

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
DECEMBER 18, 2017**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on December 18, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Morrison and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Weiff and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmember Holliday. 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 Morrison called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. She stated that there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge
2. Roll Call

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

Council President Morrison 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 Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular City Council meeting and the December 14, 2017 special City Council meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public hearing to consider recommending the issuance or denial of a Class "I" Liquor License submitted by Gering Hospitality Group LLC, dba Cobblestone Hotel and Suites located at 960 M Street in Gering, NE

Council President Morrison opened the public hearing to consider recommending the issuance or denial of a Class "I" Liquor License submitted by Gering Hospitality Group, LLC, dba Cobblestone Hotel and Suites located at 960 M Street in Gering, NE at 12:04 p.m. She asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to speak in favor of the application. Ben Dishman with the Gering Hospitality Group, LLC addressed Council and stated that the hotel will be opening soon and they would like to have a liquor license. Council President Morrison asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to speak in opposition of the application. Seeing none, and with no questions from the Council, she closed the administrative record and the public hearing closed at 12:05 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to enter the Administrative Record, which is the Class I Liquor License application, into the public record. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

1a. Recommend approving or denying the issuance or denial of a Class "I" Liquor License submitted by Gering Hospitality Group LLC, dba Cobblestone Hotel and Suites located at 960 M Street in Gering, NE

Motion by Councilmember Smith to recommend approving the issuance of a Class "I" Liquor License submitted by Gering Hospitality Group LLC, dba Cobblestone Hotel and Suites located at 960 M Street in Gering, NE. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Request for Personnel Standing Committee meeting – Agenda items: (1) Consider adding additional pay grade for professional level positions and (2) Consider pay grade change for the Public Services Librarian position

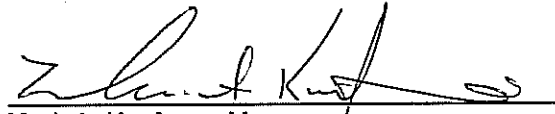
Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve a request for a Personnel Standing Committee meeting – Agenda items: (1) Consider adding additional pay grade for professional level positions and (2) Consider pay grade change for the Public Services Librarian position. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

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


ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.


Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

