

## THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on November 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. Absent was Councilmember 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

Mayor Kaufman 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. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse Councilmember absence

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve the absence of Councilmember O'Neal from the November 15, 2021 special City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. 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 the 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 November 8, 2021 regular Council meeting, the November 15
2. Approve Claims

### Claims 11-9-21 to 11-22-21

24/7 FITNESS \$180.00; A & A PORTA POTTIES \$270.00; ACE HARDWARE \$188.48; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. \$4,839.80; ALLAN D MITCHELL \$110.00; ALLEN, RONALD K \$115.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$628.90; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$574.06; ANDERSON & SHAW CONSTRUCTION \$135,157.88; ARIAT INTERNATIONAL \$310.14; AT&T MOBILITY \$927.07; B & C STEEL \$19.51; B & H FOTO & ELECTRONICS, CORP \$26,404.38; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$161.00; BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$150.00; BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. \$290.12; BILL ALLEN \$97.90; BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$920.24; BONNIE GUZMAN \$363.12; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$618.41; BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$248.67; BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00; BUDGE-IT DRAIN SERVICE \$680.00; BULWART PROTECTIVE APPAREL \$245.21; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING \$20,300.00; CATTLE BANK & TRUST \$55,786.38; CENGAGE LEARNING/GAGE \$16.99; CENTURYLINK \$2,712.72; CITY INSURANCE FUND \$80,919.78; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$21,244.48; CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,743.27; CLARK PRINTING LLC \$491.15; CONNECTING POINT \$954.58; CONOCO \$40.99; CONSTANT CONTACT \$45.00; CORE & MAIN LP \$7,386.09; CRETE PUBLIC LIBRARY \$16.75; CROELL, INC \$2,436.25; DISPLAYS 2 GO \$230.25; DOOLEY OIL \$50.90; EAKES INC \$2.91; ECOLAB \$423.82; ELITE TOTAL FITNESS \$48.50; ELLIOTT FRIESEN \$150.00; ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$12,708.07; ESO SOLUTIONS, INC \$1,145.40; EXPRESS TOLL \$4.65; FAMILY DOLLAR \$3.75; FASTENAL COMPANY \$1,429.81; FIRST STATE BANK \$365.40; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$1,895.79; FR DEPOT \$199.99; FRANCISCOS BUMPER TO BUMPER IN \$220.00; FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$713.48; FRANKLIN PLANNER \$59.03; FREE CONFERENCE CALL.COM \$4.00; FRESH FOODS INC. \$15.46; FVC SIDNEY \$71.90; FYR-TEK, INC. \$1,477.39; GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG. \$483.20; GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$12,400.00; GRAINGER \$494.49; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$100.00; GWORKS \$303.23; HEARTLAND BANK \$687,608.75; HOBBY LOBBY \$14.26; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS \$950.65; HOLIDAY STORE \$37.22; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES \$14.83; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$298.88; INDOFF INCORPORATED \$331.72; INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC. \$1,190.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$1,250.24; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$41,616.71; INTRALINKS, INC. \$679.99; JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,996.90; JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$597.18; JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,767.28; JOHNSON CORROSION ENGINEERING \$798.00; JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$134.61; JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY \$9,021.00; JOSE RODRIGUEZ \$150.00; JUSTIN BRUNZ \$273.00; KAREN SUE BRUNTZ \$425.00; KATHY ANTHONY \$75.00; KIM SADAR \$364.24; LEGACY OF THE PLAINS \$3,184.92; LETTE BIRN \$509.80; LIBRARYWORKS, INC \$49.00; LINDA MEINEKY \$509.80; LISA CALLIHUA \$75.00; LOIS HANLEY \$75.00; MAIL AND SHIPPING PROS \$84.90; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$194.26; MAVERIK \$51.69; MAXWELL PRODUCTS INC. \$24,500.64; MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$154.00; MEAT SHOPPE \$9,710.68; MENARDS \$2,971.29; MIDAMERICA BOOKS \$780.00; MID-PLAINS HOSPITALITY GROUP \$344.85; MISTY'S CONCRETE FLOORING \$1,924.00; MONUMENT INN & SUITES \$340.00; MOTOR FUELS DIVISION \$50.00; MSC 410526/DOLLAR GENERAL CORP \$64.89; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$269,419.87; NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY \$51.70; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$462.93; NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) \$6,902.48; NE DEPT.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$115.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$333.00; NE STATE PATROL CRIMINAL ID \$46.38; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,423.85; NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. \$583.18; NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOC. \$275.00; NEBRASKA WATER ENVIRONMENT \$200.00; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$13.91; NSPIRE TODAY! \$15.00; OREGON TRAIL PLBG. & HEATING \$220.00; PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD. INC. \$1,260.00; PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$1,319.16; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$1,859.00; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50; PAYROLL 11/19/21 \$128,878.22; PLATTE VALLEY VAC & SEW \$25.95; PONY EXPRESS STATION \$53.01; POWERPLAN OIB \$10,009.38; PRAISE WINDOWS \$200.00; PVB VISA \$(378.08), QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC \$1,600.00; REGION 22 EMERGENCY MANAG \$4,055.85; RON & JENNIFER ESKAM \$200.00; RUNZA RESTAURANT \$144.66; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$147.40; SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE \$316.23; SCB. COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$92.80; SCHANK ROOFING SERVICE \$31,216.06; SCOTT M. BOSSE' \$2,950.00; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$85.00; SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$128.75; SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG \$19,402.20; SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00; SHAWNA WINCHELL \$650.00; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$2,497.50; SIMON CONTRACTORS \$1,839.44; SPECTRUM \$796.09; STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$614.54; STEVE ELBERT \$299.24; STEVE SHAW \$150.00; SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37; SUREFIRE, L.L.C. \$179.68; TAMMY COOLEY \$100.00; TARGET \$199.90; TERI LEISE \$75.00; TERRY CARPENTER, INC. \$650.00; THE HOTEL BY GOLD DUST \$260.25; THE PEAVY CORP. \$442.90; THE TORO COMPANY \$155.00; TORRINGTON SOD FARMS \$119.50; TRIHYDRO CORPORATION \$8,314.75; TRUDOR \$312.95; TYNDALE \$715.86; ULINE, INC \$3,012.44; UNANIMOUS, INC. \$30.00; UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$220.00; UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE \$105.34; VERIZON CONNECT \$38.38; VISTA PRINT \$24.59; W & R INC. \$55,245.53; WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB \$861.30; WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$58.00; WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION \$148.00; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$20,965.10; WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$420.00; WESTERN STATES BANK \$23,918.31; WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$482.00; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$60.30; WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY \$184.81; YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$272.00; YVONE FUENTES \$75.00; ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS \$14.99

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

**BIDS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Agreement for Continuing Contribution under the Joint Funding Agreement for the North Platte River Gauge located on the Avenue I bridge**

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Agreement for Continuing Contribution under the Joint Funding Agreement for the North Platte River Gauge located on the Avenue I bridge. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. Motion carried.**

#### **2. Approve Resolution 11-21-3 regarding authorized signature authority for all banking and investment transactions**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-21-3**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA:**

1. Platte Valley Bank, US Bank NA, First National Bank, Riverstone Bank (formerly First State Bank), Western States Bank, all with local branches in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Heartland Trust Company, Moreton Capital Markets, LLC and Invesco, are designated as depositories and/or financial investment institutions for funds of the City of Gering, Nebraska ("City").

- a. Depository funds of the City deposited in each bank or financial institution shall be subject to withdraw upon checks, notes, drafts or other orders for the payment of money when signed on the City's behalf by any two of the following City officials:

**Mark A. Kaufman  
Tammy Cooley  
Kathleen J. Welfl**

- b. All investment funds of the City held as Government Money Market Funds, Certificates of Deposit, Treasury Notes, and other authorized securities purchase by the City shall be signed by the Finance Director for the City, Elizabeth Loutzenhiser, and one of the following City officials per the City's Investment Policy:

**Pat Heath or Kathleen J Welfl**

2. Provided, the Finance Director for the City, Elizabeth Loutzenhiser, is authorized to make ACH drafts and withdrawals for payroll, electronic claims, utility payment drafts and debt payments on behalf of the City from any of the financial institutions named in paragraph 1 of this Resolution.

3. The banks are authorized to pay all orders and receive them for the credit of or in payment from the payee or any other holder without inquiring into the circumstances of the issue or the disposition of the proceeds.

4. Platte Valley Bank is authorized to issue Visa credit cards to City personnel. The personnel to receive the cards and the credit limit on said card, shall be as approved by the City Administrator or his or her designee.

5. This resolution will revoke all prior banking resolutions and shall be delivered to all banks named in this Resolution. This Resolution will remain in effect until notice of revocation is delivered to any of these banks.

Passed, approved and effective this 22nd day of November, 2021.

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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

**Councilmember Morrison made a motion to approve Resolution 11-21-3 regarding authorized signature authority for all banking and investment transactions. Seconded by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith. Motion carried.**

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

**OPEN COMMENT SECTION:** Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only. None.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

