

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, JULY 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on July 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Councilmembers Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl, Finance Director Renae Jimenez and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Kaufman, Councilmembers Morrison and Smith. 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:

Acting President Gillen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and stated that there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse councilmember absence

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to excuse the absence of Councilmember Smith from the July 13, 2020 regular meeting. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion Carried.

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

Acting 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 Acting 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:

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. Approve minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular City Council meeting and the June 29, 2020 Budget Overview Session
2. Approve Claims and Financials

Claims

7-10-2020 to 7-22-2020

ACTION COMMUNICATIONS \$525.00; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$1,919.62; AL'S TOWING, INC \$225.00; ANDERSON SHAW CONSTRUCTION \$78,250.72; ARBOR ROCK, LLC \$2,116.87; BETTER HOMES & GARDENS \$10.00; CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$1,497.02; TERRY CARPENTER, INC. \$650.00; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$678.83; CONNECTING POINT \$1,871.17; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$48.00; CULLIGAN WATER CONDITION \$6.00; CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER \$1,071.77; D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, \$24.45; DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING \$152.50; DEMCO \$295.12; DEX \$46.00; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$264.82; ECOLAB \$300.00; ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO. \$1,187.08; ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$460.00; ENVIRO SERVICE INC. \$2,102.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$906.91; FIRST STATE BANK \$337.53; FLOYD'S SALES & SERVICE, \$6,836.61; DEARBORN GROUP \$120.40; GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & \$119.00; GREASE N GO \$51.15; HAWKINS, INC. \$3,216.60; HOME DEPOT \$135.30; IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC. \$455.35; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$946.19; INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO. \$1,388.91; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$51,187.35; JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$522.46; JOHNSON CORROSION ENGINEE \$764.00; JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$887.70; L. L. JOHNSON DISTRIBUTIN \$4,344.75; LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALIT \$702.00; MEAT SHOPPE \$6,370.08; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$314,008.71; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF \$498.68; NDEQ - FISCAL SERVICES \$12,696.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT \$462.93; NE. FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION \$125.00; NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION \$603.00; NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT \$150.00; NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY \$426.50; NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$6,101.00; NE STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFI \$720.00; NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$262.11; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, \$177.97; PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$14,231.80; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$6,337.00; POSTMASTER \$800.00; POWERPLAN OIB \$11,913.01; PRAISE WINDOWS, INC. \$280.00; RECORDED BOOKS, LLC \$107.98; RED BARN SHOP, LLC \$73.87; PAUL L. REED CONSTRUCTION \$10,110.66; ROGERS, JASON \$38.80; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$99.16; SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SER \$316.23; SCB. COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$58.00; SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$1,075.00; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P \$1,500.00; SIMON CONTRACTORS \$486,873.40; SLAFTER OIL COMPANY \$51.18; SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55; SONNY'S TOWING \$125.00; STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$307.89; STATE OF NE/DAS COMMUNIC \$159.52; WESTCO \$24.42; WINCHELL CLEANING SERVICE \$1,040.00; MENARDS \$226.98; IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$3,747.95; INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLU \$5,435.39; MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO., \$1,188.09; CENTURYLINK \$3,000.74; VERIZON WIRELSS \$574.86; JOHN HANCOCK USA

\$15,175.08; ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$709.74; PING \$101.80; BAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$796.25; NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$3,580.62; OCLC, INC. \$160.66; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$52.74; SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CRED \$528.37; MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$210.92; DOOLEY OIL, INC. \$1,165.67; DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$173.00; THE ROCK PILE \$2,377.71; BETSY ROSS FLAG GIRLS INC \$158.50; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$110.26; US AUTO FORCE \$313.96; NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE \$420.00; JIRDON \$8,042.55; TORRINGTON SOD FARMS \$113.40; RR DONNELLEY \$36.97; EASY PICKER GOLF PRODUCTS \$398.83; CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT \$512.16; HOA SOLUTIONS, INC. \$16,872.62; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC \$909.50; UNANIMOUS \$335.00; DAVIES, MIKE \$730.38; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$658.17; ACUSHNET COMPANY \$220.62; RUSSELL INDUSTRIES \$161.37; WESTERN STATES BANK \$28,195.74; WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$516.00; A & A PORTA POTTIES \$270.00; POWER SCREENING, LLC \$701.92; AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE \$3,825.09; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,097.41; FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$1,132.26; INDOFF INCORPORATED \$534.25; CORE & MAIN LP \$5,704.00; ADIDAS \$421.92; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES \$5,218.05; MATRIX TRUST COMPANY \$554.70; STATE OF NEBRASKA \$403.97; THE TORO COMPANY \$155.00; VERIZON CONNECT \$38.90; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$1,481.19; TRIHYDRO CORPORATION \$5,465.75; E-Z- GO DIVISION OF TEXT \$210.00; LONDON FLATS, LLC \$754.74; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, \$237.32; GOLF AND SPORT SOLUTIONS, \$2,036.67; JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,144.04; GWORKS \$1,850.00; BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$2,185.72; SPEAK WRITE \$887.91; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCT \$164.46; WHITING SIGNS, LLC \$350.00; MONTELONGO, KARLA \$75.00; GEN PRO ENERGY SOLUTIONS \$342.50; WALLACE, MISTIE \$100.00; ZLOMKE, JAMESLEE \$20.00; ESKAM, JENNIFER \$20.00; PERSHALL, MARIE \$75.00; PAYROLL CHECKS \$165,603.97

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilmember Abel. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion Carried.

BIDS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Request for Personnel Committee meeting – Agenda items: 1.) Consider pay grades for new positions - Customer Service Clerk and Accounting Clerk II 2.) General discussion to request that all City Departments look for efficiencies and potential cost savings within their departments related to personnel

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve a request for a Personnel Committee meeting with Agenda items: 1.) Consider pay grades for new positions - Customer Service Clerk and Accounting Clerk II 2.) General discussion to request that all City Departments look for efficiencies and potential cost savings within their departments related to personnel. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion Carried.

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

REPORTS: (Information only)

1. Liaison report, Councilmember Gillen – Gering CVB

Councilmember Gillen stated that the City appreciates the job that Karla Niedan-Streeks does, being a steward of our tourism within the valley. The CVB Board is a fun and interesting board to sit on, because a lot of what drives our economy in Gering is tourism dollars coming in to our community. Since his last report, there has been exciting news such as the National Balloon Finals last year; that went off really well. We appreciate staff's efforts to make sure that was a success.

Tourism this year is a different culture than it was last year. With the Coronavirus, it took a hit, but we're fortunate that some of our amenities, like our RV Park, is doing really well because of people wanting to stay in their own space while still travelling with their families. There will not be a National Balloon Finals this year, but they will be holding a qualifying event during Old West Balloon Fest. Some of the people who are part of the Nationals will still come and fly and participate in the glow. The Nationals will extend their contract with Gering for an extra year, so we'll still get to have it the same number of years, they just pushed it out a year.

National Tourism Week was very successful, but different this year. Much of it was done virtually. We're finding new and interesting ways to market our area using brochures, digital and other methods to promote our attractions.

OPEN COMMENT SECTION: Acting President Gillen stated that an open comment period will be held. Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. None

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.


Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

