

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 15, 2017**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on June 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Julie Morrison and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal and Cowan. Also present were City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Kaufman, Councilmember Backus and City Administrator Lane Danielzuk. 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 12:03 p.m. She stated that there was a quorum of the Council 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.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents including a Deed of Trust between the City of Gering and The Gering Hospitality Group, LLC

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Economic Development Assistance Agreement and related documents including a Deed of Trust between the City of Gering and The Gering Hospitality Group, LLC. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion Carried.

2. Approve Ordinance 2048 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA (THE "CITY") OF \$902,500 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY'S TAX ALLOCATION BONDS (COBBLESTONE PROJECT), SERIES 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING ALL OR PART OF THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT AREA WITHIN THE CITY; PLEDGING THE TIF REVENUES TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THE SAME FALL DUE AND TO CARRY OUT ALL OTHER COVENANTS OF THIS ORDINANCE; LIMITING THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS SOLELY TO SAID TIF REVENUES; CREATING AND ESTABLISHING FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS BY NEGOTIATION; MAKING OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING; AND APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Councilmember Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2048 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA (THE "CITY") OF \$902,500 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY'S TAX ALLOCATION BONDS (COBBLESTONE PROJECT), SERIES 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING ALL OR PART OF THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT AREA WITHIN THE CITY; PLEDGING THE TIF REVENUES TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THE SAME FALL DUE AND TO CARRY OUT ALL OTHER COVENANTS OF THIS

ORDINANCE; LIMITING THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS SOLELY TO SAID TIF REVENUES; CREATING AND ESTABLISHING FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS BY NEGOTIATION; MAKING OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING; AND APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Wiedeman moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2048 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the role. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion Carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Council President declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2048 was read by title only, Councilmember Cowan moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith. The question is shall Ordinance No. 2048 be passed? There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion Carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Council President declared passed.

**3. Authorize the Mayor to sign documents that are required as part of the closing related to the Hotel and Redevelopment Agreement**


Motion by Councilmember Gillen to authorize the Mayor to sign documents that are required as part of the closing related to the Hotel and Redevelopment Agreement. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. 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 O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Council President called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

