

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
JANUARY 20, 2021**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on January 20, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl, and City Attorney Matt Turman. Absent were Councilmembers Backus, Morrison and 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

Mayor Kaufman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Roll Call

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.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider purchase offers submitted by potential buyers for City-owned property located at 240066 Hwy. 92, Gering, NE, also known as 130975 County Road 24

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

Councilmember Wiedeman moved pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 84-1410, also known as Nebraska's Public Meetings Law, that the Gering City Council enter into closed session for the purpose of: Strategy/negotiation session regarding the sale of City-owned real estate located at 240066 Hwy 92, Gering, NE, also known as 130975 County Road 24, including discussions of sale price and terms, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy, negotiation, and guidance from City legal counsel concerning contract provisions.

Mayor Kaufman stated that Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion that the Gering City Council enter into closed session pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 84-1410, also known as Nebraska's Public Meetings Law, for the purpose of: Strategy/negotiation session regarding the sale of City-owned real estate located at 240066 Hwy 92, Gering, NE, also known as 130975 County Road 24, including discussions of sale price and terms, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy, negotiation, and guidance from City legal counsel concerning contract provisions. Seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Abel, Wiedeman and O'Neal. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus, Morrison and O'Neal. Motion carried.

Mayor Kaufman stated that the Council is in closed session at 12:02 p.m. and invited City Administrator Pat Heath, City Attorney Matt Turman and Real Estate Agent Kim Bowman into the closed session, as well as the potential buyers or their agents should the need arise to invite them in.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to come out of closed session at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Abel, Wiedeman and O'Neal. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus, Morrison and O'Neal. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the Purchase Agreement and addendum from the Coles for the purchase of the property at 240066 Hwy. 92, Gering, NE, also known

as 130975 County Road 24, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Purchase Agreement and addendum and authorize City staff to work with Kim Bowman to finalize the contract with the potential buyer. Seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Abel, Wiedeman and O'Neal. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus, Morrison and O'Neal. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

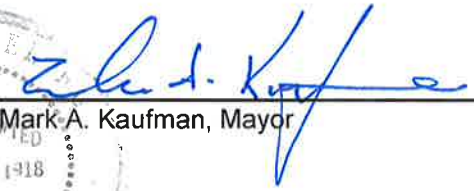
Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Gillen. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Abel, Wiedeman and O'Neal. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus, Morrison and O'Neal. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Weiff, City Clerk




Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor