

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and Acting City Attorney Matt Turman. 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)

Motion by Councilmember Smith to excuse the absence of Councilmember Holliday from the November 13, 2017 regular meeting. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. 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, 2017 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials
3. Approve Street Superintendent Certification
4. Approve Fire Chief, Nathan Flowers, as the Mutual Finance Organization Representative – Gering Fire Department

Claims:

11-4-17 to 11-17-17

A & A PORTA POTTIES \$135.00 PORTA POT, ACCUSTAR SURVEYING \$6,475.00 FEDERAL MONUMENT PATHWAY, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS \$8.73 PARTS, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$1,401.38 TELEPHONE/INTERNET CHRG, ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC \$232.00 TRUCK RPR, ANDERSON & SHAW \$70,132.95 NEW BALLFIELD, ARMADA MEDIA CORP \$500.00 RADIO ADVERTISING, B & C STEEL \$672.12 BUELARD PIPE, BAKER & ASSOCIATES \$20,064.25 DOWNTOWN PLAZA DEVELOPMENT, BAVCO VALVE CO \$713.55 BACKFLOW PREVENTORS, BEEHLER NOLAN \$46.00 TRAVEL TO CASPER WREA CONF, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$217.90 PEST CONTROL, BKD RENTALS LLC \$2,154.20 DEC 2017 RENT, BLACK CLOVER ENTERPRISES \$783.50 GOLF HATS/PUTTER COVERS, BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$88.66 REST ROOM SUPPLIES, CCL SUPPLY LLC \$101.25 CLEANING ACID FOR TRUCK, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS \$562.72 CABLE TV 600 ROBIDOUX RD, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,945.88 FSA MEDICAL 125, CLICGEAR USA \$328.45 GOLF PUSH CARTS, CNA SURETY \$255.00 BOND MAYOR KAUFMAN, COMFORT INN KEARNEY \$199.90 LODGING FOR WATER WW CONF, COMMON GROUNDS DOG PARK \$242.09 KENO FUNDS TO HELP WITH FENCE, CONNECTING POINT \$295.09 OCT & NOV COPIER SRV CONTRACT, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT C \$157.79 MEALS BROWN NLET, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS \$617.50 TRANSIT & TRIPOD FOR ROADTOP, CORE & MAIN LP \$491.96 WATER SRV LINE RPR, CORNHUSKER PRESS \$16.00 TOBACCO LICENSE/APPLICATIONS, COWAN'S CUSTOM CABINETS \$260.75 CABINET FOR STORAGE, COXBILL TREVOR \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, CPI \$2,006.25 EMP RETIREMENT PLAN, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$87.81 (2) 125 AMP FUSES, CROELL INC \$1,581.00 12 YDS CONCRETE, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING \$133.50 SALT, DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING \$532.64 TIRES FOR 1998 DODGE/SKID STEER FLAT RPR/TIRE RPR/CHANGED TIRES, DATA TECHNOLOGIES \$11,590.92 SUPPORT/2018 SUMMIT LICENSE FEE, DUTTON - LAINSON CO \$4,273.19 TRANSFORMERS/FEED THRU BREAK INSERT/BOLTS/SPLICES, ECOLAB \$255.78 PEST CONTROL, ELLIS ANTHONY \$75.00 RV ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND, ENVIRO SRV INC \$816.00 WASTE WATER LAB, FDC PUBLISHING \$403.75 PHONE BOOK ADVERTISING, FANKHAUSER DUSTIN \$31.00 COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE, FARM & RANCH MUSEUM \$8,350.00 DONATED UTILITIES BY THE CITY, FASTENAL CO \$1,519.08 INDUSTRIAL PUMP 1 & 2 REPLACEMENT/ INDUSTRIAL PUMP 1 & 2 RPR/GLOVES/BATTERY, EARPLUGS/SHOP SUPPLIES/TOOLS/BOLTS, FIRST STATE BANK \$320.60 IBEW UNION DUES, FLEETWOOD FINANCE LEASING \$27,398.05 WATCH GUARD CAR CAMERA 1ST YR, FLOYDS SALES & SRV \$3,148.08 RPR'S ON G-5, FRAASS HEATING & COOLING \$21.50 BAL ON ACCT WENT OUT OF BUSINESS, FRANK PARTS CO \$905.90

TIRE SENSOR FOR JEEP/BRAKE MASTER CYL FOR 2018 CHEVY/SHOP TOOL/SHOP SUPPLIES/SCRAPPER PARTS/ALJON PARTS/LIGHTS, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$1,633.00 LEGAL SRV, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF \$62.71 ELEMENT, GARVIN KERRI \$75.00 RV ROOM RENTAL DEPOSIT, GARY'S CLEANING & RESTORATION \$720.00 CLEAN CHAIRS, GEAR FOR SPORTS \$47.71 GOLF POLO, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING \$8,180.00 NEW MAKEUP AIR UNIT LABOR INSTALLATION, GERING FORT LARAMIE IRRIG \$5,075.01 IRRIGATION TAX 2018/03-21-55 177A/ 27-22-55 197/ 198, 34-22-55 200/ 199A, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$556.85 ICMA CITY ADMIN, IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC \$611.86 EXCHANGED SHOP COVERALLS/MATS/DUST MOPS, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$340.09 PLANNER/PRINTER INK/OFFICE SUPPLIES/CALENDARS, INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$402.10 24 BOOKS, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$41,034.93 FED/FICA TAX, INTRALINKS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$4,787.91 CITY PLANNER NEW COMPUTER, IPMA - HR \$296.50 TESTING SUPPLIES/OFFICER TEST, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$6,520.90 BOXES/CUT OUTS/CABINET, IZZO GOLF INC \$156.07 HITTING NET, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES \$140.00 GOLF BAGS, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,652.72 JH RETIRE 6%, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO \$119.73 INDUSTRIAL PUMP 1 REPLACEMENT, KARENS CLEANING \$425.00 NOV JANITORIAL SRV'S, KOVARIK ELLISON MATHIS \$3,465.00 GERING MEMORIAL CHAPEL, KRIZ - DAVIS CO \$696.17 X - ARM, LOGOZ LLC \$657.00 UNIFORMS, MARATHON SYSTEMS \$319.70 SUPPLIES, MASEK GOLF CAR CO \$39.00 BEVERAGE COOLER, MATHESON TRI - GAS INC \$314.39 WELDING SUPPLIES, MB KEM ENTERPRISE \$120.50 DOOR RPR, MEAT SHOPPE \$15,280.49 CATERING COSTS/MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, MENARDS \$351.88 14 GA WIRE, MERRICK & CO \$10,979.79 WTR & SEWER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,163.50 MG T-POLICE, MICHAEL TODD & CO \$1,016.95 TRAFFIC RAILS FOR DEADENDS, MIDWEST FARM SRV CO \$768.23 INSTALLATION OF PUMP & PARTS, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$83.91 KEY TAGS/PLANNER/BINDER CLIPS/FIST AID KIT, MONUMENT INN & SUITES \$10,000.00 REIMBURSEMENT DTWN FAÇADE GRNT, MORBARK INC \$318.96 CHIPPER RPR, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY \$2,317.08 DUES, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$612.50 PENSION PLAN FEES, NDOR - LODGING \$709.25 OCT 2017 RV LODGING, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPT OF REVENUE \$63,559.89 OCT SALES & USE TAX, NE DEPT OF ECONOMIC DEV \$75.00 CDBG RECERTIFICATION TRAINING, NE ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOC \$500.00 NEDA RESEARCH, NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$116.82 EL 240086 HWY 92, NE SAFETY/FIRE EQUIPMENT \$308.00 RPR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM, NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$3,786.73 ICE SLICER, NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL \$32.00 NEBRASKA HISTORY 1 YR SUBS, NEBRASKALAND TIRE \$867.88 TIRE INSTALL PACKAGE/TIRES FOR 09 FORD TRUCK, NEENAH FOUNDRY CO \$839.88 WATER MAIN RPR, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS \$501.16 SRV LINE RPR, OCLC INC \$149.26 NOV CAT & ILL SUBS, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$125.91 LOCATE FEES, PALOMO DOMINGO \$96.00 TRAVEL TO CASPER WY WREA CONF, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$12,461.39 GAS, PAUL L REED CONSTRUCTION \$71.10 RED CHIPS, PAYROLL CHECKS \$113,358.75 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11-10-17, PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC \$30.00 1 CHILDREN AUDIO BOOK, PETTY CASH \$55.64 PETTY CASH, PHYSIO - CONTROL INC \$606.00 MAINTENANCE ON AED'S, POWERPLAN OIB \$2,734.53 RPR'S ON JOHN DEERE 160G, PRAISE WINDOWS \$600.00 WASH WINDOWS, PRINT EXPRESS \$185.90 CAMPING ENVELOPES, R & C WELDING & FABRICATION \$190.00 CRANE SRV, RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER \$4,175.00 DONATED UTILITIES BY THE CITY, ROBINSON ELECTRIC \$7,196.97 WWTP BLOWER RPR, RUSCH'S CONSTRUCTION \$134.00 RPR PANEL IN WOMEN'S B - ROOM, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC \$654.89 TOOL RPR, SARCHET ENTERPRISES \$200.00 BROWNSFIELD MEETING, SCHNEIDER STEVE \$40.90 REIMBURSE FOR TASER TARGETS, SCOTTS BLUFF CO CONSOLID \$46,575.00 COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT 2017 - 2018, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$34.00 COUNTY COURT COSTS, SCOTTSBLUFF - GERING UNITED \$116.75 UNITED WAY CTRB, SEACREST & KALKOWSKI P C \$507.50 WEBORG HOTEL, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$4,175.00 DONATED UTILITIES BY THE CITY, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM \$1,500.00 10/17 PROSECUTIONS, SNELL SRV'S INC \$1,438.30 RPR'S MAKE UP AIR, SONNY'S TOWING \$80.00 PD TOW, SPECTRUM PHOTOGRAPHICS \$50.00 STAFF PHOTO, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$250.96 MOUSE/INK CARTRIDGES/GLUE STICKS, STAR HERALD \$77.38 ADV PROMO STAR HERALD WEBSITE, STATE OF NE/DAS COMMUNICATION \$168.52 LONG DISTANCE PHONE CHGS, STRAND ASHLEY \$75.00 RV ROOM REFUND DEPOSIT, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, SYSCO DENVER INC \$288.49 DISH RACK COVERS, THE COPIER NINJA LLC \$227.97 TONER/INK CARTRIDGES, UNITED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$240.00 STATE OF VALLEY LUNCHEON, US AUTO FORCE \$39.76 2 TIRES, VAN PELT FENCING \$1,929.98 FENCE RPR'S, VERIZON WIRELESS \$656.47 IPAD CHRGS, WAGNER MEGAN \$75.00 RV ROOM REFUND, WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM \$18.50 37 DISCS CLEANED, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULT \$463.40 RANDOM POOL MGMT, WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS \$57.23 COPIER MAINTENANCE, WESTERN STATES BANK \$25,635.88 GERING/SCB SINKING FUND, WESTERN STATES BANK - POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL \$100.00 ADVERTISING FOR CRAFT FAIR, WINCHELL CLEANING SRV \$720.00 CLEANING 720.00, WORLD TRADE PRESS \$450.00 3 ONLINE DATABASES

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

BIDS:

1. OT Park New Baseball Field Lighting

Paul Snarr, City Engineer, stated that staff sole-sourced this bid; it's specialized lighting for the Oregon Trail baseball field. It includes six poles - different heights with lighting, bullpen lighting and security lighting. The bid was \$217,000. The City is a member of the National Joint Powers Alliance which the City has adopted for bidding purposes for specialized equipment. Staff recommends awarding the bid to MUSCO for \$217,000; City crews will install them. Councilmember Wiedeman asked if we've used this vendor before. Mr. Snarr replied yes; it's very specialized.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve staff's recommendation to award the Oregon Trail Park New Baseball Field Lighting bid to MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of \$217,000. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Consider holding only one Regular Council Meeting in December, 2017

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to hold only one Regular Council Meeting in December, 2017; if a special meeting is deemed necessary it can be called. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Accept the resignation of Paul Snarr, City Engineer/Planner

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to regrettably accept the resignation of Paul Snarr, City Engineer/Planner. Second by Councilmember Smith.

Discussion: Mayor Kaufman stated to Paul that he has been a valued member of the team for many years. Council appreciates the job that he has done and wish him the best in his future. Mr. Snarr thanked Council and stated the he has enjoyed working with them and City staff.

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

3. Determine sale price for 910 and 920 K Street, Gering, NE, more specifically Lots Ten (10) and Eleven (11), Block Fifteen (15), Original Town of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska

Councilmember Gillen moved pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 84-1410, also known as Nebraska's Public Meetings Law, that the Gering City Council enter into closed session for the purpose of: Strategy/negotiation session regarding the sale of real estate including discussions of price, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy, negotiation, and guidance from City legal counsel concerning City-owned property generally located at 910 and 920 K Street, Gering, NE.

Mayor Kaufman stated that Councilmember Gillen moved pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 84-1410, also known as Nebraska's Public Meetings Law, that the Gering City Council enter into closed session for the purpose of: Strategy/negotiation session regarding the sale of real estate including discussions of price, protection of the public interest, and discussion of strategy, negotiation, and guidance from City legal counsel concerning City-owned property generally located at 910 and 920 K Street, Gering, NE.

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

Mayor Kaufman stated that Council will enter into closed session at 6:09 p.m. He invited Administrator Danielzuk and City Attorney Matt Turman into the closed session.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to come out of closed session at 6:42 p.m. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to go to live auction for the lots on 910 and 920 K Street and set the minimum price for each lot at \$4200. The lots will need to both be sold at the same time for a total of \$8400 (in conjunction with each other). Council tasks staff to work with legal counsel to come up with a simple development agreement so possible purchasers will know what the development agreement will be. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: (Information only)

1. Liaison Report, Oregon Trail Days Committee – Councilmember O'Neal

Councilmember O'Neal reported that once again Oregon Trail Days was a very successful event. There were 33 vendors at the Food Fair Thursday evening; estimated attendance was 4000, possibly more. There were 87 vehicles in the car show from 15 different communities and three states. The Kiddie Parade had 682 total participants. Gross sales at the art show were \$26,837.00. 84 people attended the Third Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event. 132 quilts were displayed at the Quilt Show and 532 people attended it. Mud Volleyball had 62 teams. There were 45 entries in the Oregon Trail Days Monument Hill Climb event sponsored by the Western Nebraska Bicycling Club. The Chili Cook-off was also very successful. The concert event went really well; City employees need to be commended for all their work on that.

2. Liaison Report, Gering CVB – Councilmember Gillen

Councilmember Gillen reported that it was an extremely busy year for the Gering CVB. We were one of the Express Tour stops for the Nebraska 150th Celebration. The Solar Eclipse event was very successful; thousands of people visited our area from all over the United States and abroad. He thanked Karla and all the staff for all of their hard work on that. The Old West Balloon Fest "Glow" was held at Five Rocks Amphitheater. That is a neat addition to the uses at Five Rocks and a great way to bring people into our community he added. The Gering CVB is also involved with the Downtown Development and Civic Plaza. They will also be involved with the marketing of the Cobblestone Hotel. We're also excited about the May 2018 Expedition League coming in. He noted that the Legacy of the Plains also had a very successful year and their numbers were up. He stated that Karla is working hard to bring couch tours into our community. We appreciate all the CVB does for our community.

3. Liaison Report, Communications Center Advisory Board – Councilmember Backus

Councilmember Backus reported that they have a new emergency notification system that integrates with the dispatchers. They purchased a new mobile command center. The County-wide pager upgrade is an interesting story; the Morrill representative showed up at his first board meeting and commented about the poor coverage of the pager service which the committee wasn't aware of. After finding that out the coverage was fixed within three or four months. They selected Zurker Technologies for the computer-aided dispatch and records management system; the total was \$560,000. The first payment for approval will be at their next meeting. They've pretty much wiped all the major projects off the board. The City payments were reduced by 10% going forward. The last project they approved was for a microwave link from the courthouse to the jail and out to the Lake Minatare site. He added that he appreciates the opportunity to serve on that board.

Mayor Kaufman thanked Council for attending these meetings and for their participation on these committees.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

OPEN COMMENT SECTION: None

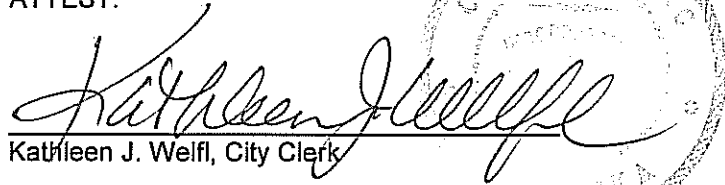
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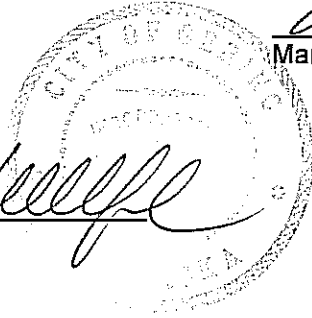
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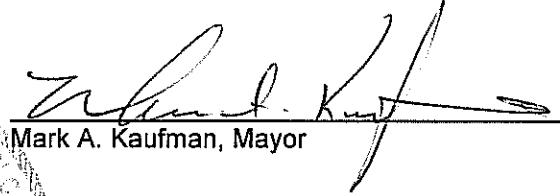
Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Backus, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor