

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal and Cowan. Also present were City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent was Councilmember Morrison and Administrator 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:

Mayor Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and stated that a quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. 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:

(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 9, 2020 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials
3. File for record emergency purchase of Bobcat Wheel Packer – Electrical Department

Claims 11-7-2020 to 11-20-2020

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$28.15; 24/7 FITNESS \$325.05; 3M COMPANY \$4,699.92; A & A PORTA POTTIES \$270.00; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. \$1,050.21; ACUSHNET COMPANY \$999.81; ALLAN D MITCHELL \$20,157.72; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$5,718.74; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC \$1,201.89; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. \$1,052.04; B & C STEEL \$499.05; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$105.00; BAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$10,127.50; BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$314.53; BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. \$302.27; BKD RENTALS LLC \$6,462.60; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$687.39; BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING CO. \$129.10; BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$1,236.91; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$6,422.63; BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$180.00; BRIAN EADS \$400.00; BRYCE LEAVITT \$150.00; BSN SPORTS \$30,241.52; CATTLE BANK & TRUST \$55,786.38; CERVANTES LLC DBA \$30,000.00; CITY INSURANCE FUND \$176,368.30; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$4,000.00; CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,276.94; CLARK PRINTING LLC \$675.59; CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL \$340.00; CONNECTING POINT \$53.00; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$31.00; CORE & MAIN LP \$2,611.26; D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC. \$4.48; DALE'S TIRE \$167.25; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL \$239.84; DAVID J. SCHUETHS \$3,836.05; DHHS, DRINKING WATER & \$260.00; DOCU-SHRED LLC \$1,592.15; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$314.58; EAGLE ENGRAVING, INC. \$149.95; ECOLAB \$169.53; ELITE TOTAL FITNESS \$296.00; ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$20,683.75; ENTERPRISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT \$1,934.45; ERIC REICHERT CONSTRUCTION \$315,871.35; FARMHOUSE STYLE MAG \$25.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$559.45; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO \$596.76; FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG INC \$8,882.50; FIRST STATE BANK \$339.33; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$(92.25); FRANCISCOS BUMPER TO BUMPER IN \$170.00; FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$1,547.82; FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LLC \$89.20; GALE \$461.18; GALL'S INC. \$233.73; GERING FT-LARAMIE IRRIGATION \$8,414.24; GERING IRRIGATION DISTRICT \$2,524.50; GERING U-SAVE PHARMACY \$131.45; GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG. \$5,512.00; GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$12,400.00; GREENKEEPER COMPANY, INC. \$4,700.00; HACH COMPANY \$748.57; HAWKINS, INC. \$3,787.50; HEARTLAND BANK \$929,021.25; HENNING BROTHERS \$166.00; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES \$490.97; ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$709.74; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$53.44; INDOFF INCORPORATED \$332.30; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$2,667.46; INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO. \$405.88; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$40,241.26; INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY \$665.80; INTRALINKS, INC. \$8,731.21; IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$545.70; JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$346.87; JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,986.26; JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,248.48; JOHNSEN CORROSION ENGINEERING \$764.00; JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$362.41; JONATHAN SEIFFERT \$23.45; JORDAN SCHLAGER \$99.77; KAPCO \$242.11; KAREN SUE BRUNTZ \$425.00; LADY BUG \$21.95; LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALITIES \$45.00; LOGOZ LLC \$175.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC \$1,492.88; MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC \$158.85; MATRIX TRUST COMPANY \$556.20; MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$411.00; MEAT SHOPPE \$4,571.05; MELLEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$682.40; MENARDS \$267.55; MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00; MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$268.62; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$559,483.62; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$462.93; NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) \$14,833.71; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$143.00; NE. SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC \$135.00; NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$8,805.00; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,606.42; NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN CO. \$4,332.08;

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM \$220.00; NMC EXCHANGE LLC \$8.19; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$887.58; OCLC, INC. \$160.66; PACIFIC RIM VENTURES \$531.00; PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD. INC. \$1,464.00; PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$2,256.03; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$2,983.00; PANHANDLE RESOURCE CONSERVATIO \$300.00; PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$257.98; PAYROLL \$124,630.00; POWERPLAN OIB \$2,220.93; RECORDED BOOKS, INC. \$31.45; RED BARN SHOP, LLC \$217.50; REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER \$72.00; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$763.81; SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$118.75; SHAWNA WINCHELL \$260.00; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$1,500.00; SIMON CONTRACTORS \$2,607.25; SOLOMON TRANSFORMERS, LLC \$16,784.27; SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55; SONNY'S TOWING \$85.00; SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$36,760.00; STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$19.99; STATE FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING DI \$250.00; SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37; SYSCO DENVER, INC \$31.95; TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00; TERRY JESSEN \$16,244.54; THE ROCK PILE \$297.12; THE TORO COMPANY \$155.00; THIS OLD HOUSE MAGAZINE \$15.96; TITAN MACHINERY INC. \$344.50; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV \$50.00; U.S. VENTURE, INC. \$81.07; UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$260.00; USA BLUE BOOK \$101.30; VAN PELT FENCING CO., INC. \$760.00; VERIZON CONNECT \$38.38; VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$2,556.36; W & R INC. \$15,842.26; WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$252.00; WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. \$1,245.48; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$12,631.95; WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$136.00; WESTERN STATES BANK \$26,823.19; WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$550.00; WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$5,407.66; YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$646.00

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

BIDS:

1. Dump Truck bid – Transportation Department

Pat Heath stated that this is a bid to replace one of the dump trucks/snow plow/sander vehicles the City has in the fleet; staff used the state bid. The cost is \$110,960 for the truck; the option, which would include the plow, sander and light package, was \$73,927 for a total of \$184,529. The truck will come from Truck Center Companies out of Omaha, NE and the options from Monroe Truck Equipment. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Truck Center Companies for \$110,960 and Monroe Truck Equipment for \$73,927 for a total of \$184,529.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve staff's recommendation and award the dump truck bid, through the State Bid Process, to Truck Center Companies in the gross total amount of \$184,529 which includes an option package of \$73,927 from Monroe Truck Equipment. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman.

Discussion: Councilmember O'Neal asked where the additional amount will be taken from. Mr. Heath replied that staff budgeted \$175,000; the remainder will come out of the reserves in the Street Department for equipment purchases.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (None)

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Franchise Agreement between the City of Gering, Nebraska and Allo Communications

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Franchise Agreement between the City of Gering, Nebraska and Allo Communications. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

2. Rescind Resolution 11-20-1 Expressing Intent to Annex Land

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to rescind Resolution 11-20-1 Expressing Intent to Annex Land. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

3. Approve Resolution 11-20-2 Expressing Intent to Annex Land

City Engineer, Annie Folck, stated that after the resolution passed at the last Council meeting, as staff were sending out letters, they received a lot of phone calls, which is good because that means the letters are being read. She stated that with all the questions, staff wanted to make sure they were answered satisfactorily before moving on to the public hearing. Additionally, with COVID concerns, staff was concerned that the public might pack the Council Chambers; so, the public hearing was rescheduled. That's the only difference between the one that was passed at the last Council meeting and this one; the date and location of the public hearing have changed. After discussions with Panhandle Public Health, the location was changed to the Civic Center with more room and better ventilation. This will help ensure the public feels comfortable coming to the meeting.

A public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission meeting on December 15, 2020 at the Civic Center. An additional public hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on January 11, 2021 that will also be held at the Gering Civic Center.

RESOLUTION 11-20-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA EXPRESSING ITS INTENTION TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN; DESCRIBING BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION; APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE EXTENSION OF CITY SERVICES TO THE LAND PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION AND MAKING SUCH PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING AND OF THE MAP DRAWN TO SCALE DELINEATING THE LAND PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED AND TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR RECOMMENDATION.

WHEREAS, *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 16-117* authorizes cities of the first class to annex contiguous and adjacent lands following the adoption of a resolution stating its intent to so annex, together with a plan for extending City services to the area to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it should consider the annexation of certain lands which are contiguous and adjacent to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gering, Nebraska that:

1. The City desires to consider the annexation of the following described real estate, all located within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the City of Gering, in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, to wit:

1. **Block A (Ex S 35'), Gering Industrial Tracts**
2. **S 35' Block A, Gering Industrial Tracts**
3. **Block D, Gering Industrial Tracts**
4. **Block EE, Gering Industrial Tracts**
5. **Block F, Gering Industrial Tracts**
6. **Block J, Gering Industrial Tracts**
7. **Block K, Gering Industrial Tracts**
8. **Lot 5, Block B, Subdivision of Block B, Gering Industrial Tracts**
9. **Pt Lot 2, Block C, Kramer Subdivision of Block C, Gering Industrial Tracts Amended**
10. **Lot 1, Block G, Gering Industrial Tracts**
11. **Lot 2, Block G, Gering Industrial Tracts**
12. **Lot 3, Block G, Gering Industrial Tracts**
13. **Block H, Gering Industrial Tracts**
14. **Block I, Gering Industrial Tracts**
15. **Block L, Gering Industrial Tracts**
16. **The Unplatted Portions of the SW 1/4 Section 1-21-55**
17. **The SW1/4 36-22-55 Except Instrument Numbers 2003-11268, 2013-5544 and except lot 1, Scotts Bluff County Detention Center Addition**
18. **Block 1, Five Rocks Estates**
19. **Road in Five Rocks Estates**
20. **Tract in the NW1/4 SW1/4 2-21-55 as Described in Instrument 2017-6560**
21. **Block 1, Holcomb Subdivision**
22. **Gering Irrigation District Canal Right-of-Way in NW1/4 Section 11-21-55**
23. **Tract in the N1/2 NE1/4 Section 10-21-55 as Described in Deed Book 104, Page 657**

24. Lot 8B, Block 1, Walrath Subdivision, Replat of Lots 8 and 9
25. Lots 1 through 7, Block 1, Walrath Subdivision
26. Tract in the N1/2 SE1/4 Section 3-21-55 as Described in Instrument 2016-7083
27. Five Roads Road Right-of-Way within Section 34-22-55
28. Five Roads Road Right-of-Way within Section 35-22-55
29. Five Roads Road Right-of-Way within Section 3-21-55
30. Five Roads Road Right-of-Way within Section 2-21-55
31. Five Roads Road Right-of-Way within NE1/4 Section 10-21-55
32. Five Roads Road Right-of-Way within NW1/4 Section 11-21-55
33. S1/2 SE1/4 Lying West of Block 1, Walrath Subdivision Section 3-21-55
34. SE1/4 SW1/4 Lying East of the Irrigation Lateral Section 3-21-55
35. Block 1, Weatherfield Addition
36. Tract in the N1/2 NW1/4 12-21-55 as described in Instrument 2010-1150
37. Tract in the S1/2 SE1/4 34-22-55 as Described in Instrument 2016-4829
38. E 33' of NE1/4 of SW1/4 Section 3-21-55

2. A map drawn to scale and delineating the area(s) proposed to be annexed is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A".

3. The plan for the extension of City services to the proposed area, if required, as presented at this meeting and incorporated herein by this reference, be, and the same hereby is, adopted and approved, subject to any changes by the City Council after public hearings on the proposed annexation and recommendation from the Planning Commission, and such plan is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 1025 "P" Street, Gering, Nebraska, during regular business hours.

4. This matter is referred to the Gering Planning Commission for recommendation, which Commission shall hold a public hearing on the 15 day of December, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, Nebraska.

5. The Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation to receive testimony from any interested person on the 11 day of January, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, Nebraska.

6. A copy of this resolution and map drawn to scale and delineating the area proposed to be annexed shall be published in the Scottsbluff Star Herald at least once, not less than ten days before the date of the Planning Commission public hearing, and before the Mayor and City Council as referenced above.

7. A copy of this resolution shall be mailed by first class mail following its passage to the school board of any school district in the tract of land or lands proposed for annexation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve Resolution 11-20-2 Expressing Intent to Annex Land. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

4. Approve Resolution 11-20-3 Expressing Intent to Annex Land

Annie Folck stated that this resolution is for two additional properties that also meet the criteria to be annexed. One of them already has access to water, sewer and electric (along 7th Street). There is another lot that is currently not served by water, but will be. Staff actually have a water project planned, budgeted and designed and soon to be bid out, so the one-year requirement to do that will be met. Staff wanted to include these properties concurrently with the rest of them, to be consistent.

RESOLUTION 11-20-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA EXPRESSING ITS INTENTION TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN; DESCRIBING BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION; APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE EXTENSION OF CITY SERVICES TO THE LAND PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION AND MAKING SUCH PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING AND OF THE MAP DRAWN TO SCALE DELINEATING THE LAND PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF A

COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED AND TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR RECOMMENDATION.

WHEREAS, *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 16-117* authorizes cities of the first class to annex contiguous and adjacent lands following the adoption of a resolution stating its intent to so annex, together with a plan for extending City services to the area to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it should consider the annexation of certain lands which are contiguous and adjacent to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gering, Nebraska that:

1. The City desires to consider the annexation of the following described real estate, all located within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the City of Gering, in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, to wit:

1. **Tract of land in the W 1/2 of Section 36-22-55 as described in Instrument Number 2003-11268**
2. **Block 1, Reed Farms Subdivision**
3. **Reed Farms Drive Right-of-Way within Section 36-22-55**
4. **Central Irrigation District Canal Right-of-way in the W ½ of Section 36-22-55**

2. A map drawn to scale and delineating the area(s) proposed to be annexed is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A".

3. The plan for the extension of City services to the proposed area, if required, as presented at this meeting and incorporated herein by this reference, be, and the same hereby is, adopted and approved, subject to any changes by the City Council after public hearings on the proposed annexation and recommendation from the Planning Commission, and such plan is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 1025 "P" Street, Gering, Nebraska, during regular business hours.

4. This matter is referred to the Gering Planning Commission for recommendation, which Commission shall hold a public hearing on the 15 day of December, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, Nebraska.

5. The Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation to receive testimony from any interested person on the 11 day of January, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, Nebraska.

6. A copy of this resolution and map drawn to scale and delineating the area proposed to be annexed shall be published in the Scottsbluff Star Herald at least once, not less than ten days before the date of the Planning Commission public hearing, and before the Mayor and City Council as referenced above.

7. A copy of this resolution shall be mailed by first class mail following its passage to the school board of any school district in the tract of land or lands proposed for annexation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve Resolution 11-20-3 Expressing Intent to Annex Land. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

5. Approve Resolution 11-20-4 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent

Resolution No. 11-20-4

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment;

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form;

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the Mayor ____ Village Board Chairperson ____ of _____
(Check one box) (Print Name of Municipality)
is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____,
Nebraska.

City Council/Village Board Members (list out all names)

City Council/Village Board Member _____ Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member _____ Seconded the Motion Roll Call: ____ Yes ____ No
Abstained ____ Absent Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: _____
(Signature of Clerk)

Motion by Councilmember Abel to approve Resolution 11-20-4 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

6. Approve Resolution 11-20-5 pertaining to Tree Debris Pricing List

Resolution 11-20-5

WHEREAS, The Gering City Council shall establish fees for tree debris disposal.
WHEREAS, The City of Gering Tree Debris Pricing List shall be as follows:

TREE DEBRIS PRICING LIST

Standard Pickup Box - 8'L 6'W 4'D = \$4

Trailers Length - 6' = \$4

8' = \$5

10' = \$7

12' = \$9

14' = \$12

16' = \$15

18' = \$17

20' = \$20

Farm Truck - \$25

Semi Truck - \$50

Minimum Charge is \$4 per load.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective immediately, the City of Gering shall charge the aforementioned fees for tree debris disposal.

Adopted this 23rd day of November 2020.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Annie Folck stated that the City has struggled a little with allowing people to dump tree debris in the past. We've had some major storms that brought to our attention that this is something that needs to be addressed. The City used to allow the public to drop their tree debris near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, however there ended up being such a big pile out there that it became a concern because of the location near the flood way which could cause an increase in river levels in that area. Staff located a good location near the landfill behind the baler building. The only issue is the expense of disposing of it properly. Staff have written a grant to DEQ with the hope that it will cover some of the costs for a shredder; plan B is to contract with someone to come in and shred it. Either way, there's going to be an expense to the City to make sure all of this is disposed of properly, and to be able to create a usable product.

Mayor Kaufman suggested the possibility of cost-sharing with other communities. Ms. Folck replied, that is a possibility. Councilmember Wiedeman stated that she thinks because it won't be open during the weekend, and because we'll now be charging for it, people will put the tree debris in their regular dumpster. Ms. Folck replied, that is possible. We are currently not accepting tree waste at all; right now the only option is to haul it to Scottsbluff. There is a possibility of providing a roll-off for tree debris as well. Councilmember Wiedeman suggested having a Saturday in the spring of each year when people can bring tree/shrub debris in. There also needs to be good education about this. Ms. Folck added that the City will use the mulch, but if there is some left over, we could offer it to the public.

Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve Resolution 11-20-5 pertaining to Tree Debris Pricing List. Second by Councilmember Gillen.

Discussion: Councilmember O'Neal asked for clarification regarding a separate resolution for providing the tree debris removal option to the public free of charge at various times. Ms. Folck replied that yes, that can be done at a later time.

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

7. Approve holding only one regular City Council meeting in December, on December 14, 2020, due to Christmas holiday

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve holding only one regular City Council meeting in December, on December 14, 2020, due to Christmas holiday. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

8. Approve Resolution 11-20-6 pertaining to paying claims in December, 2020

Resolution 11-20-6

Whereas, City of Gering claims are to be approved by Council for payment;

Whereas, The Gering City Council has chosen not to hold a second regular meeting in December, 2020 (which would have been held on the fourth Monday of the month);

Whereas, claims need to be processed and paid in a timely manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City staff are authorized to prepare and pay claims that have been processed as if the second meeting in December, 2020 was held. The paid claims will then be presented to Council for review at the first meeting in January, 2021.

Adopted this 23rd day of November 2020.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve Resolution 11-20-6 pertaining to paying claims in December, 2020. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Morrison. Motion Carried.

9. Presentation by Nebraska Strong

Don Lease and Heather Brown, with the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project, presented information to the Council regarding how their services can assist citizens by providing counseling, education, food and heating assistance and more. FEMA actually created this program years ago for instances of natural disasters; in this case it's pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

OPEN COMMENT SECTION: None

Mayor Kaufman stated that an open comment period will be held. Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place.

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor