

## THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Councilmembers Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers Smith, Abel and Morrison. 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:

Acting 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. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse councilmember absence

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Smith and Morrison from the September 28, 2020 regular meeting. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.**

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

Acting 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 Acting 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 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 September 28, 2020 regular City Council meeting
2. Approve Claims and Financials
3. File for record Consent to Occupy Easement between the City of Gering and Troy and Lisa Weborg
4. Approve Twin Cities Development Quarterly Reports, April – June, 2020, and July – September, 2020

#### Claims 9-26-2020 to 10-9-2020

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT 7,200.62, A & A PORTA POTTIES 135.00, AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE 17.85, ADIDAS AMERICA, INC 199.59, ADVANCED WEIGHING SYSTEMS, INC 2,295.00, ALICE TRAINING INSTITUTE 10.00, AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION 1,595.00, AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC. 204.00, ANDERSON & SHAW CONSTRUCTION 195,131.85, ASFPM 285.00, B & H INVESTMENTS, INC 31.00, BED BATH & BEYOND 137.78, BELL LUMBER & POLE COMPAN 11,500.36, BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. 917.44, BIG SECURITY 260.44, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS 133.07, BOK FINANCIAL 750.00, BOMGAARS 377.90, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC 107.45, BOUND TREE MEDICAL 799.65, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS 180.00, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY 108.13, CARLA LOPEZ 50.00, CITY PAYROLL TRUST 2,581.34, CONNECTING POINT 1,226.00, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY 63.51, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. 235.40, COPS PLUS 154.48, CORE & MAIN LP 4,049.63, COUNTRY LIVING 29.97, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. 2,326.97, DARRELL VANCE 400.00, DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 127.28, DEB SANDERS 75.00, DOCU-SHRED LLC 26.00, DOLAN CONSULTING GROUP 245.00, DOOLEY OIL 433.53, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY 1,867.16, DYKES OIL INC. 61.40, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW 9,751.25, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. 464.00, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SOUTH 320.00, FASTENAL COMPANY 937.08, FEDEX 128.73, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #109 3,549.99, FIRST STATE BANK 338.07, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. 3,991.12, FRANK PARTS COMPANY 894.87, FREE CONFERENCE CALL.COM 8.00, FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LLC 214.33, FYR-TEK, INC. 912.80, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG. 59.00, GERING ZION CHURCH 300.00, GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL 193.69, GOLF AND SPORT SOLUTIONS, LLC 1,162.70, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING 34.97, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE 100.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION 590.00, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS 126.43, HEARTLAND BANK 250.00, HENNING BROTHERS 83.00, HOTELS.COM 12.99, IACP 525.00, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT 709.74, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC 53.04, INDOFF INCORPORATED 766.99, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 1,258.98, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 44,927.99, INTRALINKS, INC. 425.00, JACOB PITTMAN 400.00, JEREMIAH CLOSSON 400.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA 16,006.26, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE 6,541.78, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. 149.96, JOLIE CAMDEN 75.00, K4 TRUCKING II INC 15,463.60, KANSAS GOLF & TURF INC 352.17, KAREN SUE BRUNTZ 425.00, KEVIN LEHR 40.00, LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES 19,823.00, LISA CALIEHA 75.00, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC 356.06, MATRIX TRUST COMPANY 556.20, MEAT SHOPPE 10,664.44, MERRICK & COMPANY 1,276.50, MICAH SCHROEDER 350.00, MIDTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, P.C. 63.40, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY 30.00, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY 793.37, MSC 410526/DOLLAR GENERAL CORP 75.48, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE 7,514.16, MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME 559.45, NDEQ - FISCAL SERVICES 7,600.00, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE 462.93, NE DEPT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 150.00, NE STATE PATROL CRIMINAL ID 139.14, NEBRASKA DEPT OF AGRI 127.68,



NEBRASKA POWER REVIEW BOARD 8.12, NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. 576.00, NKC TIRE 13.89, NORMA CABERA 75.00, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC 1,164.18, OFFICE WORLD 169.80, ONLINE COMPONENTS COM 53.07, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT 6,588.28, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION 5,514.83, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE 1,877.00, PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL & 461.00, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY 6,337.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC 3,922.26, PAUL REED CONSTRUCTION & SUPP 190.80, PAYROLL 138,678.91, PEOPLE 126.54, PLANNER PADS, CO. 40.48, POSTMASTER 1,157.52, POWERPLAN OIB 2,658.91, PRIME-STRIPE, INC. 66.09, PSI SERVICES LLC 640.00, PUMP & PANTRY 165.60, RECORDED BOOKS, INC 35.99, REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER 17.00, RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER 12,500.00, RODALE, INC. 48.00, S & H UNIFORMS 630.00, SAFE SHOP TOOLS, LLC 417.91, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. 3,328.01, SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY 4,304.38, SANDY'S BURRITOS 43.21, SCB CO. VEHICLE REGISTRATION 37.00, SCB, COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE 632.46, SCB COUNTY WEED CONTROL 2,070.00, SCOTTS BLUFF CO. CONSOLIDATED 46,575.00, SCOTTSBLUFF BODY & PAINT 873.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY 127.50, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER 1,575.00, SHARON LEMLEY 32.16, SIMON CONTRACTORS 628.16, SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO., LLC 203.64, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY 2,229.11, SPEAK WRITE 1,267.58, SPECTRUM 693.98, SPRINKLER WAREHOUSE 6,009.12, SQUARESPACE, INC 20.00, STEVE MOUNT 33.00, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT 528.37, SUREFIRE, L.L.C. 179.68, SWANA 223.00, TERRY CARPENTER, INC. 1,300.00, THE ROCK PILE 392.81, THE TORO COMPANY 155.00, TIGER SUPPLIES 59.37, TITAN MACHINERY INC. 7.00, TREDZ CENTRAL, LLC 140.00, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY 2,500.00, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC 15.00, VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 1,078.00, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC 879.97, VISTA PRINT 1,287.89, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. 4,840.16, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY 12,730.46, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS 259.00, WESTERN STATES BANK 27,407.77, WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE 584.00, WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL 65.39, WILDE CUSTOM GEAR 77.48, WM RECYCLE AMERICA 5,492.06, WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY 219.99, ZM LUMBER CO, DISTRIBUTING 596.18, ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS 29.98

#### Claims 10-10-2020 to 10-23-2020

24/7 FITNESS 400.00, 27LABS LLC 59.95, ABANTE LLC 810.00, ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 15.00, ACUSHNET COMPANY 737.13, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS 1,921.19, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC 510.21, AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION 475.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. 1,141.36, ARIAT INTERNATIONAL 1,711.19, B & C STEEL 531.29, B & H FOTO & ELECTRONICS, CORP 220.85, BENZEL PEST CONTROL 56.71, BENZEL PEST CONTROL 160.50, BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. 708.82, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS 449.16, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC 11,093.97, BRETT WALTER 3,400.00, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY 225.32, CALVIN SMITH 1,281.38, CENEX COUNTRY 9.00, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC 29.17, CENTURYLINK 2,914.97, CITY INSURANCE FUND 189,021.03, CITY PAYROLL TRUST 2,431.47, CLARK PRINTING LLC 390.55, CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL 255.00, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPAN 173.55, CONSTANT CONTACT 22.50, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. 170.00, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. 259.00, COOK'S COUNTRY 24.95, CORE & MAIN LP 5,387.89, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO 419.42, DARRELL VANCE 1,800.00, DICKIE K COCHRANE 3,400.00, DOLAN CONSULTING GROUP 195.00, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY 3,529.16, DYKES OIL INC. 55.56, ECOLAB 234.30, ELITE TOTAL FITNESS 296.00, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW 8,361.25, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. 460.00, ERIC REICHERT CONSTRUCTION 229,275.42, ESET LLC 109.98, FASTENAL COMPANY 434.99, FEDEX 448.31, FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG INC 1,425.00, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #109 4,544.97, FILL N CHILL 18.50, FIRST STATE BANK 338.07, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. 616.16, FRANCISCO BUMPER TO BUMPER IN 220.00, FRANK PARTS COMPANY 559.75, FRANKLIN PLANNER 37.35, FREE CONFERENCE CALL.COM 4.00, GERING COURIER 55.95, GOOGLE 350.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION 375.00, GULF OIL 33.00, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 322.56, HOMEFRONT PROTECTIVE GROUP 425.00, ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT 709.74, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC 715.03, INDOFF INCORPORATED 663.80, INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC. 42,977.00, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 919.37, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 49,478.31, INTERNAT'L CODE COUNCIL 7.50, INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY 768.75, INTRALINKS, INC. 425.00, INTRALINKS, INC. 425.00, J HARLEN CO., INC. 311.57, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES 346.87, JOHN HANCOCK USA 17,067.66, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE 6,439.90, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. 77.69, JONES & BARTLETT LEARNING 988.04, JOSE RODRIGUEZ 95.00, KAREN SUE BRUNTZ 425.00, KATHY WELFL 80.20, KEEP SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING BEAUTI 5,000.00, KENT EWING 14,214.38, KS STATEBANK 27,148.05, MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC 9,161.58, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC 185.83, MATRIX TRUST COMPANY 556.20, MEAT SHOPPE 10,261.00, MENARDS 84.77, MIDTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, P.C. 74.50, MIZUNO USA, INC. 561.09, MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY 382.93, MSC 410526/DOLLAR GENERAL CORP 2.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. 541.82, MUTUAL OF OMAHA 363.75, NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE 462.93, NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) 15,151.15, NE DEPT OF REVENUE 184,390.08, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB 646.00, NE RURAL RADIO ASSOCIATION 583.18, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 4,000.44, NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. 576.00, NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN CO. 2,445.00, NEBRASKA SECRETARY OF STATE 25.00, NKC TIRE 17.37, NMC EXCHANGE LLC 720.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC 310.04, OUTDOOR CUSTOM SPORTSWEAR, LLC 3,192.82, PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT 50.00, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION 5,860.13, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE 725.00, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY 3,168.50, PANHANDLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT 1,000,000.00, PANHANDLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION 300.00, PAT HEATH 64.50, PAYROLL 71,486.77, PING INC 93.03, PRAISE WINDOWS 600.00, PUMP & PANTRY 21.73, PUMP & PANTRY 23.00, RON'S TOWING 125.00, SCB CO PUBLIC TRANSIT 4,088.00, SCB, COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE 316.23, SCB, COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE 164.74, SCOTT M. BOSSE' 2,750.00, SCOTTS BLUFF CO BUILDING & ZON 70.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY 121.25, SHAWNA WINCHELL 715.00, SHERWIN WILLIAMS 153.61, SIEGEL'S UNIFORMS 600.62, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. 1,500.00, SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO., LLC 550.00, SKIP KELLEY 1,800.00, SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY 723.91, STATE FARM 100.00, STEVE MOUNT 33.00, STUART C. IRBY COMPANY 9,025.45, SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT 528.37, SWANA 268.00, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY 399.84, TEAM CHEVROLET 375.00, TERRY CARPENTER, INC. 650.00, TITAN MACHINERY INC. 7.00, TONY KAUFMAN 66.85, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV 50.00, TREDZ CENTRAL, LLC 140.00, TWIN CITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOC 25,000.00, TYNDALE 1,498.06, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 103.60, USA BLUE BOOK 238.75, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC 55.48, VERIZON CONNECT 38.38, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC 160.66, WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER 252.00, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. 4,840.16, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS 126.00, WESTERN STATES BANK 6,566.42, WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE 584.00, WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY 586.68, YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF 680.00, ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS 14.99

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

**BIDS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign LB840 Economic Development Assistance Agreement and Deed of Trust pertaining to Monument Inn & Suites**

**Motion by Councilmember Cowan to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign LB840 Economic Development Assistance Agreement and Deed of Trust pertaining to Monument Inn & Suites. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Acting**



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

**2. Presentation regarding Renewable Distributed Generation by Rich Andrysik, Distributed Resources & Generation Specialist, NMPP**

Rich Andrysik with NMPP presented a Power Point overview of Renewable Distributed Generation to the Council. He concluded by saying that it's important to get the policy in place so when the City has customers that want to connect, the rules are in place. It also needs to work with the City's billing system. Discussion followed. Mr. Andrysik stated that the policy explains everything in more detail. Nebraska statute clearly states that a Utility cannot bill a customer for a meter, and the cost of the meter cannot be added to the processing fee. He said he likes solar, but it does cost a bit to have.

**3. Adopt Ordinance No. 2094 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AGREEMENTS, CHARGES AND FEES**

**Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2094 as the first reading – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AGREEMENTS, CHARGES AND FEES. Seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.**

Current Business agenda item #9 was moved up on the agenda by Acting President Gillen

**9. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Agreement for a Financial Plan, Cost of Service and Rate Design Study for Electric Rates between the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, a non-profit corporation of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter called "NMPP," and the City of Gering, Nebraska**

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement for a Financial Plan, Cost of Service and Rate Design Study for Electric Rates between the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, a non-profit corporation of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter called "NMPP," and the City of Gering, Nebraska. Second by Councilmember O'Neal.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Wiedeman asked how much this is going to cost the City. Mr. Andrysik replied that NMPP does a lot of these studies. MEAN will pay half and the City will pay half; the study is about \$12,000. Councilmember Wiedeman asked if it has been budgeted. Administrator Danielzuk replied, no. Councilmember Gillen asked if this was something that just popped up; this is the first he's hearing of a need for this study. Administrator Danielzuk replied, yes. More detail was requested regarding the business need for this study. Administrator Danielzuk stated that CS Precision is looking at putting in a solar project. One of the requirements the City needs to look at with respect to the size of the solar project, and how that works to benefit or not benefit the rest of the electric customers in our system, will have to be determined by that study. He stated that we indicated to CS Precision at the time that we met with them that we would put the study into place as soon as possible so they can get that information. Councilmember Gillen asked if staff have determined where we're going to come up with the City's side of the expenditure for the study. Administrator Danielzuk replied that the expenditure would come out of the Electrical Fund. Councilmember Gillen stated that if this does pass, he requests a Council briefing be held to provide Council with additional information of the discussions leading up to the study.

**Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan.**

**"NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.**

**4. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Settlement Agreement by and between Scotts Bluff County, Allo Communications, LLC, City of Scottsbluff and City of Gering**

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Settlement Agreement by and between Scotts Bluff County, Allo Communications, LLC, City of Scottsbluff and City of Gering. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman,**



O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.

**5. Approve Resolution 10-20-1 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Supplemental License Agreement between the City of Gering and Union Pacific Railroad**

Resolution 10-20-1

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Gering, NE to sign a Supplemental Agreement for License Audit No. A100648 – Union Pacific Railroad

WHEREAS, the attached Supplemental Agreement will modify the Basic Agreement to allow replacement of the existing sanitary sewer pipeline at or near mile post 145.04 on the South Morrill Subdivision at or near Gering, NE, Scotts Bluff County, and;

WHEREAS, payment in the amount of \$2500 is due and payable to Union Pacific Railroad upon execution of the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GERING, NEBRASKA, THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AFFOREMENTIONED SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LICENSE AUDIT NO. A100648.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Councilmember Wiedeman asked for a little more information regarding this agenda item, for the record. City Engineer, Annie Folck, explained that the City has an aging sewer line that collects wastewater from southeast Gering and carries it under the railroad tracks to the wastewater treatment plant. The sewer line is in need of replacement. Staff have been working with Union Pacific Railroad to obtain the necessary permissions to bore a new sewer line under the railroad tracks. The railroad has granted their permission conditional on the execution of the license agreement. The cost to the City is \$2500; that is already budgeted in the project costs.

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve Resolution 10-20-1 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Supplemental License Agreement between the City of Gering and Union Pacific Railroad. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.**

**6. Approve Resolution 10-20-2 pertaining to closing City of Gering Offices and Departments early on Christmas Eve**

RESOLUTION 10-20-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING EARLY CLOSURE OF CITY OF GERING OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, Christmas Eve precedes a major holiday; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to close City offices and departments early on Christmas Eve on occasions when it falls on a weekday, and also on occasions when the legal holiday is observed on a Friday; and

WHEREAS, City employees will be afforded the option to work a full day on Christmas Eve at regular pay, or use accrued vacation or comp time to leave early.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT ALL CITY OF GERING OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS WILL CLOSE AT NOON THE DAY BEFORE THE LEGAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Welfl, City Clerk

**Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve Resolution 10-20-2 pertaining to closing City of Gering Offices and Departments early on Christmas Eve. Second by Councilmember Wiedeman.**





**Discussion:** Councilmember Backus asked if this would add to Chief Holthus' budget. The response was no. Acting President Gillen stated that the early closure time, for the record, is noon.

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

**7. Approve Resolution 10-20-3 pertaining to the pay grade/compensation for Combination Building Inspector**

**RESOLUTION 10-20-3**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN WAGE/GRADE FOR THE POSITION OF COMBINATION BUILDING INSPECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gering has established a Salary Range Schedule for a Pay Plan for City of Gering employees; and

**WHEREAS**, as it pertains to the position of Combination Building Inspector, the Gering City Council has determined it is necessary to adjust the wage/grade for this position from a Grade 14 to a Grade 19.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Gering, Nebraska, that:**

1. The wage/grade for the position of Combination Building Inspector for the City of Gering shall be a Grade 19.
2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathleen J. Weffl, City Clerk

**Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to approve Resolution 10-20-3 pertaining to the pay grade/compensation for Combination Building Inspector. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.**

**8. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Franchise Agreement between the City of Gering, Nebraska and Spectrum Mid-America, LLC**

**Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Franchise Agreement between the City of Gering, Nebraska and Spectrum Mid-America, LLC. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Acting President Gillen called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Abel, Morrison. Motion Carried.**

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

**OPEN COMMENT SECTION:** None

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



ATTEST:

*Kathleen J. Welfl*  
Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



*Mark A. Kaufman*  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

