

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

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on November 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, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent was Councilmember Holliday. 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

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember O'Neal from the November 13, 2018 regular City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. 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 November 13, 2018 regular Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials

Claims:

11-3-18 to 11-16-18

ALLIANCE TIMES HERALD \$77.10 CRAFT FAIR ADVERTISING, 21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$26.40 RPR'S ON JD MOWERS, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$135.00 PORTABLE TOILET, AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SRV \$300.00 WWTP MOTOR RPR, ALLO COMM \$1,735.34 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHRGS, ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC \$5,980.65 TRUCK RPR, AMERICAN BUS ASSOC \$1,695.00 ABA MARKETPLACE 2019, B & C STEEL \$3,858.91 BOLLARD PIPE/METAL FOR VALVE KEY, BAKER & ASSOC \$5,780.00 NORTHFIELD STORM SEWER/6TH ST MAIN REPLACEMENT, BAVCO VALVE CO \$634.15 BACKFLOW PREVENTER FOR SHOP, BENEFIT PLANS INC \$280.00 RETIREMENT QUARTERLY VALUATION, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$147.66 PEST CONTROL 1035 M ST/1050 M ST, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$226.28 CONNECT NEW KITCHEN APPLIANCES/GAS 900 OVERLAND TRL, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$118.40 PAPER TOWELS/AIR FRESHENERS/CLIPS/TOWELS/JANITORIAL SUPP/RV PARK SUPP, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES \$1,987.19 CONDUIT NEW SHOP/FUSES/ESTEX PARTS TOOL HOLDER/WWTP RPR'S/TRANSFORMER LUG/BATTERY, BUS PARTS WAREHOUSE \$55.21 SNOW PLOW WINDSHIELD WIPER ARM, CALIHUA LISA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CENTURY LINK \$2,823.16 MONTHLY TELEPHONE ALLOCATION, CITY OF GERING \$16,700.00 DONATED UTILITIES SENIOR CENTER/RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER/FARM & RANCH MUSEUM, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$5,247.58 FSA MEDICAL 125, COBRA PUMA GOLF INC \$146.65 GOLF CLUB HYBRID, CONNECTING POINT \$99.00 NOV COPIER SRV CONT, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT \$292.83 NLETC MEALS, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$1,003.43 SEALANT, CORE & MAIN LP \$3,935.79 WATER METER PURCHASE, COXBILL TREVOR \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CREDIT BUREAU SRV \$213.01 GARNISHMENT, CULLIGAN WATER COND \$111.00 SALT, D & H ELECTRONIC SUPPLY \$7.10 FUSE, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$2,744.87 NEW TIRES G-1, DARRELL VANCE \$82.00 SWANA CONF, DEX \$119.00 ADVERTISING, DISCOVER BANK \$2.74 GARNISHMENT 2, DITCH WITCH OF NE \$76.58 TRENCHER PARTS, DON SCHMIDT CARPET INC \$1,890.20 TILE NEW SHOP, DOOLEY OIL INC \$664.88 WINDOW WASHER FLUID/ ANTIFREEZE/OIL/SHOP SUPP/DEF TRUCK, DUTTON - LAINSON CO \$5,393.12 ST LIGHT ARMS, ECOLAB \$129.14 PEST CONTROL CITY HALL, ENTERPRISE IRRIGATION DIST \$1,934.45 IRRIGATION TAXES 18, ENVIRO SRV INC \$2,852.00 WW LAB, WATER LAB, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE \$1,025.00 PCB AUDIT, FASTENAL CO \$128.29 BOLTS/SHOP SUPP, FERGUSON JODY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, FIRST NATIONAL BANK \$770,089.56 REINVEST ELECTRIC CD MATURED, FIRST STATE BANK \$378.21 IBEW UNION DUES, FLOYD'S SALES & SRV \$7,372.33 FILTERS & OIL/ WORK G-9/WORK G-1/WORK G-6/STEP ASSEMBLY/FILTERS FOR G-6/PARTS G-6, FRANK PARTS CO \$707.51 SHOP MATERIALS/AIR COMPRESSOR ON TRUCK 642105 /MISC SUPP/WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID/GLOVES/WD40/GEAR OIL, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF \$62.71 ELEMENT, FRESH FOODS \$19.23 ADOPT A SCHOOL EVENT, GALLS INC \$1,509.51 UNIFORM SHIRT & PANTS/BALLISTIC VEST SCANLAN, GERING IRRIGATION DISTRICT \$110.00 IRRIGATION TAX SEC 1-21-55, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HEATING \$2,712.60 RPR COOLER &

FREEZER DOORS/ RPR DRAINS IN KITCHEN, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT \$276.75 COMMUNICATION TRAINING 10-30-18, GERING FORT LARAMIE IRRIGATION \$2,453.13 WATER RIGHTS 197/198/048A/177A/TAXES 066/202/044A/048B/WATER RIGHT 199A, GREG'S AUTO BODY & PAINT \$6,588.25 RPR'S TO LEASE VEHICLE, HEARTLAND TRUST CO \$250.00 GLC BOND AGENT FEE, HISTORY AMERICA \$40.00 1 YR SUBS, HOLIDAY INN \$109.95 GPGFOA CONF, HOME DEPOT \$70.46 TOOLS, HYDROTEX \$190.43 OIL, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$677.99 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$243.54 EXCHANGED MATS/MATS/RAGS/MOPS/ TOILET PAPER, INDOFF INC \$407.43 FILE FOLDERS/BINDERS/2019 CALENDAR/ OFFICE SUPP/COPY PAPER/LAMINATOR, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$641.90 16 BOOKS/ 59 CHILDRENS BOOKS, INLAND POTABLE SRV'S \$5,389.00 STORAGE TANK CLEANING, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$40,557.12 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$375.00 NOV IT CONTRACT, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$10,984.09 ARRESTORS & CUTOOTS, JIRDON \$1,280.93 FERTILIZER, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,107.61 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSEN CORROSION ENGINEE \$694.00 TANK INSPECTION, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$626.75 ELECTRIC WIRE CONNECTOR/ RV PARK RPR'S/KEYS FOR CONCESSION BUILDING/PLASTIC FILM/BATTERIES/ MISC SUPP/BATTERIES/PAINT, KL WOOD & CO LLC \$25,894.03 6TH STREET WATER REPLACEMENT, KAPCO \$317.37 10 PKGS POLY COVERS FOR BOOKS, KIWANIS FUND RAISER \$240.00 ANNUAL DUES DANIELZUK, KNEB \$639.50 RADIO ADVERTISING \$639.50 RADIO ADVERTISING, KOVARIK ELLISON MATHIS \$2,888.75 NOV 18 RETAINAGE CITY ATTORNEY, LOGOZ LLC \$1,048.00 FIRE DEPT UNIFORMS/3 KEYS TO THE CITY PLAQUES/MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM, LONG RIDER BOOKS \$33.91 11 BOOKS, MALY MARKETING \$805.00 POP UP BANNERS, MASEK GOLF CAR CO \$79.80 TUNE UP KIT/UTU'S, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$228.18 WELDING SUPPLIES, MATRIX TRUST CO \$6,785.25 MG T-POLICE, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$90.00 RPR ON OVERHEAD DOOR, MEAT SHOPPE \$11,390.91 MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$1,955.61 JANITORIAL SUPP/SHOP SUPP/BOARDS/SHEET ROCK NEW SHOP/MISC SUPP/SAFETY GLASSES, MEREDITH BOOKS \$267.99 1 BOOK, MIDWEST CONNECT \$266.00 #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES, MITCHELL REFRIGERATION \$2,320.00 HANG CEILING NEW SHOP, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$176.32 BINDERS/INDEXES/ NEW NOTARY STAMP FOR SCHNEIDER/INK CARTRIDGES/NUMBER TABS FOR NEW SDS BOOK, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$612.50 RECORD KEEPING FEES RETIREMENT, NDOR LODGING \$648.62 OCT 2018 LODGING TAX, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE PUBLIC POWER DIST \$30.63 UTILITIES 240066 HWY 92, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOC \$94.77 SCORE CARDS, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT \$612.00 SCANLAN BASIC TRAINING/MASSIE K-9 TRAINING, NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO \$749.74 SCISSOR LIFT RENTAL, NE MUNICIPAL CLERK \$90.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES KATHY & CAROL, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$797.66 FLAT RPR'S/TIRES, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$2,369.44 IRRIGATION SUPP/HOT WATER TANK/PLUMBING SUPP NEW SHOP, OCLC INC \$154.85 NOV CAT & ILL SUBS, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY \$100.00 MORRISON BOND, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$83.94 LOCATE FEES, PAGE MY CELL \$600.00 PAGING TO CELL PHONES, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOC \$8,896.40 FUEL LANDFILL, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 NOV 18 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH \$300.00 SAFETY WELLNESS CONF COOLEY/WELFL/DOWNER, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$650.32 SLEDDING SLOPE SIGN/13 TON CRUSHED CONCRETE, PAYROLL CHECKS \$124,281.14 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/09/18, PENWORTHY CO \$239.90 10 CHILDRENS BOOKS, PETTY CASH \$48.79 PETTY CASH, PING \$105.84 GOLF CLUB WEDGE, POSTMASTER \$1,000.00 NOV 2018 MAILING PERMITS, POWERPLAN OIB \$7,703.22 BACKHOE RPR, RAMADA INN \$162.00 NSVA CONF LAWSON, RANDALL LORETTA \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, RDJ SPECIALTIES INC \$250.54 LOLLIPOPS, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$599.20 EQUIPMENT RENTAL, SCB CO AMBULANCE SRV \$316.23 NOV 18 AMBULANCE CONTRACT, SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL \$136.99 1 YR SUBS PROF JOURNAL, SCOTTS BLUFF CO BUILDING \$67.00 HUTCHINSON SEPTIC INSPECTION, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$93.00 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER \$525.00 NOV 18 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$938.75 SRV LINE RPR, SOLOMON CORP \$11,520.50 TRANSFORMER, SOUTHWESTERN SALES CO \$4,761.17 TARPS FOR LANDFILL, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$156.98 1 PKG AVERY CDS/1 INK CARTRIDGE, STATE OF NE/DAS COMMUNICATION \$157.51 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHGE, STATE OF NE \$220.00 CLOSED ACCT GLEICHMAN, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, SYSCO DENVER INC \$381.82 NEW WATER GLASSES, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$171.87 GOLF CLUB HYBRID, TEAM CHEVROLET \$187.28 TRUCK PARTS, TERRY CARPENTER INC \$650.00 NOV 18 WATER WELL LAND RENT, THOMPSON GLASS INC \$365.05 RPR WINDOW IN FRONT OFFICE, TRIMARK \$161.00 RACKS FOR BOTTLE COOLER, UNANIMOUS \$230.00 WEB SITE SUPPORT OCT 2018, UNITED CHAMBER OF COMM \$40.00 STATE OF THE VALLEY LUNCHEON O'NEAL & NIEDAN, VAN PELT FENCING \$644.00 NEW GATES @ 5 ROCKS, VERIZON WIRELESS \$1,314.79 ON CALL CELL/LAPTOP FEES, WESCO DIST INC \$476.15 CONDUCTOR WRAP, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS \$200.00 RANDOM POOL MGMT, WESTERN STATES BANK \$5,270.78 HSA CTRB 125, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$360.00 PO UNION DUES, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$610.00 CLEAN HALLS/BATHS/OFFICES, WINSUPPLY SCOTTSBLUFF NE \$12.46 CLAMP, WOOTERS GERALD \$6.00 CABLE TV WASN'T WORKING

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilmember Gillen. 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:

- 1. Public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant amendment**

Mayor Kaufman opened the public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant amendment at 6:05 p.m. Rawnda Pierce with Twin Cities Development addressed the Council. She stated that an amendment is required if you change anything in a Community Development Block Grant. They almost always have to be

amended because you don't know what's going to happen. We are requesting an extension of time and a budget amendment. We'll move some of the money from façade improvement to public facilities and extend the time to September 30, 2019 so it can be completed. A public hearing is required to do this along with additional paperwork.

City of Gering
Request for Extension and Budget Amendment of CDBG Number 13-DTR-105
Submitted to Nebraska Department of Economic Development
November 26, 2018

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract #13-DTR-105/City of Gering Phase II (Implementation) Downtown Revitalization Executed Contract Award dated August 9, 2016 by Brian Gaskill, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development Division in the amount of \$350,000. The Contract #13-DTR-105 grant-period officially expired April 1, 2018.

City of Gering Downtown Revitalization Projects Timeline:

- Gering Civic Plaza Phase I Construction – July 2017 through September 2017
- Gering Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Funding Cycle – March 2017 to June 15, 2018
- Gering Commercial Façade Grant Construction Cycle – July 2017 to November 2018
- Gering Civic Plaza Phase II Construction – Construction to start Spring 2019
- Gering Civic Plaza Phase II Construction Completion – August 2019

The second phase of the Gering Plaza Project has been delayed from the original timeline. As with any public project, the City of Gering makes it a priority to give residents and local stakeholders multiple opportunities to provide feedback. Due to significant input and support from the community, the design for the plaza has gone through many iterations; including a change in location and several design changes. Changes were made to better meet the daily needs of citizens, local businesses, the Gering Civic Center as well as to accommodate special events that are held downtown. By taking time to revise-improve the original design of the plaza, the City has received extremely positive feedback from local residents and downtown business owners about the project's current design and flexibility for many uses. Unfortunately, the process to get the project to this point has taken longer than originally anticipated, hence the need for an extension to allow the work to be completed.

The building façade improvement program was extended in order to allow more businesses time to apply and complete projects.

The CDBG Number DTR-105 awarded to the City of Gering approved budget included \$162,000.00 in commercial rehab funds for businesses in the downtown corridor. Grant funds were announced in March of 2017; the grant cycle for commercial façade rehab projects ran from March 2017 through June 15, 2018.

Property-building owners of eleven (11) business addresses submitted applications and were granted commercial rehab funds. Commercial rehab projects were completed by all applicants as of November 1, 2018.

The City of Gering, our downtown corridor and the business-building owners successfully benefited from grant funds awarded for commercial façade improvements. The City of Gering extended our grant cycle for façade improvements to allow more businesses time to apply and complete projects; we are confident that the grant period served all business owners intending to take advantage of the commercial façade improvement funding.

Justifications:

- Commercial façade improvement grant opportunities were well advertised and promoted throughout the 15-month grant period.
- In addition to numerous press releases issued and print-radio-TV articles on the program; Gering Downtown Revitalization Committee members went door to door on three (3) occasions during the grant period to visit one-on-one with business owners to introduce/explain the grant opportunities and processes.
- Prior to start of grant funding; Gering Downtown Revitalization committee identified 10-12 business addresses likely to take advantage of the grant program. At the conclusion of the grant funding cycle; a total of eleven (11) business addresses completed commercial façade improvements.
- Gering Downtown Revitalization Committee and City of Gering are confident all business owners who desired participation in the grant program did participate.

- From the beginning of Gering's Downtown Revitalization efforts; the Civic Plaza has been supported as the sense of place for Gering's downtown business-recreation-tourism leisure corridor.
- Residents and stakeholders have had an active-enthusiastic participation in multiple opportunities to provide input-feedback through many Plaza iterations including a change in location.
- Local civic organizations and philanthropic organizations have contributed in-kind and financial assistance to the City and Gering Downtown Revitalization Committee for development of certain aspects of the Plaza asset for the community-region.
- The City of Gering has made a commitment to the Plaza and Gering's Downtown Revitalization efforts; expanding the Plaza development to over \$1 million total estimated project investment to serve the Gering community now and many years into the future.
- The community and stakeholders unanimously support the request for budget amendment to repurpose unutilized commercial rehab funds into the Plaza development.

Annie Folck, City Planner, stated that initially they designated \$162,000 for façade improvements downtown. They ended up doing 11 façade improvements so they are on track with what the goal was. They had to set a deadline for businesses to apply to meet the grant requirements. They're confident that anyone who wanted to take advantage of those funds had every opportunity to do so. Staff and the DTR Committee went door to door downtown three times to make sure everyone was well aware. \$63,368 of the CDBG funds were used for façade improvements. That leaves \$98,632 of grant funds that can still be spent; we are requesting to transfer those funds to use for the plaza. Staff is requesting approval for the request for amendment.

Mayor Kaufman asked if there was any reason the State would deny this request. Mrs. Folck replied that they've been in touch with the State and the State also stated that this is pretty typical for this type of grant; we don't see any challenges there. Rawnda Pierce added that it does have to get done though; they won't grant more extensions. Annie said they're hoping to bid the project out in the next few weeks so construction can begin in the spring.

Councilmember Smith asked why it wasn't done this summer; he thought the plan was to start on it right after Oregon Trail Days. Mrs. Folck replied that that was the hope but there were different changes to the design and the bathrooms that took longer than they wanted; they didn't want to start construction in the fall because that makes it really tough. Rawnda Pierce added that the plaza design changed substantially when the UNL student re-designed it; Council approved those changes. That changed the scope and engineering of the project. Annie added that in July when they were getting ready to bid it out, they looked at the bid packet and realized that the bathrooms were not designed for year-round use. The plan all along is to make this a year-round plaza. Staff asked the engineer to change that but it took time because they also went back to the Downtown Revitalization Committee to get their approval on that. The process took longer than they would have liked. Rawnda Pierce added that another reason for the delay is that they wanted to give the downtown businesses as much time as possible to consider façade improvements.

George Schlothauer, Downtown Revitalization Chairman, commented that they felt they wanted to do this and wanted to do it right. They wanted to do something that the City of Gering can be very proud of.

Councilmember Smith asked about the \$20,000 Administrative fee; Rawnda Pierce replied that the City gets almost all of that; most of it goes to engineering fees. The City has received a substantial portion of the grant already; that just hasn't been drawn down yet.

Annie Folck added that the Downtown Revitalization Committee has been very proactive in seeking other funding for other pieces of the plaza such as the stage.

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the amendment. George Schlothauer indicated the Downtown Revitalization Committee is in favor. Mayor Kaufman then asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to speak in opposition of the amendment. Seeing none, the administrative record was closed and the public hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to enter the Administrative Record for this public hearing into the public record. 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.

1a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign CDBG Contract Amendment Request Form

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign CDBG Contract Amendment Request Form. Second by Councilmember Morrison. 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.

1b. Approve and authorize Mayor to sign letter requesting Amendment to Community Development Block Grant for Downtown Revitalization

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign letter requesting Amendment to Community Development Block Grant for Downtown Revitalization. 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.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Certification of Street Superintendent for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Certification of Street Superintendent for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Second by Councilmember Gillen. 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.

2. Approve Ordinance 2069 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE VII, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 72.01 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2069 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE GERING CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE VII, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 72.01 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded 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.

Councilmember Morrison moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2069 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2069 was read by title only, Councilmember Smith moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. "The question is shall Ordinance No. 2069 be passed?" 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.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Cooperative Agreement between the City of Gering and Joe and Jeanne Sample for Public Parking (21st Street)

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Cooperative Agreement between the City of Gering and Joe and Jeanne Sample for Public Parking (21st Street). 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.

4. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2070 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA VACATING THE FINAL PLAT OF BLOCK 2, HERITAGE ESTATES, SITUATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

Councilmember Wiedeman declared a conflict of interest for Current Business agenda items #4 and #5 due to the fact that the Wiedeman Family Trust is her family corporation and it is selling this property to Vetter Health Services.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to acknowledge Councilmember Wiedeman's conflict of interest pertaining to Current Business items 4 and 5. Second by Councilmember Cowan. 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.

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2070 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA VACATING THE FINAL PLAT OF BLOCK 2, HERITAGE ESTATES, SITUATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: Wiedeman. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Smith moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2070 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: Wiedeman. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2070 was read by title only, Councilmember Backus moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. "The question is shall Ordinance No. 2070 be passed?" There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: Wiedeman. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

5. Approve Final Plat Block 2, Heritage Estates

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve the Final Plat Block 2, Heritage Estates. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: Wiedeman. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

6. Approve Ordinance 2071 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING VACATING THE FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 2A AND 2B, BLOCK A, BARTON SUBDIVISION, A REPLAT OF LOT 2, BLOCK A, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCK 1, BARTON SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND REPLAT BACK TO LOT 2, BLOCK A, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCK 1, BARTON SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2071 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING VACATING THE FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 2A AND 2B, BLOCK A, BARTON SUBDIVISION, A REPLAT OF LOT 2, BLOCK A, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCK 1, BARTON SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND REPLAT BACK TO LOT 2, BLOCK A, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCK 1, BARTON SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. 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.

Councilmember Smith moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2071 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Holliday. Motion Carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2071 was read by title only, Councilmember Backus moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. "The question is shall Ordinance No. 2071 be passed?" 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.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

7. Consider holding only one regular meeting in the month of December, 2018

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to hold only one regular meeting in the month of December, 2018 with the understanding that a special meeting can be called if necessary. 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.

REPORTS: (Information only)

1. Liaison report, Oregon Trail Days - Councilmember O'Neal

Councilmember O'Neal reported that:

- The economic impact of O.T. Days was significant and showed 91% occupancy at local hotels and 76% in Scotts Bluff County
- The RV Park was 113% full (additional overflow areas were used for RV parking)

- 2,622 tickets were sold for the Josh Turner concert
- Approximately 30,780 people attended Oregon Trail Days, an estimated 8,000 of those were from outside of Scotts Bluff County
- The Food Fair on Friday night sold out by 7:00 p.m.
- Hundreds of volunteer hours were spent setting up the Chili Cook-off
- There were 719 people who participated in the Chili Cook-off

Councilmember O'Neal was very impressed by the volunteerism of the Oregon Trail Days Committee and their volunteers. She was very complimentary of City staff that assisted with all the festivities and she commended Vera Dulaney for chairing the O.T. Days Art Show for 35 years.

2. Liaison report, Gering CVB – Councilmember Gillen

Councilmember Gillen reported that:

- Occupancy at Gering's hotels and RV parks averaged a 5.7% increase over 2017
- County-wide lodging tax collections mirror the state's record setting year of largest total lodging tax collections since inception of the tax
- Gering hosted nine (9) state-regional association market multi-day conferences in 2018
- Gering CVB provided welcome services to 5,977 convention delegates and group market attendees (including motor coach and sports recreation markets) in 2018
- To date, we have submitted eleven (11) comprehensive bid packages for new convention business in 2020, 2021 and 2022 and have been successful in nine of those efforts for future business
- Fulfilled 1,608 visitor packet requests for tourism information from website, print and social media advertising
- Gering CVB website visitations are up 13.9% over 2017
- Group motor coach tour operator markets show a substantial increase in 2018 with six (6) motor coach companies who have never done business before in Gering executing new tour itineraries that included overnight stay and our attractions; a minimum of one overnight and one touring day in Gering-area as direct result of CVB's increased destination marketing efforts in the group market segments. Two of these operators planned itineraries of a 2-day, 2-night stay. A full motor coach of 48 averages a daily expenditure of \$10,000 in a community per day for fuel, lodging, meals, attractions visits and incidentals.
- Post eclipse 2017 activities; eclipse viewers at Five Rocks Amphitheater, Scotts Bluff National Monument and Legacy of the Plains viewing sites commented that they would "definitely be back to visit Gering and the area in the future"
 - Visitor calls, requests for visitor information and actual visitations at area attractions from Colorado and specifically the Front Range are up 31.6% this year indicating that Colorado eclipse visitors definitely came back in 2018

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.

George Schlothauer addressed Council and thanked the City and the Council for their support and cooperation with Downtown Revitalization and the Civic Plaza project.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor