

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
JANUARY 8, 2018**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. 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. The Mayor 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

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the absences of Councilmembers Smith and Holliday from the December 11, 2017 regular meeting and Councilmember Holliday and Mayor Kaufman from the December 18, 2017 special meeting. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. 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 Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of the December 18, 2017 special Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and financials
3. Approve Fire Department Roster for Nebraska State Tax Credit
4. Approve Fire Department Roster for Workers Comp
5. Approve emergency purchase of geothermal heat pumps for Civic Center

Claims:

12-2-17 to 12-15-17

ACTION COMMUNICATIONS \$8.73 PARTS G-10, ALLIANCE TIMES HERALD \$100.50 CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$135.00 PORTA POT, ACCUSTAR SURVEYING \$2,760.00 LNDFL TOPO FOR PERMIT RENEWAL, ADIDAS \$128.80 GOLF SHOES, ANDERSON & SHAW \$119,839.08 STREET DEPT BUILDING, ARMADA MEDIA CORP \$500.00 RADIO ADVERTISING, B & C STEEL \$1,410.88 BULLARD PIPE, BAKER & ASSOC. INC \$4,422.00 DWNTWN PLAZA DEVELOPMENT, BEN'S CONSTRUCTION \$11,480.00 INTERSECTION 8TH & L STREET, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$73.13 AIR FRESHNER, REST ROOM SUPPLIES, BUMPER TO BUMPER TOWING \$150.00 PD TOWING, CALLAWAY GOLF CO \$23.69 GOLF GRIPS, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$662.70 TV/INTERNET CHRG ROBIDOUX/CLUB HSE, CHRISTIAN MEDIA INC \$191.25 RADIO ADVERTISING, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,926.86 FSA MEDICAL 125, CONNECTING POINT \$132.24 DEC COPIER SRV CONTRACT, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT C \$106.96 NLETC BROWN MEALS, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$1,533.00 DIAMOND BLADE & SLEDGE HAMMERS, CORE & MAIN LP \$1,301.26 WATER MAIN RPR, CROELL INC \$3,439.00 CONCRETE 8.25 YDS, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$114.50 SALT, CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER \$2,404.92 EMRGNCY GEN, WWTP, MDTWN, CENTRAL, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$2,896.17 TIRE G-10, FLAT TIRE G-7 & G8, ROTATE LT PICKUP, DOOLEY OIL INC \$122.10 PART ALJON, DUTTON LAINSON CO \$2,179.52 SPLICE, ELBOW, CAP STAND OFF, ECOLAB \$61.79 PEST CONTROL, ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA \$410.00 1 YR SUBS, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC \$456.00 WATER LAB, ENTERPRISE IRRIGATION DIS \$1,934.45 IRRIGATION TAXES PT NE & ACCR 4, ENVIRO SRV INC \$1,173.00 WW LAB, EXCALIBUR FLORAL & CO \$480.00 DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS, FASTENAL CO \$1,339.03 RACHETS, CLAMPS, BLADER, BATTER, GLOVES, UTILITY/LOCATE PAINT, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$1,939.95 RPR'S G6, WORK G1, PARTS G6, FILTER G-, PARTS G11, TAIL LIGHTS, AIR HOSE, HOSE, WORK G9, COUPLING, PARTS STERLING TRUCK, FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG \$2,250.00 STORM WATER MGMT PLAN, FIRST STATE BANK \$321.56 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$2,150.57 WORK G9, FLOCK ANNIE \$556.57 NWEA & AWWA JOINT FALL CONF 2017, FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS

\$116.96 FIREFIGHTER LIFE INSURANCE, FRANK PARTS CO \$4,171.79 VEHICLE ANALYZER, OIL CHANGE, PARTS, SHOP SUPPLIES, WIPER BLADES, FUEL TRTMNT, 2 OIL FILTERS, RPR'S, MNTNCE SERGIO'S PU, FILTER BOB CAT, SEAL, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$213.00 LEGAL SRV'S FOR PERSONNEL, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF \$37.39 VEHICLE RPR, GALE \$24.80 1 LRG PRINT BOOK, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$24,143.60 HEAT PUMP, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT \$9,888.00 LOSAP INCENTIVE PROGRAM, GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP \$100.00 COPIER LEASE, GREY HOUSE PUBLISHING \$228.50 1 REF BOOK, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$510.00 NOV JANITORIAL SRV, HEARTLAND TRUST CO \$682,436.25 GERING CMBND UTILITIES BOND, GERING LEASING CORP BOND 2016, HENSLEY BATTERY & ELEC \$309.40 2 BATTERIES, 627 ME BATTERY, HILZER PENNY \$75.00 RV REFUND DEPOSIT REFUND, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$556.85 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$505.15 EXCHANGED MATS, DUST MOP, TOILETRIES, INDOFF INC \$259.67 LABELS, BUSINESS CARDS, BINDER, OFFICE SUPPLIES, LANDFILL, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$1,504.90 24 CHILDRENS BOOKS, 79 BOOKS, INTER CODE COUNCIL INC \$41.95 INSPECTION BOOK, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$50,700.07 FED/FICA TAX, INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID \$532.75 BATTERY FOR LAFRANCE, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$375.00 COMPUTER SUPPORT, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$179.68 GOLF GRIPS, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$15,855.88 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHN MEJIA \$771.90 CDBG RECERTIFICATION TRAINING, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$1,148.52 PLYWD TO COVER EXCAVATION HOLE, KARENS CLEANING \$425.00 DEC JANITORIAL SRV, KOVARIK ELLISON MATHIS \$2,888.75 RETAINAGE CITY ATTORNEY, KRIZ DAVIS CO \$6,064.71 DRIVE HOOK, CONNECTORS, LAMP, CT'S, NUTS, SEC PEDS, PLIERS, FREIGHT FOR PRODUCT, LL JOHNSON DISTRIBUTION \$650.00 NSN TRAINING, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MANAGEMENT \$775.58 INSURANCE 2018 FREIGHTLINER, LEIS DAVID S \$2,008.44 NEW TAILGATE BIG FREIGHTLINER, LEWIS COURTNEY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, LOGOZ LLC \$1,182.78 FALL/WINTER GARMET ORDER, UNIFORMS, OUTERWEAR JACKETS, LYON APRIL \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, MAILFINANCE \$864.95 POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE, MASEK GOLF CAR CO \$132.30 GC RPR'S, MATHESON TRI - GAS INC \$262.43 SHOP, MEAT SHOPPE \$45,466.91 CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$257.54 STORAGE UNITS FOR GEAR, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,833.42 MG T - POLICE, MIDWEST SPECIAL SRV \$364.50 PRISONER TRANSPORT FROM NORTH, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$165.59 CHAIR MAT, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$3,086.78 WATER SRV LINE RPR, NDOR - LODGING \$378.79 NOV 2017 RV LODGING, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOC \$300.00 DANIELZUK 2018 NEDA DUES, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$107.28 UTILITIES 240066 HWY 92, NE RECYCLING COUNCIL \$200.00 DUES RECYCLING, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$375.00 FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECT, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$958.96 CAT BACKHOE, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER \$529.00 NMPP DUES, NEBRASKA TITLE CO \$100.00 WORK NEW LANDFILL, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$13.00 TIRE RPR, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$15.34 TOILET RPR, PAGE MY CELL \$600.00 CELL PHONE PAGERS, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$13,213.86 DIESEL, PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL \$192.75 TESTING NEW STREET BUILDING, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$230.88 CRUSHED CONCRETE 9.21, PAYROLL CHECKS \$135,005.36 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12-8-2017, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$9,040.38 WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT, POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC OF N \$50.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES, POWER SCREENING LLC \$93.49 PARTS 6000, POWERPLAN OIB \$4,057.78 LOADER RPR, PARTS 762B, PT HOSE & BEARING \$85.01 PARTS, RAILROAD CONTROLS LP \$6,832.16 RR HORN BOARDS, RATLIFF CLINTON \$100.00 NEW BOOTS, RDJ SPECIALTIES INC \$573.45 BADGE STICKERS, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$64.79 2 AUDIO BOOKS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER GO \$165.00 DUES, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$107.87 SAW RPR, SCB COUNTY AMBULANCE SRV \$316.23 AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$20.00 HARRIS DEED, SCI DISTRIBUTION LLC \$430.00 GAS PUMP PARTS, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY TREASURER \$17,873.22 PT BLK NELSON SUB, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$114.75 UNITED WAY CTRB, SCS ENGINEERS \$5,425.77 WATER WELL, WORK PERMIT, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 PROSECTIONS 2017, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$15,574.62 CRUSHED ASPHALT 7TH STREET, SLEUTH SOFTWARE \$4,956.00 SLEUTH, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$149.40 PARTS TRUCK, SRIXON \$108.38 GOLF CLUB WEDGE, STAR HERALD \$733.43 CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING, STERKEL CRYSTAL \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, SYSCO DENVER INC \$151.82 SKIRT CLIPS, NEW HOKE, TEAM CHEVROLET \$14,175.01 LEASE VEHICLE RPR'S, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$650.00 WATER WELL LAND RENT, UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOC \$110.00 DUES USGA, USA TODAY \$339.93 1 YR SUBS, VERIZON WIRELESS \$669.80 IPAD CHRGS, VOICE NEWS \$30.00 AD GARBAGE, WALSH TOM \$256.47 IRRIGATION PROGRAMMING, WARRIOR RUN \$6,383.62 KENO FUNDS FOR WARRIOR RUN, WESTCO \$20.64 RPR'S WT TANK, WESTERN MATERIALS \$1,947.17 GRAVEL FOR ROADS AT WWTP, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULT \$75.00 POLICY ASSURANCE UPDATE DOT, WESTERN STATES BANK \$709,121.48 REINVEST CD THAT MATURED W/PVB, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING \$830.00 CLEAN HALLS, BATH, OFFICE, WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$3,139.15 RECYCLE

