

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
MARCH 26, 2018**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on March 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, Acting Clerk Tammy Cooley and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmember Holliday and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. 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 (None)

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 March 12, 2018 regular Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and financials

Claims:

3-3-18 to 3-16-18

ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES \$311.39 GARNISHMENT, ANDERSON AUTO GROUP \$59,838.00 PURCHASED 2 NEW MARKED POLICE VEHICLES, ANTIGUA GROUP INC \$1,812.93 CLOTHING MENS SHIRTS, APPLIED CONCEPTS INC \$415.00 ANTENNA CABLE, B & C STEEL \$1,483.23 METAL SHEETS, BAKER & ASSOC INC \$9,663.60 6TH ST MAIN REPLACEMENT/T ST SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT/STRUCTURAL REVIEW, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$217.90 PEST CONTROL LANDFILL/PEST CONTROL, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,102.68 GAS BILL 225 EAST D ST/GAS BILL GERING FIRE HALL/NATURAL GAS 900 OVERLAND TR/UTILITIES 1255 11TH ST, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$257.38 MOP/AIR FRESHENER/TOILET PAPER/WINDOW CLEANER, BOK FINANCIAL \$750.00 ANNUAL FEE FOR GLC, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES \$7,742.43 LED LIGHT WARRANTY/WIRE FOR NEW BALL FIELD LIGHTS/NEW SHOP ELECTRIC/VFD RPR FOR CHLORINE PUMP, C & M GOLF & GROUNDS \$459.37 RPR'S MOWER, CHARTER COMM \$99.98 TV/INTERNET CHRG CLUB HOUSE, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,995.36 DISABILITY INS, CNA SURETY \$255.00 NE P E NAME SCHEDULE, COLLOPY PERF & MACH \$40.00 WORK ON ROTORS MARKED PATROL, CONNECTING POINT \$99.00 MAR COPIER SRV CONTRACT, CORONA ROSARIA \$300.00 ACCIDENT IN FAMILY CANCELLED, CREATIVE SIGNS DIVISION/C \$180.00 SIGNS CARDBOARD, CREDIT BUREAU SRV \$206.21 GARNISHMENT, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$13.86 ELECTRIC NEW SHOP, CULLIGAN WATER COND \$86.00 SALT, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$75.50 RPR ON TIRES G-9, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT \$564.73 FIREFIGHTER HOODS, DHHS DIVISION/PUBLIC HEALTH \$210.00 BLOOD TESTS, DHHS DRINKING WATER & EN \$40.00 2018 POOL PERMIT, DOCU SHRED \$23.00 64 GALLON CONTAINER, DOOLEY OIL INC \$770.48 BLOWER RPR WWTP/OIL FOR SHREDDER, DUTTON LAINSON CO \$838.58 RECEPTACLE CAP/FEED THRU/SPACER, EAGLE ENGRAVING INC \$530.00 LENGTH OF SERVICES AWARDS, ENVIRO SRV INC \$1,090.00 WATER LAB/WW LAB, EVIDENT INC \$28.50 BUCCAL SWABS FOR EVIDENCE, EXPRESS TOLL \$21.80 TOLL FEES CO DEPUTY FUNERAL, FASTENAL CO \$475.58 CEILING SCREWS/MIDTOWN WELLS 11-14 RPR'S/SHOP/GLOVES/BATTERIES, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$19.00 TIRE MOUNT/BALANCE, FIRST STATE BANK \$323.74 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$3,501.27 CLAMP/WHEEL WELL EXT/WORK ON G-6, FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS CO \$127.28 FIREFIGHTER LIFE INS, FRANK PARTS CO \$617.11 VEHICLE MAINT 2010 DODGE, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF \$68.13 WIPER BLADES/PART PICKER, GALE \$303.08 16 LARGE PRINT BOOKS, GALLS AN ARAMARK CO \$384.10 UNIFORMS VEST CARRIER, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$2,000.00 VALVES ON GEO THERMAL UNITS, GOLFNOW G1 LLC \$2,150.00 POS ANNUAL SOFTWARE LEASE, GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP \$100.00 COPIER LEASE, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION \$510.00 FEB JANITORIAL SRV, GUZMAN ASHLEY \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, HARDLINE EQUIPMENT \$6,120.00 CANS FOR THE CITY, HEARTLAND TRUST CO \$8.22 GLC BOND 2018 FEE, HENKEL'S AG RPR CO \$705.62 WORK CYLINDERS, HORIZON WEST INC \$2,405.75 RPR LIFT HITCH DX35 TRACTOR, HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS \$65.00 DOOR RPR, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$1,301.23 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$336.03 EXCHANGED MATS/PAPER TOWELS/CASE OF TOILET PAPER & PAPER TOWELS/MOP/9 MATS, INDOFF INC \$339.50 BINDER CLIPS/9V BATTERIES/1 PKG INDEX CARD/1 PKG CD'S/CANNON INK CARTRIDGES/OFFICE SUPPLIES, INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC \$7,500.00 HOOK UP NEW SHOP SEWER, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$284.84 18 BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$43,510.35 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOL \$3,238.75 COMPUTER SUPPORT/NEW COMPUTER FOR BRENDA/SONIC WALL BRENDA'S COMPUTER, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,463.03 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$123.48 ROPE EQUIPMENT/WALL HANGING SUPP/ACCOUNTABILITY TAG RINGS, K4 TRUCKING LLC \$2,666.98 47B CRUSHED ROCK 105 TONS, KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT \$2,158.13 SEWER JET RPR, KOVARIK ELLISON MATHIS \$6,335.25 LEGAL CONSULTATION, EXPEDITION/BASEBALL/RETAINAGE

CITY ATTORNEY/, LEAGUE ASSOC/RISK MANAGEMENT \$145.70 INSURANCE TRAILER, LINCOLN DODGE INC \$25,679.00 PURCHASED 1 NEW MARKED POLICE, LOGOZ LLC \$445.00 SHIRTS & JACKETS FOR CREW, MAILFINANCE \$864.95 POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE, MALY MARKETING \$270.00 CVB WEBSITE HOSTING MAINT, MATHESON TRI – GAS INC \$55.88 WELDING SUPPLIES, MEAT SHOPPE \$15,268.52 CATERING COSTS, MENARDS \$771.24 SHOP SUPPLIES/ANTI SEIZE LUBRICANT/PIPE NIPPLE/RPR'S CENTRAL PLANT/RPR WIRE @ WWTP/LIGHT BULBS FOR STATION, MERCHANT JT & S, \$1,100.00 SCHOOL BEEHLER & LUSCHE, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,108.98 MG T – POLICE, MIZUNO USA INC \$198.03 HEADWEAR HATS/GOLF BANNERS SHIPPING, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$40.15 STAMPS, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF \$873.04 AIRLINE RPR WWTP, NATIONAL PATENT ANALYTICA \$422.64 DATA MASTER RPR, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$67,120.91 FEB 2018 SALES & USE TAX, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,796.00 UTILITIES PHEASANT DR, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$186.00 FIRE ALARM INSPECTION, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$2,174.45 CAT BACKHOE RPR, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$539.57 PVC PIPE AND COUPLING, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT \$250.00 ZONING PLANNING CONF, PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD \$4,526.00 SAND & OIL SEPARATOR NEW SHOP, PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL \$500.00 ASBESTOS INSPECTION, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 MARCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PAYROLL CHECKS \$129,189.34 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 3-16-18, PETTY CASH \$44.30 POLICE PETTY CASH, POSTMASTER \$1,450.00 MAILING PERMITS/PERMIT FEE #2 2018/PERMIT FEE #12 2018, POWER SCREENING LLC \$12,065.24 COUNTER TOOTH, POWERPLAN OIB \$14,171.51 BACKHOE RPR, PRINT BROKER \$470.00 DISCONNECT NOTICES, PT HOSE & BEARING \$1,708.74 WATER TRUCK PARTS, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$1,007.61 KUB BLADES/KUB RPR'S/EQUIPMENT RPR/PALLET FORK BOBCAT, SCB COUNTY AMBULANCE SRV \$316.23 AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$2,336.70 CONCRETE FOR LIGHT POLES/COLD MIX/WATER MAIN RPR, SNARR PAUL \$3,900.00 ENGINEERING FEES/ENGINEER CONSULTING BALL FIELD/BOND FORM/WORK ON LANDFILL/BROWNFIELDS INV TRACKING, SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55 COUNSELING SRV, STAR HERALD \$2,936.96 POLICE AD PUBLISHING/LIBRARY PAGE JOB/ENGINEER JOB/STAR HERALD WEBSITE BANNER AD, STOTZ EQUIPMENT \$298.72 2-STRUT JD MOWER, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, TELEDYNE ISCO INC \$3,619.50 WASTE WATER SAMPLER FOR WWTP, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$650.00 MARCH WATER WELL LAND RENT, THE COPIER NINJA LLC \$234.00 ANNUAL SRV AGREEMENT, TWIN CITY CARIAGE \$1,300.00 DELIVERY OF CANS, US AUTO FORCE \$29.14 2 CART TRAILER TIRES, WALSH TOM \$235.00 GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW, WEIMER JERRI \$96.25 REIMBURSEMENT CART STORAGE, WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$1,203.75 CT'S, WESTCO \$7,433.54 HOSE ADP/GAS/PROPANE FORKLIFT/220 GAL GAS/DIESEL, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CON \$142.10 RANDOM POOL, WESTERN STATES BANK \$15,762.53 GERING/SCB SINKING FUND, WESTERN STATES BANK – POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$470.00 CLEAN HALLS/BATHROOMS/OFFICE, WINTER EQUIPMENT CO INC \$4,227.45 SNOW PLOW BLADES, WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$1,627.85 RECYCLE, WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$182.50 PARTS TRUCK, YEAGER TERRY \$100.00 REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK BOOTS

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

BIDS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve Audited Financial Statement for FY 2016/2017

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the Audited Financial Statement for FY 2016/2017. Second by Councilmember Gillen.

Discussion: Kevin Sylvester with Dana Cole & Co. addressed the Council. John Mejia, Finance Director, thanked City staff for their participation with the audit. There were no questions or discussion by Council.

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

2. Approve a request for a Personnel Committee meeting – Agenda item: Discuss Parks Director Position

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve a request for a Personnel Committee meeting – Agenda item: Discuss Parks Director Position. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

1. Liaison Report, Councilmember Cowan – Downtown Merchants Association

Councilmember Cowan presented the following report:

The Gering merchants are a very busy group of great people. They meet every first Friday of the month at 7:30 in the morning in the Council Chambers; the meetings are open to any Gering merchant.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Sugar Valley Rally and they are planning to serve it up extra special as they always do.

The Santa's Village was another successful event last year; the count of attendees has not been totaled yet but is expected to be higher than last year which tops every year. This year he believes Santa's Village will be in the new Civic Plaza which will be a great experience for all.

The Gering Merchants also had a trick-or-treat night with the downtown merchants. It was a huge success; they're looking forward to doing it again this year.

They are always planning events like:

- Christmas parade
- Sugar Valley Rally
- Santa's Village
- Or any new ideas that make Gering shine

CLOSED SESSION:

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

OPEN COMMENT SECTION:

Mayor Kaufman stated that discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

Wendall Gaston from Sidney, NE addressed the Council. He stated that he is the President of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. He has been attending Council meetings of League municipal members; Gering is number 41. He's attempting to visit 100 different municipalities in the panhandle. The League is currently promoting their website and Facebook page. Mr. Gaston stated that he has served on the Sidney Council for 17 years and has been Mayor for three different terms. He noted that he has seen a lot of turnover in the labor force in municipalities in recent years which requires considerable retraining. He thanked the Council and the City for being a League member. Mayor Kaufman thanked Mr. Gaston for his service on the LARM Board.

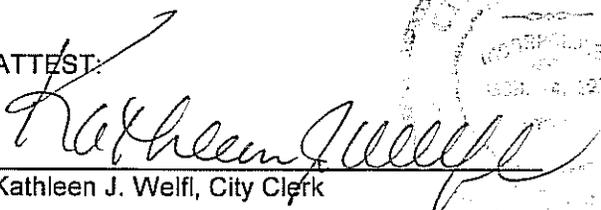
Ron Ernst, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that this is his last meeting as the Parks Director for the City. He thanked Council for their help with projects and improvements over the years – Cemetery, ball fields, Robidoux RV Park, Five Rocks Amphitheater and more. He thanked City staff for all they've done as well as the Parks Board and citizens for all their support. He stated that Gering has definitely raised the bar for the quality and maintenance level of these types of facilities not just in Gering but also in the area. We're in the process of a four million dollar upgrade to our baseball and softball facilities and he hopes the Council will provide staff with the support and funding necessary to continue to maintain all these facilities so they can be the best they can be for our citizens of Gering to enjoy indefinitely. The Mayor, Council and audience applauded Mr. Ernst for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Gering. Mayor Kaufman stated that they appreciate his 41 years of service. In this day and age not many can say that they've been loyal to an organization for even half that amount of time. He stated that Mr. Ernst has definitely left his mark on our community and will be greatly missed. They can't say enough about what Mr. Ernst and his department has done and continues to do. On his own behalf and the Council's, the Mayor thanked Mr. Ernst for his 41 years.

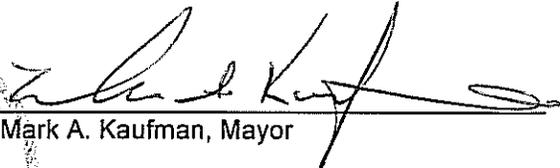
ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk


Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

