

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Jim Ellison. Absent were Councilmembers Gillen and O'Neal. 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 Ewing called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that there was a quorum of the Council present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse Council Member absence (None).

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

Mayor Ewing 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:

(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 August 28, 2023 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve minutes of the September 6, 2023 Special City Council meeting
3. Approve Claims

Claims 8/29/23 – 9/11/23

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$29.94, 911 CUSTOM \$708.00, A & A PORTA POTTIES \$600.00, ACE HARDWARE \$167.46, ACUSHNET COMPANY \$616.00, ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$3,059.24, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$1,686.75, AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING \$6,154.98, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. \$603.68, AT&T MOBILITY \$143.20, B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$209.00, BEELINE SERVICE NC \$130.00, BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$56.71, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING \$441.49, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$764.09, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$80,450.80, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS \$200.00, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY \$2,585.45, CITY OF GERING \$23,663.63, COMFORT INN AT BUFFALO BILL VILLAGE RESORT \$1,940.00, CONNECTING POINT \$14.55, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$13.50, DEMCO, INC \$2,452.36, DOCU-SHRED LLC \$30.00, DOOLEY OIL \$53.40, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$7,473.62, EAKES INC \$20.04, EJS SUPPLY, LLC \$29,649.01, ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$670.00, ESC ENGINEERING \$3,382.27, FASTENAL COMPANY \$565.01, FEDEX \$424.98, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA \$7,874.61, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE \$584.00, FRANK LONG \$55.00, FRANK PARTS COMPANY \$388.03, FRONTIER OVERHEAD DOOR \$861.25, GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG., INC. \$4,709.60, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$294.00, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE \$100.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN \$726.00, HIGH PLAINS AUTO CLUB \$3,500.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. \$121.05, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING & HEATING \$1,458.63, INDOFF INCORPORATED \$131.57, INFINITY CONSTRUCTION INC. \$189,280.10, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$812.92, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$51,011.84, INTRALINKS, INC. \$18,714.53, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY \$4,165.62, J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS \$775.00, J.J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES \$748.34, JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT \$4,210.84, JIM SCOTT \$225.74, JL BECKER INC \$185.94, JM STUCCO \$3,000.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA \$16,520.00, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE \$725.54, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$8,531.28, JOHN WILSON \$90.00, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$9.39, JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD \$16.00, KEVIN LEHR \$100.00, LEE ENTERPRISES \$225.23, LOST RIVER SAND & GRAVEL, INC \$2,370.35, M & M FERG LLC \$120.00, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$434.71, MEAT SHOPPE \$26,089.20, MENARDS \$1,174.21, MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC \$3,752.45, MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY \$30.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$9,334.24, MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$4,404.52, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$571.63, NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND EN \$8,200.00, NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$25.00, NEBRASKA LAND \$264.55, NKC TIRE \$177.69, NMC INCORPORATED \$1,464.72, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$1,002.82, PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$27,933.86, PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, INC. \$2,538.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$273.59, PETE'S QUICK LUBE \$96.58, PLATTE RIVER GLASS \$193.20, PRINT BROKER \$2,042.62, PT HOSE AND BEARING \$27.20, QUINTON ENLOW \$188.00, REGION 22 EMERGENCY MANAG \$1,065.21, REGIONAL CARE INC. \$49,121.06, RELENTLESS LLC \$649.00, RIVERSTONE BANK \$587.21, ROBERT GLEIM \$52.00, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$2,330.25, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$221.25, SD LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING \$50.00, SHAWNA WINCHELL \$560.00, SIMON CONTRACTORS \$10,275.84, SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC \$71.36, SOPHIA AGUILAR \$75.00, SPEAK WRITE \$163.46, SUN MOUNTAIN SPORTS \$174.00, THE MIXING BOWL \$525.00, THE TORO COMPANY \$175.00, THOMPSON GLASS, INC. \$730.00, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV \$75.00, TYNDALE \$1,476.84, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$74,734.11, VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC \$630.18, WARRIOR RUN \$480.46,

WEBORG 21 CENTRE \$1,044.40, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. \$1,772.68, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY \$1,562.33,
TOTAL \$730,421.99

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gillen, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve Appointment of Lyndsey Mathews as the City Treasurer/Finance Director

Mayor Ewing introduced Lyndsey Mathews as the City's new City Treasurer/Finance Director. Mrs. Mathews addressed the Council and stated that she's very excited and grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone at the City of Gering.

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to approve the appointment of Lyndsey Mathews as the City Treasurer/Finance Director. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gillen, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

2. Appoint Mayor Ewing as the Elected Official to attend the Joint Public Hearing on September 20, 2023 (per requirements of LB644) and appoint Administrator Heath as the designated representative

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to appoint Mayor Ewing as the Elected Official to attend the Joint Public Hearing on September 20, 2023 (per requirements of LB644) and appoint Administrator Heath as the designated representative. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gillen, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

3. Approve appointment of George Crews to the Planning Commission

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to approve the appointment of George Crews to the Planning Commission. Second by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gillen, O'Neal. Motion Carried.

BIDS/PROPOSALS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

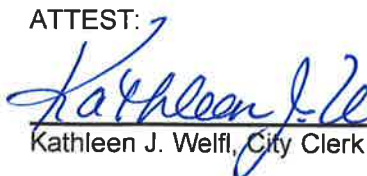
CLOSED SESSION: (Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.) None

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk




Kent E. Ewing, Mayor