12-16-17 to 12-29-17

AHLER'S BAKING INC \$44.95 LB840 MTG CITIZENS ADVISORY, DONUTS FOR CLASS, AIR & SPACE \$29.00 1 YR SUBS, 21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$229.09 JD POWER SHAFT, 24/7 FITNESS \$160.00 WELLNESS, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$1,401.43 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHRNG, AMAZON \$85.48 LB840 MTG CITIZENS ADVISORY, DONUTS FOR CLASS, ANDERSON & SHAW \$159,434.78 OTP DUGOUTS, FLATWORK, WALL, STREET DEPT BUILDING PYMT, APPLIED CONCEPTS INC \$6,177.60 3 RADAR SYSTEMS, ARMADA MEDIA CORP \$500.00 RADIO ADVERTISING, B & C STEEL \$66.40 PART FOR CAN, B12 CREATIONS \$800.00 APPRECIATION GIFTS FOR STAFF, BAVCO VALVE CO \$619.60 PURCHASE BACKFLOW PREVENTER, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$164.90 PEST CONTROL, BIG BATS \$18.10 FUEL NE FAM TOUR, WNTC MTG, BKD RENTAL LLC \$2,154.20 JAN 2017 SUBSIDY PRAIRIE PINES, BLACK CLOVER ENTERPRISES \$114.55 GOLF HATS, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,045.03 UTILITIES GERING FIRE HALL, GAS 900 OVERLAND TRL, OVEN RPR'S, 1255 11TH ST UTILITIES, BLANKENAU WILMOTH LLP \$1,510.00 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$405.18 PAPER TWLS, KTCHN TWLS CLNR, REST ROOM SUPPLIES, BOMGAARS \$200.31 WINTER GLOVES, BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$307.40 MEDICAL SUPPLIES, BRIMARK BUILDERS LLC \$660,583.15 BALANCE TIF, SW, CURB, ENT, ALLEY, BRUCE LUANN \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #27 \$175.12 705 GAS UNIT NLETC, CENEX \$26.85 GAS TRANSPORT, CENTURYLINK \$2,674.50 MONTHLY TELEPHONE ALLOCATION, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$99.98 TV/INTERNET CHRNG CLUB HOUSE, CITRIX \$1,692.74 SHAREFILE RENEWAL, CITY INSURANCE FUND \$165,868.80 HEALTH PREM 125, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,835.26 FSA MEDICAL 125, COMMON GROUNDS DOG PARK \$33.51 KENO FUNDS FOR CHAIN LINK

FENCE, CONDUENT BUSINESS SRV \$675.00 SOFTWARE RENEWAL, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT \$80.99 BROWN MEAL NLETC, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$260.82 LADDER PURCHASE, COOLEY TAMMY \$357.76 MEAN MTG, CREATIVE SIGNS DIVISION \$110.00 HWY 92 BILLBOARD RPR'S, CRESCENT ELECTRIC \$160.78 BUILDING LIGHT, CRICKET \$21.95 1 YR SUBS, CROELL INC \$2,455.50 3.5 YDS CONCRETE, 16 YDS CONCRETE, DALES TIRE & RETREADING \$474.89 TIRE G6, REPLACED TIRE ON FORD SVC TRUCK, TIRE RPR ON DODGE, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT \$916.17 GLOVES LADDER, DHHS DIVISION PUBLIC HEALTH \$37.00 WATER LAB, DHHS ONLINE LICENSING \$115.00 BACK FLOW LICENSE, DOOLEY OIL INC \$1,270.95 OIL, DOOR CLOSER SRV \$130.00 LOCK REKEY & KEYS MADE & ISSUED, DUTTON LAINSON CO \$2,029.25 JUNCTION, ECOLAB \$163.99 PEST CONTROLS, EJ'S BBQ & TAKE OUT \$17.44 MEALS NE FAM TOUR MTG, ENCORE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS \$991.89 BULLARD COVER, ENVIRO SRV INC \$870.00 WW LAB, ESC ENGINEERING \$7,947.98 U ST SUB, FAIRFIELD INN \$209.90 MEAN ACE BOARD MTG, FASTENAL CO \$333.60 BOLTS, DRILL BITS, GLOVES, GLASSES, CLAMPS MISC, FEDEX \$42.48 OVERNIGHT TO HEARTLAND TRUST, FEIL NANCY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, FIRST STATE BANK \$321.56 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$177.90 WORK ON G10, FRANK PARTS CO \$1,289.35 ALTERNATOR, OIL FILTER FOR VEHICLE MAINT, FILTERS, SHOP SUPPLIES, PART FOR DODGE PICK UP, FRESH FOODS \$74.63 MEAT & CHEESE TRAY AUDITORS, DITILLED WATER, HELP AT LANDFILL, GALCO \$45.26 HEATER FOR THE DIESEL, GALE \$315.08 7 LRG PRINT BKS, GALLS AN ARAMARK CO \$520.29 PANTS, SHIRTS, UNIFORM PATCHES, GAME & FISH \$18.00 1 YR SUBS, GERING COURIER \$290.00 ADVERTISING, GERING HOSPITALITY GROUP \$71,203.00 LAND SALES, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$10,613.00 NEW GEO THERMAL UNIT, NEW FAUCET, GLAU ELIZABETH \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, GREASE N GO \$35.05 OIL CHANGE TAURUS, GROSKOPF MANUFACTURING \$422.40 CULVERT 7TH STREET, HACH CO \$481.95 FLUORIDE REAGENTS, HAWKINS INC \$2,948.00 FLUORIDE PURCHASES, HEARTLAND EXPRESSWAY \$9,214.80 HEA MEMBERSHIP DUES, HEARTLAND TRUST CO \$9,428.75 SOLID WASTE FACILITY BOND, HERTZBERG - NEW METHOD INC \$430.83 25 CHILDRENS BOOKS, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS \$606.17 HOTEL FOR CLASS, HONEY - WAGON EXPRESS \$140.00 CLEAN GREASE TRAPS, HOT ROD MAGAZINE \$24.97 1 YR SUBS, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$556.85 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$207.19 EXCHANGED MATS, CLEAN CARPETS, DUST MOPS, DOOR MATS, INDOFF INCORP \$530.88 FILE CABINET, OFFICE SUPPLIES, COPY PAPER, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$423.40 17 BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$40,397.22 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$1,145.00 COMPUTER SUPPORT, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$1,115.00 INSULATOR, TRANS POD, JOHN E REID & ASSOCIATES \$1,725.00 INTERVIEW/INTERROGATION TRNG, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,438.66 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$130.51 MISC SUPPLIES, JONES & BARTLETT LEARNING \$418.09 BOOKS FOR CLASS, KENT MARILYN \$75.24 OVER PAID FINAL 13-0310-00, KNEB \$522.00 RADIO ADVERTISING, KOVARIK, ELLISON MATHIS \$10,928.33 MAXINE & FRANK CARPENTER, INDUSTRIAL PARK, WORK NEW LAND FILL, KRIZ - DAVIS CO \$2,485.94 CONNECTOR, D E GRIP, SHACKLE, CONDUIT, CAP, WIRE, LL JOHNSON DISTRIBUTING \$981.12 MOWER RPR'S, LANE DANIELZUK \$40.11 REIMBURSEMENT FOR LUNCH MTG, LEADERSHIP SCOTTS BLUFF \$500.00 LEADERSHIP SCOTTSBLUFF, MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER \$962.00 LEAGUE CONFERENCE KAUFMAN, MEJIA, DANIELZUK, MEAT MTG, MASEK GOLF CAR CO \$45.66 GC RPR'S, MATHESON TRI - GAS INC \$12.19 WELDING ROD, MATZKER & MATOON LLC \$3,122.38 NEW LANDFILL, MAVERIK \$31.94 GAS FOR MCBRIDES PATROL UNIT, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$1,423.00 WORK LANDFILL, MCDONALD'S \$4.91 MEAL FOR ARRESTEE - JUVENILE, MEAT SHOPPE \$15,775.14 CATERING COSTS, LAND FILL, MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$572.81 6G WATER HEATER, METER HENRY \$140.00 PURCHASED USED GOLF BALLS, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,245.16 MG T - POLICE, MICHAEL DEB \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$448.66 FIRST AID REPLENISH, CORK BOARDS, CREAMER, FIRST AID, 3 BINDERS, FILE FOLDERS, MOTOR TREND \$20.00 1 YR SUBS, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$312,737.43 POWER BILL, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$68.28 WATER MAIN RPR, MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$256.77 BIBS FOR CREW, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOC \$39.00 1 YR SUBS, NATIONAL INSURANCE SRV \$1,004.28 VISION INSURANCE, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REV (PR) \$13,112.02 STATE TAXES, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,337.24 UTILITIES PHEASANT DR, NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL \$69.69 PLAN REVIEW, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$692.00 ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSP, RANGE HOOD INSPECTION, SVC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOC \$218.39 BLANK SCORECARDS FOR GOLF EVNT, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$289.28 LIFT RENTAL, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$30.33 GAS 718 UNIT, NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST \$1,600.00 POSTAGE, NEW PIG CORP \$2,401.73 HAZMAT KITS, NORTHERN TOOL \$99.98 CART CABINET, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$139.24 VALVES FOR DOG PARK, OCLC INC \$149.26 DEC CAT & ILL SUBS, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$89.52 LOCATE FEES, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD \$2,055.00 TRANS PAD, PAYROLL CHECKS \$112,142.23 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/22/17, PETRO OF YORK \$35.46 GAS 718 UNIT, PILOT #416 \$40.65 FUEL FOR TRVL TO CONF IN KRN, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$172.87 PLUMBER BILL TO REPLACE FAULTY, PONY EXPRESS STATION \$99.49 GAS MCBRIDE UNIT, POSTMASTER \$40.73 POSTAGE, MAIL, POWERPLAN OIB \$3,596.21 RPR ON JOHN DEER LOADER, PARTS 762B, PRINT EXPRESS \$170.86 LABELS, PROHS JIM \$11,017.79 RMBRSMNT FAÇADE GRANT FOR JULIE'S ANTIQUES, JANS, WHEELER, HAIR IT IS & STEEPYS, PT HOSE & BEARING \$44.61 PART G11, QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL \$23.97 MEAL TRANSPORT, RAMIREZ BRANDON \$190.95 NEED TO BE CHARGED FOR A JR MEMBERSHIP, RECORDED BOOKS LLC \$62.99 2 AUDIO BOOKS, RHINO MARKING & PROTECTIO \$602.42 PIPELINE WORKERS, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$1,958.85 LIGHT BUILDING, RODRIGUEZ SERGIO \$272.42 TRNG SURVEY EQUIP/BBALL COMP, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$264.99 BOBCAT RPR'S, SANDY'S BURRITOS \$14.95 MAYOR TO MAYOR, SCB COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$105.86 COURT FEES, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$17.00 COURT FEES, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$114.75 UNITED WAY CRTB, SCS ENGINEERS \$28,733.76 ENGINEER, SHAPE \$18.16 SUBS RENEWAL, SHELL \$29.74 GAS FOR 707, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$199.00 PARTS GUNS, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$150.00 1 YD CONCRETE, SMITHSONIAN BUSINESS VENT \$34.00 1 YR SUBS, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$2,245.00 CONTAINERS, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$593.90 POST ITS, LETTER OPENER, FOLDERS, SHIPPING RETURN, STAR HERALD \$407.85 CC CONDENSED MINUTES, WEB SITE BANNER ADV, CONCESSION BID NOTICE, STATE OF NE/DAS COMM \$146.66 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHGS, STAYBRIDGE SUITES \$217.14 718 TRAINING LODGING, STEVES CLEANING & REST \$2,086.61 CARPET CLEANING, SUBWAY SANDWICHES & SALAD \$48.38 NEW LAND FILL, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY \$63.12 MISC SUPPLIES, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$504.51 GOLF CLUB DRIVER, TEAM CHEVROLET \$748.23 WING LEASE VEHICLE, BRAKE BOOSTER 2013 CHEVY FB, THE COTTAGE JOURNAL \$29.00 1 YR SUBS, THE LIBRARY STORE INC \$83.03 8 ACRYLIC FRAMES, THE UNION BAR \$6,075.30 RMBRSMNT FAÇADE GRANT 1405 & 1403 10TH STREET, TIME \$44.95 1 YR SUBS, TYNDALE \$200.10 SAFETY GEAR, UNANIMOUS \$60.00 WEB SITE

SUPPORT NOV 2017, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD \$3,090.00 LEASE PYMT PUBLIC ROADWAY, UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$15.00 PRE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST, VARIDESK \$790.00 ANNIE'S & TAMMY'S DESK, WALMART \$2.48 1 PKG SNAP PEAR FOR ST, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$60.00 WELLNESS, WATCH GUARD VIDEO \$465.00 15 SHIRT CLIPS, WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$155.15 FR JACKET, WESTCO \$7,579.54 GASOLINE, PROPANE FOR FORKLIFT, WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS \$105.74 COPIER MAINTENANCE, WESTERN STATES BANK \$4,396.34 HSA CTRB 125, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, WILLIAMS BECKY & DON \$100.00 TREE REBATE, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$580.00 CLEAN HALLS, BATHS, OFFICE, WOODS & AITKEN LLP \$285.00 DANIELZUK'S CONTRACT, WORLD BOOK INC \$999.00 SET OF WB ENCYCLOPEDIA, YMCA \$459.32 WELLNESS,

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

BIDS:

1. Electric Department Truck bid

Doug Parker, Electric Superintendent, stated that he's replacing a 2004 truck with a new one.

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve staff's recommendation to award the Electric Department Truck/utility bed bid to Fremont Motors in the amount of \$40,198.84. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Sanitation Department Truck Cab & Roll Off Hoist bid

Darrel Vance, Environmental Services Director, stated that the City received a number of bids, staff recommends awarding the bid to Floyd's Truck.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve staff's recommendation and award the Sanitation Department Truck Cab and Roll Off Hoist bid to Floyd's Truck in the amount of \$166,410.00 plus an additional three-year warranty for a total of \$169,310.00. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

3. Sanitation Department - Landfill Truck, Cab & Packer Body bid

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve staff's recommendation and award the Sanitation Department Landfill Truck, Cab and Packer Body bid to Floyd's Truck in the amount of \$203,887.00 plus a three-year warranty for a total amount of \$206,787.00. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

4. U Street Substation Equipment and Material bid

Doug Parker, Electric Superintendent, stated that ESC went out for bids for the City. They recommend the low bid of \$135,544.75 from Kris-Davis.

Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve a recommendation by ESC Engineering and award the U Street Substation Equipment and Material bid to Kris-Davis in the amount of \$135,544.75. Second by Councilmember Morrison.

Discussion: Councilmember O'Neal asked about the purchase order being needed by December 15, 2017. Mr. Parker replied that they were aware that it wasn't going to be approved until January of 2018.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (None)

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider approving recommendation by the Personnel Committee re: adding additional pay grade for professional level positions and pay grade change for the Public Services Librarian position

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve a recommendation by the Personnel Committee regarding: adding an additional pay grade, Grade 28, for a professional level position pertaining to the City Engineer position and a pay grade change from a Grade 13 to a Grade 15 for the Public Services Librarian position. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Request to add another agenda item to an already approved Public Safety Committee meeting – Agenda item: AEDs at City-owned facilities

Motion by Councilmember Holliday to approve a request to add another agenda item to the already approved Public Safety Committee meeting – Agenda item: AEDs at City-owned facilities. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

3. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a Completion Agreement with Gering Hospitality Group, LLC for the new Cobblestone Hotel

Motion by Councilmember Holliday to authorize the Mayor to sign a Completion Agreement with Gering Hospitality Group, LLC, for the new Cobblestone Hotel. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

4. City of Gering Consent to Sale of Cottonwood Apartments from 49 Cottonwood Apartments, LP to Western Cottonwood, LLC

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute the Deed of Trust and Deed of Reconveyance which requires Western Cottonwood, LLC to be obligated to the requirements of the Home Investment Partnership Agreement and HOME program contract and allow the City to consent to the assumption of the conditional grant by new owner, Western Cottonwood, LLC. The Final transfer of all documents by the City to the Seller and Buyer at closing is subject to all appropriate documents being executed by Sellers and new Buyer at the discretion of the City Attorney for the City of Gering. Second by Councilmember Smith.

Discussion: Councilmember Gillen stated there's a lot of legal work that's going into this and a lot of expenditure being taken on by the City to go through this change. Is there anything that would prevent us from taking on the cost of all the paperwork again? City Attorney Ellison replied yes, the Home Program documents, as they were originally executed in 2001 and 2002, require the owner of the property to pay for all legal fees and costs associated with this; a bill has already been sent and it will be taken care of at the time of closing. There will be no costs to the City of Gering. A new Deed of Trust will be required that will require the new owners be obligated to the original conditions. Gering will have a lien on that property and at the appropriate time, when all the time has gone by, they can come back to the City and request a lien release. They'll have to fulfill all the requirements in the meantime. It was originally for 35 years; right now because it was converted from a loan to a grant we're probably looking at 20 years from the date of completion of construction, so it's probably going to be around 2022. Councilmember Backus

asked if there is something that the residents are going to need to be aware of. Mr. Ellison said that he doesn't think the residents will even know this is taking place. The owners of the property are the ones that are required to follow the guidelines of the program through DED grants, etc. Councilmember Backus asked if after 2022 it doesn't have to follow those low-income guidelines. Mr. Ellison replied that's his understanding.

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

5. Agreement to Amend Contract – Joseph R. Hewgley Associates (Gering Public Library)

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve amending the contract with Joseph R. Hewgley Associates for the Gering Public Library for \$4500 to explore another site option. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman.

Discussion: Councilmember Gillen asked if we know what property we're looking at for the additional expenditure. Suzanne Myers, Library Board President, replied that the Library Board met to decide about the properties they might be interested in. They did that in closed session because they're not sure they want the property they're looking at to be in the public yet. They closely looked at the Lane property, Legion Park and neither was good. They met with the Parks Board, and two of the Councilmembers were present when they met, and the Parks Board suggested that they look at Oregon Trail Park, so they did. She said in the Park's Board minutes they were very particular about having it only in one specific location. The Library Board considered paying for the additional cost for the site we're talking about tonight in addition to Oregon Trail Park but they thought it was more fiscally responsible to just look at one at a time. Their preference is the one they'd like Council to approve tonight. The location is the primary reason that they're doing that. Many people, including the library specialists, have told them that location is the most important thing for them to look at. They're not opposed to looking at Oregon Trail Park but they think the other location they're looking at is better. She said they don't know if the assessment will come back that it's okay, but if not they can look at another option, possibly Oregon Trail Park.

Mayor Kaufman added that if we think back to what the budget process is for each individual department, the library has been exploring their library project for quite some time. Mrs. Myers noted they've been working on this since 2009. Mayor Kaufman went on to say that the Library has been allocating funds out of their budget to vet out sites and really prepare for this project for when it gets to a more public timeframe. They've looked at multiple sites already but based on a lot of changes that have happened in the community in the last 15 months, another site has been elevated to be re-vet and make sure that it's under consideration so that when they do go public with a potential site they have all the necessary documentation and data on those sites. Mayor Kaufman stated that he knows it's an expense and it seems like it's more money but that's the process when you do projects of this magnitude. He said you've got to have the research and the documentation behind it for the site selection. Council charges the public sector, in this case the Library Board, with the job of vetting out that project and getting us information that we can hang our hat on so to speak. He said he applauds them for their efforts; this would be just another component to that process.

Mrs. Myers stated that this \$4500 would come from what they already budgeted as she understands it. Councilmember Holliday asked where they're at with the previous study that they did about a year ago. Mrs. Myers replied that Hewgley assessed the current library, the Lane property and Legion Park - first the library to see how much it would cost to renovate and what kinds of things needed to happen to renovate it for the needs of our future library. She said when the Library Board looked at that they thought "Wow" - they wouldn't gain much and it would be very difficult to do at the site where it is. The Lane property was too close to the residential area and parking was an issue; it would have to be two-story and additional staff would be needed. That's a long-term expense over many years. Hewgley proposed two different designs for Legion Park that took a bigger footprint than expected. The Parks and Library Board decided that probably wasn't going to be as effective as the Library Board originally thought. There was also a lot of community discomfort with that. Councilmember Holliday stated that he was curious because he didn't think anyone on the Council had seen those results and all of a sudden

they're being asked to throw \$4500 towards another study when they haven't even seen the results of the previous study. He said his thought is why would Council continue to throw money at it when they aren't getting any results back from the first one. He said without seeing the studies it's hard to justify the additional cost.

Mrs. Myers replied that she understands. She said they did meet with the Parks Board and had that combined meeting... Meagan Heyward, Architect for Hewgley & Associates, addressed Council and stated that the City wouldn't be paying for a separate study but for an amendment to the current study. She stated that Council hasn't seen the results because they want to have a full picture before they present it to the Council; they don't have adequate results yet. Councilmember Holliday replied but Council has to justify why the City would give them more money and not have that information. To him, it's hard to justify why the City would do an additional study. He understands this is the same study but it's an additional piece. He's trying to justify, without any information, what is going on. Mrs. Myers stated that the original contract did limit them to looking at two sites but it also stated that there would be costs if they had other studies. Mayor Kaufman asked if there was any further discussion and stated that there is a motion and a second.

There was no further discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Wiedeman, Morrison. "NAYS": Backus, Holliday, O'Neal, Cowan. Mayor Kaufman broke the tie by voting "AYE". Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

6. Approve Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- o Civil Service Commission
- Etta Taylor

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the appointment of Etta Taylor to the Civil Service Commission. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

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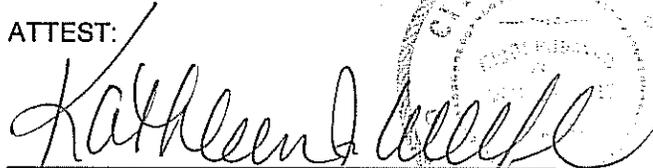
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ADJOURN:

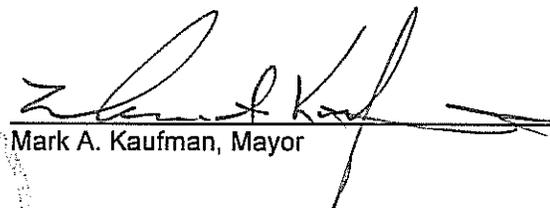
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor