

**THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL,
MARCH 2, 2021**

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath and City Clerk Kathy Welfl. Absent was Councilmember Morrison. 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 5:02 p.m. He stated that there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

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.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Conduct interviews of candidates for the Ward IV City Council vacancy.

(interviews will not necessarily be conducted in the order shown)

- Cody Bohl
- Chad Nelson

Mayor Kaufman welcomed Mr. Bohl and Mr. Nelson and asked both candidates the following questions:

1. Explain your interest in serving on the City Council and explain your background and the assets you feel you will bring to the City Council.
2. Explain your involvement in volunteer organizations and other civic organizations.
3. What do you feel are critical issues for the City of Gering?
4. Do you know what the largest source of revenue is for the City?
5. What are your feelings in general about Gering? (Gering as a community not government entity).
6. How do you feel about working with Scottsbluff and other cities and/or governmental entities?


Mayor Kaufman alternated all six questions between both candidates giving each of them an opportunity to answer some questions first. Both candidates answered all of the questions. At the conclusion, Mayor Kaufman stated that Council would take the responses presented by the candidates into consideration and a candidate would be appointed at the March 8, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

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

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

