

## THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Morrison and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Weiff and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmember Cowan. 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 6:00 p.m. The Council President stated that there was a quorum of the Council and City business could be conducted.

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

Council President Morrison welcomed Matt Palomo and Boy Scout Troup 17 who were present in the Council Chambers.

### 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 minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials

#### Claims:

2-3-18 to 2-16-18

ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES \$249.60 COLLECTIONS, 24/7 FITNESS \$200.00 WELLNESS, ACUSHNET CO \$81.66 GOLF CLUB WEDGE, ALLO COMM \$1,401.52 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHR, ARBOR ROCK LLC \$2,348.50 INFIELD MIX, BAKER & ASSOC INC \$6,595.00 STRUCTURAL REVIEW, BEEHLER NOLAN \$191.00 METER SCHOOL, BENEFIT PLANS INC \$292.00 QUARTERLY VALUATION, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$53.00 PEST CONTROL, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,162.87 GAS SVC 900 OVERLAND TRL, GAS 225 E D ST, UTILITIES GERING FIRE HALL, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$515.77 EMS GLOVES, CLEANING SUPPLIES, BRUNTZ BRENDA \$416.12 NPZA 2018 CONF BRUNTZ, C & M GOLF & GROUNDS \$424.01 9 BED KNIVES, CALEB PIANO TUNING \$90.00 PIANO TUNING, CHARTER COMM \$693.17 TV/INTERNET CHR, TV/INTERNET CHR CLUBHOUSE, CITY INSURANCE FUND \$163,403.72 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY OF GERING \$1,107.56 FIRE FIGHTER AWARDS BANQUET, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$5,880.21 FSA MEDICAL 125, COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS \$678.86 EVIDENCE SUPPLIES, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY \$868.00 RMEMA METER SCHOOL JORGENSEN & BEEHLER, CONNECTING POINT \$99.00 FEB COPIER SVC CONTRACT, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$27.50 PARTS FOR SHREDDER, CREDIT BUREAU SRV \$206.21 GARNISHMENT, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$290.33 HEATER, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$86.00 SALT, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$218.54 FLAT TIRE G-3/TIRE RPR G-9, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$292.00 WATER LAB, DOCU-SHRED LLC \$23.00 SHREDDING SRV, DOOLEY OIL INC \$1,472.87 FUEL FILTER/PUMP RPR AT CENTRAL PLANT/BLOWER RPR/PARTS SHOP, DUTTON LAINSON CO \$4,098.92 FUSES/ELBOWS/FEED THRU/METER SOCKET, ECOLAB \$55.00 RODENT CONTROL, ENVIRO SRV INC \$1,067.00 WATER LAB/WWW LAB, FASTENAL CO \$8,381.80 MARKING PAINT/FLAGGING TAPE/GLOVES/BRASS HARDWARE/BATTERIES/BIN FOR TRUCK/SAFETY SUPPLIES/PART FOR CONTAINER, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$36.47 CAR MAINTENANCE, FIRST NATIONAL BANK \$453,137.83 REINVEST CD THAT MATURED, FIRST STATE BANK \$323.18 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$4,843.59 PARTS G-1/RPR'S ON G-6/FILTER FOR G-9/HOOD HINGE FOR G-9, FOLCK ANNIE \$416.12 NPZA 2018 CONF FOLCK, FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS CO \$127.28 FIREFIGHTER LIFE INSURANCE, FRANK PARTS CO \$662.77 TOOLS/SHOP/LUBE/CAB FILTER FOR COMPACTOR/AIR IMPACT WRENCH, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$1,455.50 LEGAL FEES/PERSONNEL ISSUE, FRESH FOODS \$12.11 SUPPLIES BREAK ROOM, FYR-TEK \$505.25 COMPRESSOR MAINTENANCE, GALE \$282.31 12 LARGE PRINT BOOKS, GALLS AN ARAMARK CO \$1,903.03 UNIFORMS, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG \$52,500.00 HEATER FOR DISHWASHER/NEW GEO THERMAL UNITS, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT \$261.00 COMMUNICATION TRAINING 1-30-18, GP GFOA \$50.00 RENEW GPGFOA MEMBERSHIP MEJIA, GREASE N GO \$181.33 OIL CHANGE/OIL CHANGE FOR DARRELL'S TRUCK, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$510.00 JAN JANITORIAL SRV, HERTZBERG NEW METHOD INC \$118.20 8 CHILDRENS BOOKS, HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS \$940.00 RPR CRASH DOOR,

