

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,  
June 24, 2019**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on June 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. Absent were Councilmembers Holliday, Wiedeman and O'Neal. 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 6:11 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 Morrison to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Gillen and Holliday from the June 10, 2019 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. 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 June 10, 2019 regular Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials

**Claims:**

**6-1-19 to 6-14-19**

ACUSHNET CO \$749.69 GOLF CLUB DRIVER/24 GOLF HATS, ADIDAS \$84.00 GOLF SHOES, ALLO COMM \$1,892.83 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHRG'S, AMAZON CAPITAL SRV'S \$90.70 SRP BOOKS/100 PK DV CASES/1 TREASURE CHEST/2 BOOKS/2 PK SCISSORS CIRCUT BLADE & MATS/RETURNED NEW SCANNER WRONG ONE, AZUCAR BAND \$300.00 TOUR DE NE ENTERTAINMENT, BAKER & ASSOC INC \$10,447.50 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PLAZA, BAVCO VALVE CO \$210.00 BACK FLOW RPR KIT, BEAMAN KATHY \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$142.20 PEST CONTROL 1035 M ST/200531 WEST U, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS \$33.91 1 BOOK, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$785.28 BATHROOM SUPPLIES/MURIATIC ACID/PAPER TOWELS/RV PARK BATHROOM SUPP/CLEANING SUPP, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES \$1,953.06 COUPLER/PHOTO CELL BRACKET/LUBE / RISER / CONDUIT / RECEPTICAL/ CONNECTORS / AMPHITHEATER ELECTRICAL/LAMPS/TRUCK RPR/PEDESTAL, BUHR CHRIS \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, CALLAWAY GOLF CO \$208.74 24 GOLF BALLS, CHARTER COMM \$628.66 TV/INTERNET CHRG ROBIDOUX, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,804.74 FSA MEDICAL 125, CLARKE CHRISTIE \$1,200.00 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, COLLOPY PERFORMANCE AND MACH \$30.00 BRAKE DRUM RPR, COMMON GROUNDS DOG PARK \$11,000.00 KENO FUNDS - 3 PROJECTS, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$189.00 WHEEL, COOLEY TAMMY \$199.03 MUNICIPAL ACCTNG CONF/FUEL PURCHASE MEAN MGT, CORE & MAIN LP \$1,812.57 11 WATER METERS, COULTER INC \$90.00 RPR'S ON OVEN, COZAD SIGNS LLC \$540.00 RPR VEHICLE VINYL, CREDIT BUREAU SRV \$217.49 GARNISHMENT, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$92.33 LIGHT BULBS AT CITY HALL/LIGHT BULBS, CROSSROADS MUSIC \$700.00 TOUR DE NE ENTERTAINMENT, D & H ELECTRONICS SUPPLY \$74.36 TRUCK RPR, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$288.39 TIRE G-9, DANA F COLE & CO \$725.00 GLC TAX PREP FEE, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT \$64.70 BATTERIES FOR FLASHLIGHTS, DEMCO \$93.46 CATALOGING SUPP, DISCOVER BANK \$166.29 GARNISHMENT 2, DOOLEY OIL INC \$1,902.86 OIL FOR TRUCKS/DDEF ALL TRUCKS, ECOLAB \$234.30 PEST CONTROL @ CITY HALL/225 D STREET/WWTP, EDGERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION \$498.97 SRP PRESENTATION, ENVIRO SRV INC \$1,716.00 WATER LAB/WW LAB/WATER AT LANDFILL, FAIRFIELD INN \$114.95 HOTEL COOLEY MEAN MTG, FASTENAL CO \$380.01 STAINLESS STEEL BOLTS/WASHERS/PART FOR CONTAINERS/THIMBLE/ SCRAPER/BOLTS/BUNGEE STRAP/GLOVES/BATTERY, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$193.00 TIRES FOR TRAILER, FIRST STATE BANK \$367.77 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$11,831.56 CLEVIS/WORK G-9/WORK G-1/WORK G-5/STRAPS FOR G-12/ OIL FILTER KIT FOR G-9, FRANK PARTS CO \$272.89 OIL SEAL/ANTIFREEZE/RPR JD 2010/BATTERIES CASE TRACTOR/MOWER, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$2,812.50 LEGAL PERSONNEL ISSUE, GALE \$71.17 2 LRG PRINT BOOKS, GALL'S INC \$119.90 UNIFORMS, GEALY JERRY \$150.00 REFUND DEPOSIT 5-18-19 EVENT, GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS \$608.00 PED BUTTON ASSY, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING

\$799.00 PUMP REBUILD/START BOILER, GOLF & SPORT SOLUTIONS \$19,340.00 INFIELD RENOVATION STADIUM, GRAINGER \$31.64 RPR KIT FOR BACKFLOW PRV/NTR, GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP \$100.00 COPIER LEASE, HACH CO \$680.52 PH PROBE FOR WWTP LAB, HAWKINS INC \$2,748.66 POOL CHEMICALS, HEARTLAND TRUST CO \$135,206.25 GLC BOND SERIES 2016 INTEREST/GLC BOND SERIES 2018 FEES/INTEREST WATER & WW BOND/GLC BOND SERIES 2018 INTEREST, HENKEL HENRY & WANDA \$166,850.40 ANNUAL REAL ESTATE PYMT, HERTZBERG NEW METHOD INC \$140.36 9 CHILDRENS BOOKS, HIGH PLAINS FEEDYARD \$150.00 REFUND DEPOSIT FOR 6-1-19 EVENT, HOME DEPOT \$20.30 VACUUM FILTER, HORIZON WEST INC \$66.57 FILTER, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$642.24 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$757.13 EXCHANGED MATS/RUG CLEANING/2 MATS/20 MOPS/DOOR MATS/9 MATS/ TOILET PAPER/PAPER TOWELS, INDOFF INC \$23.33 PENS/9V BATTERIES/CLIP BOARDS/HIGHLIGHTERS/OFFICE SUPPLIES, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV'S \$798.25 50 BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$47,639.11 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECH SOLUTIONS \$1,128.90 COMPUTER SUPPORT, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$36,252.78 CUT OUT/WIRE, JIRDON \$1,313.03 HERBICIDE FOR PARKS/PATHWAY, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,528.47 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$1,073.85 CHAIN LADDER TO WALL/FORM BOARDS/GLASS SCRAPER/ PARTS FOR SHOP WORK/MATERIAL FOR RAISED BEDS/CONCRETE MIX FLAT HEAD STONE/SILICONE TO FILL CRACKS/MATERIALS FOR RAISED BEDS, KARENS CLEANING \$425.00 JUNE JANITORIAL SRV'S, KARN MIRANDA \$135.26 OVERPAID FINAL 18-1020-35, KIWANIS FUND RAISER \$1,146.02 RMBRSMNT COLLECTED WENTRY FEE, KNEB \$623.00 ADVERTISING, LL JOHNSON DIST \$39.66 SAFETY VIDEO, LANE DANIELZUK \$624.36 MUNICIPAL ACCTNG CONF, LYNN PEAVEY CO \$267.50 BLOOD KITS FOR DUI'S, MAILFINANCE \$864.95 POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE PYMT, MATRIX TRUST CO \$7,056.94 MG T-POLICE, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$235.00 OLD PARK SHED GARAGE DOOR RPR, MEAT SHOPPE \$14,529.58 MANAGEMENT CONTRACT/CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$713.64 PLUMBING PARTS/TOOLS/PARTS WW PLANT SINK/EXTENSION CORD/RPR FOUNTAIN/CLOCK FOR POOL EXTERIOR/ STORM DRAIN AT STADIUM/PAINT/BRUSHES/WATER FOUNTAIN RPR, MERCHANT JT & S \$1,210.00 MERCHANT BOOKS SHAW & BIBB, MIZUNO USA INC \$98.86 GOLF CLUB, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$372.54 INDEX TABS/OFFICE SUPPLIES, MONUMENT GRILL \$405.00 RMBRSMNT KIWANIS TOURNAMENT, MONUMENT SHADOWS MENS ASSOC \$114.00 RMBRSMNT FOR DUES LEAGUE FEES, NDOR LODGING \$844.25 MAY 2019 LODGING TAX, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$60,787.65 MAY 2019 SALES & USE TAX, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$43.42 UTILITIES 240066 HWY 92, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$324.00 ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION/TESTING OF SPRINKLERS, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOC \$3,442.00 HANDICAP FEES, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$16.50 FLAT TIRE RPR, NORLAB INC \$227.00 SEWER DYE, OMAHA SLINGS INC \$112.65 SLINGS, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$93.38 LOCATE FEES, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 JUNE 2019 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$2,876.18 CONCRETE FINES STADIUM/13 TON CONCRETE FINES/ROCK DIAMOND BACKSTOP, PAYROLL CHECKS \$153,762.31 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 6-7-19, PETTY CASH \$44.90 PETTY CASH, PILQUIST TRESA \$192.85 HAD TO LEAVE EARLY – REFUND, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$1,470.58 NEW WTR HEATER AT CITY HALL, PLANET BOUNCE LLC \$250.00 BOUNCE HOUSE FOR ENDING SRP, PLATTE VALLEY BANK \$875.00 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PICNIC, POWER SCREENING LLC \$208,791.31 RPR'S ON SHREDDER, POWERPLAN OIB \$665.84 CIRCUIT BOARD JOHN DEERE 15/WINDOW KNOB FOR BACKHOE, PRINT EXPRESS \$133.40 TRAFFIC STOP REPORTS, PSI-DIGITAL IMAGING SOLU \$240.45 INK PLOTTER, REXUS JOSH \$66.90 OVERPAID FINAL 24-0828-00, RICH'S WRECKIN G & USED CA \$275.00 NEW CAR SEAT, RICHTER ALAINA \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, RODRIGUEZ JOSE \$85.00 TOW SRV, ROJAS ROGER JR \$150.00 TOUR DE NE ENTERTAINMENT, RON'S TOWING \$275.00 TOW OF G-6, ROTARY DISTRICT 5440 \$269.64 OVER PYMNT, SALAZAR EDWARD \$200.00 TOUR DE NE ENTERTAINMENT, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$846.24 BOB CAT RENTAL/2 CYCLE OIL FOR TRIMMERS, SCB CO SHERIFF OFFICE \$56.44 SHERIFF'S FEES FOR PAPER SRV, SCOTTSBLUFF – GERING UNITED \$70.75 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 JUNE 2019 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SHAW KALEB \$81.00 JOURNEYMAN ELEC LICENSE, SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$4,286.00 PAINT & BEADS, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$333.00 3 YDS CONCRETE BALLFIELD, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT CO \$175.20 PARTS TRUCK, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$34.98 FLASH DRIVES, STATE OF NEBRASKA \$860.00 BALDWIN & YARWOOD OVER PYMT, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, TRAVELODGE \$614.00 FIRE SCHOOL COCHRANE & CLOSSON, TREVINO XZILARY \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, UHRICH AMANDA \$164.00 MUNICIPAL ACCTING CONF, US AUTO FORCE \$32.92 FLAT BED TRAILER TIRE, VAN PELT FENCING \$2,816.86 REPLACE FENCE SLIDE PUMP, VERIZON WIRELESS \$1,366.25 IPAD CHRGS/AIR CARDS FOR CAMERAS/GOLF SHOP IPAD/WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY FOR MDTSON CALL CELL/LAPTOP FEES, WALMART \$27.40 SHOWER CURTAINS/PAINTERS TAPE, WESTCO \$5,043.62 DIESEL/GAS/FUEL FOR LANDFILL, WESTERN PRAIRIE TITLE \$320.17 OVERPAID FINAL 16-0470-09, WESTERN STATES BANK \$43,659.05 HSA CTRB 125/RED BARN TIFF PYMT PHASE II/GERING/SCB SINKING FUND, WESTERN STATES BANK – POL \$340.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$730.00 CLEAN HALLS/BATHS/OFFICE

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

#### **BIDS:**

#### **1. HMA Overlay Bid for 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, N Street and Sage Street – Transportation Department**

Casey Dahlgren, Transportation Superintendent, stated that one bid was received for the HMA Overlay; staff budgeted \$235,777. Staff recommends accepting the bid from Simon Contractors for the HMA Overlay for 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, N Street and Sage Street in the amount of \$237,166.29. Councilmember Gillen expanded on only receiving one bid. Mr. Dahlgren stated that they're the only contractor doing this in the area. They don't believe the bid is out of line; it's less than a \$2000 difference from the engineer's estimate.

Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve staff's recommendation to accept the low bid from Simon Contractors for the HMA Overlay for 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, N Street and Sage Street in the amount of \$237,166.29. Second by Councilmember Morrison. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Public hearing to consider Stormwater regulations & ordinance and preliminary discussion on how this will effect excavators, contractors and developers**

Mayor Kaufman opened a public hearing to consider a Stormwater regulations & ordinance and preliminary discussion on how this will affect excavators, contractors and developers at 6:17 p.m. Pat Heath, Public Works Director, presented a power point presentation. Mr. Heath noted that the Planning Commission sent a positive recommendation to the Council for approval of this ordinance.

**City of Gering Stormwater Regulations and Ordinances**

**Clean Water Act:**

- CWA became law in 1974
- Established to protect the nations rivers, streams and costal areas
- 1990 revision required Cities above 100,000 to obtain permits to discharge stormwater
- 1999 revision required Cities above 10,000 to obtain permits to discharge stormwater
- 2010 revision required Cities in urbanized areas to obtain permits to discharge stormwater
- 2010 Revisions to CWA brought the City into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, (MS4) regulations
- Discharges into sensitive waters
- High growth, or growth potential
- Contiguity to an urbanized area
- Contributes to the pollutant loadings of a physically interconnected MS4

**NDEQ Notification**

- February 8, 2017 the NDEQ notified the City of Gering that they will issue the City a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, (NPDES Permit) to discharge stormwater
- July 1, 2018 City received our NPDES permit to discharge stormwater to the waters of the State
- We have 5 years to fully comply with the NPDES Permit

**NPDES Permit Requirements**

- Develop a Stormwater management plan with six control measures
- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Develop Construction Requirements and Control Measures
- Develop Post Construction Storm Water Management
- Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention
- Establish 3 ordinances to prevent stormwater pollution
  - 1) Stormwater Ordinance;
    - Regulates the contribution of pollutants to the MS4 system
    - Prohibit illicit connections and discharges
    - Prevent non-storm water discharges
    - Establish inspection, monitoring and enforcement procedures
  - 2) Construction Ordinance;
    - Establish procedures to Control land disturbances
    - Eliminate soil erosion and sedimentation
    - Establish procedures for the issuance, approval and enforcement of permits
  - 3) Post Construction Ordinance;
    - Staff will present at a later date
    - Ordinance meets the minimum requirements of the NPDES Permit and Nebraska Title 119

Ordinance is the same ordinance the City of Scottsbluff has used for several years

### Tri-City Stormwater

- Interlocal agreement adopted in 2018
- Allows the Cities of Gering, Scottsbluff and Terrytown to collaborate on public education
- Jointly address stormwater management issues
- Jointly purchase items or hire consultants for stormwater management

### Effects to Contractors and Developers

- All land disturbances within the City must take control measures;
- Less than 1 acre:
  - Install temporary sediment control devices
  - Prevent soil erosion
  - Prevent track-out from job site
  - Proper concrete washout
  - Proper waste disposal
- Greater than one acre:
  - Submit a Construction Stormwater Notice of Intent, (CSW-NOI) to NDEQ for approval
  - NDEQ will issue a NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit
  - Submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, (SWPPP) to City
  - City Stormwater Permit

### Effects on Utilities and Utility Contractors

- Utilities and utility contractors shall develop and implement best management practices, (BMP's)
- Prevent sediment runoff
- Prevent sediment tracking and immediately cleanup any sediment tracking
- Proper concrete wash-out
- Proper waste disposal
- If Greater than 1 acre, Utility must submit a SWPPP

### Conclusion

- Similar enforcement as seen in Scottsbluff
- Gering does have more slope and different soils, potential for more sediment control and erosion control
- Summer before we begin enforcement

Councilmember Morison asked what the permit fee will cost the contractors. Mr. Heath stated that we haven't come up with a fee yet; it will be minimal if any at all. Councilmember Backus asked if this is another unfunded mandate; does the state provide any funds for implementing this? Mr. Heath replied no money from the state at all; it's considered another unfunded federal mandate.

Mayor Kaufman asked if there was anyone in Council Chambers wishing to speak in favor of the Stormwater regulations ordinance. Seeing none, he asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. With no further comments the administrative record was closed and the public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to enter the administrative record for this public hearing into the public record. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.**

**1a. Approve Ordinance No. 2079 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO AMEND TITLE VII, ADDING CHAPTER 55 RELATED TO A STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN AND PROCEDURES FOR STORMWATER; AMENDING, REPEALING, AND ADDING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF**

**Councilmember Gillen made a motion to move the first reading of Ordinance No. 2079 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO AMEND TITLE VII, ADDING CHAPTER 55 RELATED TO A STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN AND PROCEDURES FOR STORMWATER; AMENDING, REPEALING, AND ADDING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Backus. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.**

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Engineering Services Agreement related to the Wastewater Diffuser Project**

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Engineering Services Agreement related to the Wastewater Diffuser Project. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

**2. Appointment of City Treasurer/Finance Director**

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the appointment of Renae Jimenez as the City Treasurer/Finance Director for the City of Gering. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

**3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Real Estate Purchase Agreement by and between the City of Gering and Dave and Belen Luna**

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to table agenda item #3 until the July 8, 2019 regular City Council meeting when the full Council can deliberate this matter. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

**4. Approve expenses related to mobile home moving costs for Dave and Belen Luna**

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to table agenda item #4 until the July 8, 2019 regular City Council meeting when the full Council can deliberate this matter. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

**5. Request for Public Safety Committee meeting – Agenda Item: Dog-at-large issue**

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve a request for a Public Safety Committee meeting with agenda item: Dog-at-large issue. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

**6. Request for standing committee meetings regarding the FY 19/20 Budget:**

- Public Works Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Administrative Committee

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve a request for standing committee meetings regarding the FY 19/20 Budget: The committees include Public Works Committee, Public Safety Committee, Recreation Committee and Administrative Committee. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Morrison and Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

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

**REPORTS:**

**1. Liaison Report – Gering Library Board, Councilmember Cowan**

Councilmember Cowan named the Board Members of the Library Board; there are five members. They meet every third Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Gering Library. Since he was appointed as the Library Board liaison he has attended six meetings. The Board approves bills for the month, hears the Library Director report and more. He added that there is a lot going on. The Board is reviewing library policies and bringing them up to date. There is also a Gering Library Foundation which was formed in January. Library meetings are open to the public and he encourages people to attend.

**OPEN COMMENT SECTION:**

Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

Library Board Member, Suzanne Myers, addressed Council and thanked them for appointing Councilmember Cowan as the liaison for the Library Board. It has been a good experience for them to have somebody from the Council at their meetings. She also commented on a new library in Blair, NE that has advanced technology; it was built for six million dollars.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

