**Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

**2. Consider Ag Estate Dwelling Site (AEDS) located in the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 21 N, Range 55 W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., aka 200359 Robidoux Road**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to table, for further staff review, item #2 under Current Business regarding an Ag Estate Dwelling Site (AEDS) located in the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 21 N, Range 55W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., aka 200359 Robidoux Road. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

**3. Approve amended Personnel Policy 11.1**

**Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve Personnel Policy 1.11 as amended. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.**

**BIDS: None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

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

**ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welf, City Clerk