HUTCHINSON JON \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$556.85 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$112.09 CLEAN 2 TRASH CAN COVERS/EXCHANGED MATS/1 CASE SM TRASH LINERS/MAT CONTRACT, INDOFF INC \$459.37 POST IT NOTES/1 PKG LABELS/PLANNER/OFFICE SUPPLIES, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$304.10 21 BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$36,552.19 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$1,656.00 YEARLY SPAM SRV, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$2,241.76 ARRESTERS/BOX PADS, JL BECKER INC \$2,250.00 SEMI RENTAL – SNOW REMOVAL, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,677.08 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$245.74 TOOLS/MISC SUPPLIES/FITTING FOR PRIME PUMP/CLUB HOUSE RPR'S/DANCE FLOOR KEYS & TAPE, JORGENSEN WESLEY \$141.00 METER SCHOOL, KAUFMAN TONY \$513.55 2018 LEAGUE MIDWINTER CONF, KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO \$452.73 SEWER JET RPR'S, KRIZ DAVIS CO \$16,381.50 ELECTRONIC BOX/WIRE/REPLACE OUT DOOR LIGHTS/SHOP LIGHTS/CAPS/INSULATOR, LL JOHNSON DIST \$402.39 BEARING & SEAL TORO, LANE DANIELZUK \$385.12 REISSUE CHK FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR LUNCH W/SCS ENG/2018 NPZA CONF DANIELZUK, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MNGT \$846.41 COVERAGE FOR IN CAR VIDEO SYSTEM, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES \$831.60 DANIELZUK ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, LOPEZ JOSE \$313.18 OVER PAID UTILITY BILL 4101021, MATHESON TRI – GAS INC \$436.58 CUT OFF WHEELS/SAFETY GLASSES/OXYGEN, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$294.40 DOOR RPR, MEAT SHOPPE \$18,330.02 CATERING COSTS/MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$1,090.37 SHOP SUPPLIES/SPACE HEATER/WWTP BUILDING RPR'S/PROPANE TORCH KIT/SUPPLIES, MG TRUST CO LLC \$5,762.68 MG T – POLICE, MIDWEST CONNECT \$266.00 #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$17,539.75 PENS/CALCULATOR/CREAMER/FIRST AID CABINET/AED SAFETY EQUIPMENT, MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING \$43,400.00 BASES FOR LIGHTS, NATIONAL INSURANCE SRV \$1,034.64 VISION INSURANCE, NDEQ – FISCAL SRV \$50.83 SOLID WASTE QUARTERLY PYMT, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REV (PR) \$11,406.34 STATE TAXES, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$78,474.48 JAN 2018 SALES & USE TAX, NE PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC \$190.00 NPZA CONF RECHSTEINER, NE PUBLIC POWER DIST \$156.96 UTILITIES 240066 HWY 92, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$90.00 SRV CALLS FOR MICS, NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN CO \$4,455.88 ICE SLICER, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD \$1,370.00 TRANS PADS, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PAYROLL CHECKS \$113,185.27 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 2-16-18, PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC \$195.00 5 CHILDREN'S AUDIO BOOKS, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$75.00 LOOKED AT DRINKING FOUNTAIN, POSTMASTER \$1,274.00 MAILING PERMITS/POST OFFICE BOX SRV FEE, POWERPLAN OIB \$1,098.29 OIL FOR JOHN DEERE/2 FILTERS FOR JOHN DEERE 180G, PRAIRIE ARTS YOGA STUDIO \$56.00 PRAIRIE ART YOGA, PT HOSE & BEARING \$5,628.25 SPRAY PAINT/PARTS FOR WATER TRUCK/EQUIPMENT RPR/PARTS 344J/CHAIN FOR SNOW BLOWER/BACK HOE RPR, RECHSTEINER JEREMY \$403.12 NPZA 2018 CONF RECHSTEINER, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$134.91 1 REPLACEMENT CD/1 AUDIO BOOK REPLACEMENT/4 AUDIO BOOKS, ROBINSON MERCEDES \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT, RUSCH'S CONSTRUCTION \$112,437.15 CONCESSION & REST ROOM, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$319.85 KUB FRONT SHAFT/WHL BOLT/KUB RPR'S/FILTERS/KUB FILTERS, SCB COUNTY AMBULANCE SRV \$316.23 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLIS \$152.10 1 BOOK/2 CHILDRENS BOOKS, SCHROEDER MICAH \$228.00 MEAL PER DIEM TRNG GRAND ISLAND, SCOTT'S BLUFF CO CONSOLID \$85.00 ALARM FEE, SCOTT'SBLUFF TOWING SRV \$90.00 TOW FEES, SCOTT'SBLUFF – GERING UNITED \$93.00 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$241.87 PAINT FOR CONTAINERS/CLUB HOUSE RPR'S, SNARR PAUL \$2,000.00 NEW BALL FIELD/B & T METALS, WESTERN SUGAR SITES, SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55 COUNSELING SRV'S, STATE OF NE/DAS COMMUNICATION \$144.47 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHRGS, STONECO INC \$149.42 100 SHELL CRACKERS, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$650.00 FEB WATER WELL RENT, THE ROCK PILE \$577.60 CRUSHED CONCRETE 36.10 TONS, TWIN CITY ROOFING/SHEET M \$360.00 ROOF RPR AT CENTRAL PLANT, VERIZON WIRELESS \$670.04 GOLF IPAD/CELL & LAPTOP FEES/IPAD CHRGS, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$270.00 WELLNESS, WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$155.15 FR CLOTHING, WESTCO \$6,880.45 PROPANE FOR WEED BURNER/GAS, WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS \$27.99 COPIER MAINTENANCE, WESTERN STATES BANK \$14,058.02 HSA CTRB 125, WESTERN STATES BANK – POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$390.00 CLEAN BATHS/HALLS/OFFICE, YEAR ROUND EQUIPMENT & PA \$255.65 GATORLINE, YMCA \$327.00 WELLNESS,

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**BIDS:**

**1. Remove from table City of Gering Banking Services – Finance Department**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to remove from table City of Gering Banking Services – Finance Department. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

**1a. City of Gering Banking Services (Main Operating Account) – Finance Department**

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve staff's recommendation and award the City of Gering Banking Services for the Main Operating Account to Platte Valley Bank. Second by Councilmember Smith.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Gillen stated, for clarification, with the changing market in the banking industry he would suggest that the City explore this option at a minimum of every five years. He would suggest getting this on some sort of schedule and evaluate it on a consistent basis and when doing that, for future Councils, it would be good to have a cost and earnings analysis done and that it be provided so Council can see the costs and a comparative between the bids. Councilmember Wiedeman and Smith were okay with adding Councilmember Gillen's comments to the motion.

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

## **2. Pickup Bid – Public Works Department**

Pat Heath, Public Works Director, stated that staff used the Nebraska State Bid for their advertisement plus to look at pickups. He said his department requires extended cab pickups because the equipment they carry has to be stored in the pickup not in the pickup box; the equipment is very expensive. There was only one extended cab pickup in the bid this year which was the Ford. He said staff looked at the State bids and also asked the local Ford dealer for a bid to see if they could match or exceed the State bid. The bids were compared with the same options. The local dealer, Fremont Ford, was the low bid. He said we're trading in a 1996 Ford with a utility body; the one we're purchasing also has a utility body – that's why it's a little more than normal. Staff's recommendation is to award the bid to Fremont Motors for \$35,303.32 less the \$1000 trade.

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to accept staff's recommendation to approve the low bid for the Public Works Department pickup in the amount of \$34,303.32 (after trade - from Fremont Motors). Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

## **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

### **1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents pertaining to an LB840 application submitted by NTC Logistics, Inc.**

Councilmember Holliday declared a conflict of interest due to the fact that he works for NTC Logistics and was one of the applicants.

**Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to recognize Councilmember Holliday's conflict of interest regarding current business agenda item #1 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents pertaining to an LB840 application submitted by NTC Logistics, Inc. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents pertaining to an LB840 application submitted by NTC Logistics, Inc. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Wiedeman requested that Brent Holliday make a brief presentation regarding the application. Brent Holliday addressed the Council. He stated that back in November he sold the LTL, a portion of NTC, to a company out of Bismarck, ND. Mr. Holliday said he wanted to keep the "Logistics" part of it. He stated that Phillip has spent a lot of his latter career involved with several organizations that cater to the logistics business. They wanted to keep a portion of the truck load to accommodate a customer here in town that was going to struggle without their services. They decided also, through Twin City Cartage (an entity he and Phillip own), to keep some of the trucks and flatbeds. They will haul mainly flatbed products with that. They just hired another person today so they now have 14 employees; that's 14 jobs that would not have been maintained by the new company. He and Phillip

will build a new facility, a building just to the west of where NTC is presently; B & C Steel is building it. Mr. Holliday stated that they see some growth opportunities; so far NTC Logistics is doing real well. NTC Logistics has been a subsidiary of NTC for about three years prior to the sale. It is wholly owned by Mr. Holliday; they're doing well and can hopefully continue to do so. Councilmember Wiedeman clarified that there will be a \$65,000 grant for job creation for 13 jobs and \$35,000 in a loan. Mr. Holliday replied that is correct; the loan will be used for software and training. He said there are really four different entities going into that business.

Administrator Danielzuk added that on December 19, 2017 the LB840 Application Review Committee reviewed an Economic Development Assistance Application submitted by NTC Logistics, Inc. The Committee recommended approving a \$65,000 grant for 13 full-time equivalents and a loan of \$35,000.

Councilmember Gillen stated that he's in full support of this but wanted to know where this leaves us on our LB840 funding for future projects. Administrator Danielzuk replied that he doesn't have the current balance right now.

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

## **2. Annual Clerk's Report – Kathy Welfl, City Clerk**

City Clerk, Kathy Welfl, gave a brief overview of the Annual Clerk's Report and commended staff members, Carol Martin and Brenda Bruntz, for their work putting the report together.

**Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to enter the Annual Clerk's Report into the public record. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

## **3. Request for Public Safety Committee meeting – Agenda item: Review, discuss and consider amending the Burning Restriction ordinance**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve a request for a Public Safety Committee meeting – Agenda item: Review, discuss and consider amending the Burning Restriction ordinance. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

## **4. Request for Administrative Committee meeting – Agenda item: Review, discuss Electric Rates ordinance**

Councilmember Backus asked to add two more items to the agenda: 1) Consider amending City Ordinance to allow alternates for the Planning Commission, 2) Creation of by-laws for the Planning Commission.

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve a request for an Administrative Committee meeting – Agenda items: 1) Review/discuss Electric Rates Ordinance, 2) Consider amending City Ordinance to allow alternates for the Planning Commission and 3) Creation of by-laws for the Planning Commission. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

## **REPORTS:**

### **1. Liaison Report, Councilmember Morrison – Twin Cities Development**

Councilmember Morrison stated that TCD is quite excited about our new industrial park and doing all they can to try to help us get it up and going; reaching out not only nationwide but probably worldwide to try to get us some leads. They've also been working diligently on workforce housing, business start-ups and

business retention and expansion. They're working again on the E-Center – trying to get people started in their businesses so they can maybe go on to other bigger and better things. Their recruitment target industries right now are agri-business and food processing, which only makes sense where we're here in the valley, as well as manufacturing, transportation logistics, retail sites and wholesale enterprises that can go out there where we have all this land that's soon going to be all ready to go. She said they're going to do an article in an international business magazine called Business and Focus that reaches 468,000 subscribers. They're especially working on Salt Lake, Houston, Denver, Dallas, Kansas City, Minneapolis, and out as far as California for people who are trying to expand or move their businesses. She said they're getting their websites all updated and working with WNCC to try to get more classes that would be vital to us to retain business here including workforce development, Vo-tech and more. They've been working very hard and we appreciate all their work.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

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

**OPEN COMMENT SECTION:** None

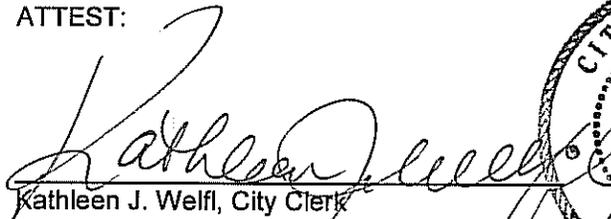
Council President Morrison stated that discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

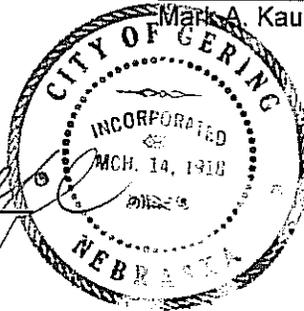
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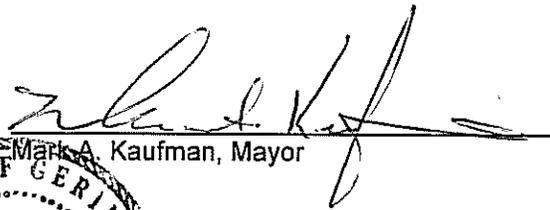
**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Cowan. Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor