

## **THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on October 23, 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 Weiff and City Attorney Jim Ellison. 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)

### **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 October 9, 2017 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. File for record: Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Panhandle Region Human Trafficking response Team Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding

#### **Claims:**

##### **10-1-17 to 10-13-17**

CNA SURETY \$100.00 PHIL HOLLIDAY BOND RENEWAL, TERRY CARPENTER \$650.00 WATER WELL LAND RENT, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$20.00 WSTRN RGNL ECON CLBRTN, CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$2,985.46 FSA MEDICAL 125, DATA TECHNOLOGIES \$95.00 MEJIA DATA TECH USER GROUP MTG, DIANE DOWNER \$83.00 NLA CONF MEALS, ESRI \$1,500.00 CAD SOFTWARE, KENT EWING \$11,322.76 TIF PASS THROUGH PYMT, FIRST STATE BANK \$320.60 IBEW UNION DUES, INTERNAL REVENUE SRV \$42,910.91 FED/FICA TAX, KOVARIK ELLISON MATHIS \$2,888.75 RETAINAGE – CITY ATTORNEY, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITY \$21,239.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES 17 – 18, MEAT SHOPPE \$3,866.98 MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, JOHN MEJIA \$571.87 DATA TECH USER MGT, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT \$794.64 CHILD SUPPORT 1, NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$75,083.01 SEPT SALES & USE TAX, NE HEALTH & HUMAN SRV \$600.00 ANNUAL FEE WATERLINE RPLC 3 YR, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT \$200.00 NLETCT TUITION BRUNZ/MASSIE, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT \$6,588.28 PADD MEMBERSHIP 17 – 18, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY \$3,168.50 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, POSTMASTER \$600.00 MAILING PERMITS, SCOTTSBLUFF – GERING UNITED \$116.75 UNITED WAY CTRB, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER \$525.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT, TEAM CHEVROLET \$375.00 WING VEHICLE LEASE, PERALES CHRIS \$64.00 MEALS PLATTSMOUTH TRAINING, JUSTIN BRUNZ \$128.00 MEALS FOR NLETCT TRAINING, ITRON INC \$3,239.48 METER SOFTWARE 17 – 18, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$14,118.89 JH RETIRE 6%, MG TRUST CO LLC \$6,272.92 MG T – POLICE, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$556.85 ICMA CITY ADMIN, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$678.37 CREDIT UNION, MULTI CULTURAL YOUTH LEAD \$2,000.00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER KENO FUNDS, COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENT FI \$400.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES 17 – 18, DVS STORAGE LLC \$2,344.28 TIF PASS THROUGH PYMT, SHAWN WEST \$64.00 MEALS PLATTSMOUTH TRAINING, CLARKE CHRISTIE \$83.00 NLA CONFERENCE MEALS, SCHNEIDER STEVE \$64.00 MEALS TASER TRAINING, BKD RENTALS LLC \$2,154.20 OCT RENT SUBSIDY, MCBRIDE JORDAN \$64.00 MEALS FOR NLETCT TRAINING, PRESTON SHERRY \$83.00 NLA CONFERENCE MEALS, WESTERN STATES BANK \$5,597.37 HSA CTRB 125, WESTERN STATES BANK – POL \$320.00 PO UNION DUES, MASSIE KRISTEN \$64.00 MEALS FOR NLETCT TRAINING, MONUMENT MARATHON \$3,000.00 STARTING LINE SPNSR KENO FUNDS, COMMON GROUNDS DOG PARK \$11,625.13 FENCE DOG PARK KENO FUNDS, PAYROLL CHECKS \$118,495.86 PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10-13-17

**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, Holliday, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.**

**BIDS:**

**1. Fire Department pickup bid**

Fire Chief, Nathan Flowers, reported that he obtained three bids for a new pickup. It will replace a pickup that has already gone past the time of replacement according to the schedule. He recommended that Council approve the low bid of \$33,124.90 from Fremont Motors.

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve staff's recommendation to award the Fire Department pickup bid to Fremont Motors in the amount of \$33,124.90. Second by Councilmember Cowan. 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 approving Keno Requests**

- Gering Disc Golf Club
- City of Gering – Ball park improvements
- Riverside Discovery Center
- Gering Merchants
- Warrior Run

Keno Committee Chairman, Darrell Bentley, addressed Council and asked if they had any questions about the Keno requests. Seeing none the Mayor entertained a motion.

**Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve the Keno requests as presented in the packet: \$16,000 for the Gering Disc Golf Club, \$100,000 for the City of Gering ball park improvements, \$25,000 for the Riverside Discovery Center, \$6,500 for the Gering Merchants and \$6,500 for the Warrior Run. 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.**

**2. Approve Resolution 10-17-1 regarding credit and debit card transaction fees**

Councilmember Wiedeman asked Finance Director, John Mejia, to give a summary of this resolution. Mr. Mejia explained that the City paid over \$83,500 during the last fiscal year for credit and debit card transaction fees. The Administrative Committee met and agreed that Council should consider passing a resolution to assess the transaction fees to credit and debit card charges at City locations that accept that form of payment such as Utilities, Administration, Golf Course, RV Park and Sanitation. The City will not charge customers more than the City is being charged which currently is 2.28%. There are ways to avoid paying the fee such as auto pay, checks and cash.

**Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve Resolution 10-17-1 regarding credit and debit card transaction fees. 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.**

**3. Approve Resolution 10-17-2 to declare official intent under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt or tax-favored debt obligations**

**Motion by Councilmember Smith to approve Resolution 10-17-2 to declare official intent under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt or tax-favored debt obligations. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Mayor called the vote. "AYES":**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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

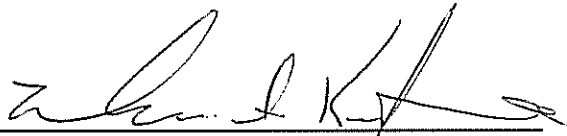
**OPEN COMMENT SECTION: None**

Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

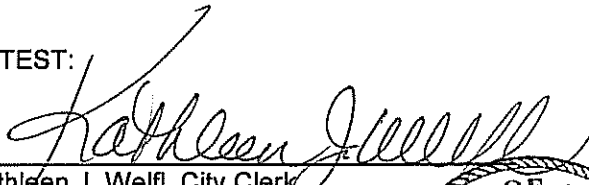
**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. 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 6:11 p.m.

  
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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

