

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Council President Gillen and Councilmembers Smith, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. Absent were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmember Backus. 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

Council President Gillen 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. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse councilmember absence

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve the absence of Mayor Kaufman from the September 26, 2022 regular City Council meeting and Councilmembers Smith and Backus from the September 28, 2022 special City Council meeting. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14

Council President Gillen 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 Council President. 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:

1. Approve minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve minutes of the September 28, 2022 special City Council meeting
3. Approve Claims

Claims 9/27/22 – 10/10/22

ABC BROKERAGE \$7,808.20, ACE HARDWARE \$1,065.73, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$1,022.54, AIR MED CARE NETWORK \$6,110.00, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$483.68, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$479.46, AMERICAN LEGION POST #36 \$3,520.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$563.60, ANIMAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL, \$3.82, AUTREY SUPPLY CO \$908.06, BAD BIRDIE GOLF \$853.00, BEACON ATHLETICS, LLC \$1,036.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$150.00, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$470.58, BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING CO. \$280.92, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$533.99, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$871.13, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00, C & C MANUFACTURING LLC \$2,371.46, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$50,576.48, COBRA PUMA GOLF, INC. \$175.34, CONNECTING POINT \$52.00, CONSUMER REPORTS \$31.04, COWAN'S CUSTOM CABINETS \$75.00, CROSS WELL DRILLING \$3,253.43, DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$1,835.77, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO \$906.84, DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPAN \$130.72, DON LANDRIGAN \$500.00, DOOLEY OIL \$2,604.50, DYKES OIL INC. \$69.10, EAKES INC \$6,382.79, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$4,717.50, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SOUTH, \$540.00, FASTENAL COMPANY \$679.97, FEDEX \$547.11, FERGUSON SIGNS \$660.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$299.50, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$2,059.74, FRESH FOODS INC. \$10.68, FYR-TEK, INC. \$4,943.95, GREY HOUSE PUBLISHING \$165.75, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$678.50, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL \$392.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$115.12, IMPERIAL PUMP SOLUTIONS \$1,549.66, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING & HEATING \$3,214.60, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$40.16, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$226.43, INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO. \$815.03, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$39,310.93, INTRALINKS, INC. \$4,688.02, ITRON, INC. \$3,005.81, J RODZ \$170.00, JIRDON AGRI CHEMICALS, INC \$11,997.63, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$13,126.76, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$635.07, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,003.45, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$1,033.41, KAYLA SANCHEZ \$300.00, LEAGUE OF NE. MUNICIPALITIES \$1,122.00, LEE ENTERPRISES \$558.45, LOGOZ LLC \$171.00, MALY MARKETING \$600.00, MANUEL BARRAZA \$7,500.00, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$369.70, MEAT SHOPPE \$28,600.79, MENARDS \$1,055.86, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MORFORD'S DECORATING CENTER \$5,983.25, MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$479.99, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$4,156.69, MWC ENTERPRISES, INC. \$8,500.00, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$640.18, NE DEPT. OF REVENUE \$3.92, NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND EN \$10,589.46, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK ASSOC \$200.00, NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM \$585.65, NMC INCORPORATED \$399.76, OCLC, INC. \$171.34,

ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC \$94.04, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT \$7,536.32, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$1,281.62, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$1,458.00, PETTY CASH \$54.69, PING INC \$1,033.08, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$90.00, PLATTE RIVER GLASS \$165.00, POSTMASTER \$1,638.12, POWERPLAN OIB 1, \$607.02, PRO OVERHEAD DOOR \$150.00, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$34.41, PVB VISA \$392.48, QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC \$2,461.75, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$77,778.28, RIVERSTONE BANK \$585.32, RON HAMMER \$150.00, RON'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC \$625.00, RYAN'S WELDING LLC \$945.00, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$2,149.68, SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY \$24.64, SCB/GERING UNITED CHAMBER OF \$220.00, SCI SALES, LLC \$1,000.67, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$141.75, SHAWNA WINCHELL \$990.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$3,856.62, SOLUTIONS EAP \$244.55, STUART C. IRBY COMPANY \$800.96, SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS \$6,750.91, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$528.37, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY \$1,169.70, TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00, TORRINGTON SOD FARMS \$390.00, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$24,488.70, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$890.23, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$1,097.95, VIRGIN PULSE \$450.00, WALTER FIELD REPAIR \$2,278.22, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. \$1,626.40, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$10,449.92, WESTERN NE. COMMUNITY COLLEGE \$2,400.00, WESTERN STATES BANK \$23,655.70, WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$516.00, YANDA'S MUSIC INC ORD NEBRASKA \$13,739.99, \$467,286.09

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

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Welcome Human Resource Director, Shannon Goss

Council President Gillen and City Council Members welcomed the new HR Director, Shannon Goss.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a proposed Aquatics Center in Scottsbluff

Zac Karpf, representing Vote Yes for Scottsbluff Aquatics Advocacy Group (LB357 Initiative), addressed the Council and handed out a brochure regarding the proposed aquatics center. He has worked with Administrator Heath and Parks and Recreation Director, Amy Seiler, for several months and they have attended informational meetings regarding the project. The advocacy group has been gathering community questions and input and distributed a survey which received about 1000 responses throughout the communities. These types of facilities are expensive to build and maintain. The City of Scottsbluff, Scottsbluff Schools, the YMCA and Regional West Medical Center have facilities that are in a state of disrepair related to aquatics. This project got started a number of years ago; LB357 is a great way to fund infrastructure and projects like this. He asked Pat and Amy if he could attend a Council meeting and request a letter of support for community aquatics (not for taxes) and for the potential of having a facility that has something to offer that no other facility in this area does including competition swimming, a therapy pool and more. It's also a facility that can be used year-round. They have also requested a letter from the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners. The proposed facility will serve kids, families and seniors in the region regardless of where they live.

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a proposed Aquatics Center in Scottsbluff. Second by Councilmember Smith. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion carried.

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Department of Economic Development regarding a Fair Housing Memorandum required for CDBG #21-ED-002

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Department of Economic Development regarding a Fair Housing Memorandum required for CDBG #21-ED-002. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion carried.

4. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter for Grow Nebraska supporting a Constitutional Amendment related to air service

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter for Grow Nebraska supporting a Constitutional Amendment related to air service. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Council President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Smith, Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Backus. Motion carried.

BIDS: None


PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

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

ADJOURN:


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

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welf, City Clerk

