

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on September 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers, Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal and Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Lane Danielzuk, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. Absent were Councilmembers Smith 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:

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

Motion by Councilmember O'Neal to excuse the absence of Mayor Kaufman from the September 14, 2020 regular meeting. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. 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:

(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 14, 2020 regular City Council meeting and the minutes of the August 11 and 24, 2020 Budget Review meetings
2. Approve Claims and Financials

Claims 9-11-2020 to 9-25-2020

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT \$17.55; 24/7 FITNESS \$290.00; A & A PORTA POTTIES \$135.00; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC. \$248.11; ACUSHNET CO \$1,489.39; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$581.73; AMAZON CAPITAL SRV, INC \$913.01; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. \$587.37; ASHLEY JACKSON \$165.00; ASHLEY MASCHMEIER \$170.00; AYERS ASSOCIATES INC \$7,221.64; B & C STEEL \$308.05; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC \$31.00; B & S RASK GRILL \$462.00; BAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$5,153.50; BED BATH & BEYOND \$137.78; BENZEL PEST CONTROL \$154.03; BH MEDIA GROUP HOLDING, INC. \$2,093.04; BIG SECURITY \$260.44; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$660.19; BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$453.52; BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY \$71.44; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC \$1,297.16; BOUND TREE MEDICAL \$22.29; BRANDI EHLE \$170.00; BRETT WALTER \$130.00; BRIAN HAYES \$3,334.00; BUD'S RADIATOR, INC. \$148.00; CALLAWAY GOLF CO \$649.94; CALVARY MEMORIAL CHURCH \$300.00; CHRIS BIVENS \$170.00; CITY INSURANCE FUND \$101,549.06; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$1,277.85; CITY PAYROLL TRUST \$6,417.10; CLARK PRINTING LLC \$189.25; CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOHNSON \$836.00; COLLIN HAVENGAR \$7,700.00; CONNECTING POINT \$99.00; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. \$260.49; CORE & MAIN LP \$2,982.83; COUNTRY \$29.97; COZAD SIGNS, LLC \$349.35; CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. \$5.01; CROELL, INC \$416.25; DOLAN CONSULTING GROUP \$245.00; DOOLEY OIL \$669.53; DREAMSHARE PRODUCTIONS LLC \$270.00; DUTTON-LAINSON CO \$4,491.69; DYKES OIL INC. \$94.24; ECOLAB \$251.92; ELECTRIC PUMP, INC. \$3,038.11; ELITE TOTAL FITNESS \$296.00; ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW \$3,190.00; ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. \$464.00; FASTENAL CO \$783.12; FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG INC \$3,675.00; FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #109 \$3,579.99; FIRST STATE BANK \$658.48; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. \$1,497.51; FRANK PARTS CO \$452.84; FRASER STRYKER PC LLO \$577.50; FREE CONFERENCE CALL.COM \$4.00; GALE \$64.77; GARY NEU \$297.50; GARY SCHNEIDER \$297.50; GERING VALLEY PLUMBING & HTG. \$255.52; GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. \$460.00; GFOA \$159.00; GLEN VANDENBERGE \$136.01; GREGORY'S LOCK SHOP LLC \$115.23; HAWKINS, INC. \$3,794.50; HEATHER NEIDOFFER \$180.00; HENNING BROTHERS \$83.00; IACP \$525.00; ICMA ELECTRONIC RETIREMENT \$1,242.05; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, IN \$131.76; INDOFF INCORPORATED \$66.34; INGRAM LIBRARY SRV \$658.44; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$67,241.73; INTERSTATE BATTERIE/RAPID CITY \$383.85; INTRALINKS, INC. \$8,786.74; JASON HENTON \$180.00; JEREMIAH CLOSSON \$320.00; JIM SCOTT \$150.00; JOHN D. ADAMS \$338.00; JOHN HANCOCK USA \$28,153.30; JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE \$6,447.06; JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. \$1,375.39; JOHNSON SRV CO \$2,148.00; JOSH STURGEON \$150.00; JULIE WHITE \$325.00; JUSTIN HOUSTON \$165.00; KAREN SUE BRUNTZ \$425.00; LEAGUE ASSOC./RISK MANAGEMENT \$212.00; LOGOZ LLC \$87.00; M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$3,500.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$390.30; MATRIX TRUST CO \$556.20; MATTHEW HUTT \$900.00; MEAT SHOPPE \$11,833.67; MENARDS \$31.28; MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS CO \$30.00; MONEY WISE OFFICE SUPPLY \$203.04; MSC 410526/DOLLAR GENERAL CORP \$75.48; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE \$344,907.80; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. \$636.81; MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME \$520.02; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE \$462.93; NE DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) \$6,969.99; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB \$485.00; NE STATE PATROL CRIMINAL ID \$92.76; NEBRASKA DEPT OF AGRI \$127.68; NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK ASSOC \$45.00; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$5,789.40; NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. \$750.00; NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION \$850.00; NKC TIRE \$374.50; NMC EXCHANGE LLC \$2,479.38; NORTHWEST PARKWAY LLC \$11.20; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC \$955.75; OCLC, INC. \$160.66; OLD

WEST BALLOON FEST \$4,400.00; ONLINE COMPONETNS.COM \$53.07; PAM MCREA \$53.05; PANHANDLE CONCRETE PROD. INC. \$1,092.00; PANHANDLE COOP ASSOCIATION \$11,575.81; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC \$2,097.00; PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$576.00; PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC \$254.93; PAYROLL \$275,210.60; PEACEFUL PRAIRIE NURSERY, INC. \$919.96; PEOPLE \$126.54; PING INC \$283.06; PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC \$145.91; POSTMASTER \$17.20; POWERPLAN OIB \$73.40; PRIME-STRIPE, INC. \$66.09; PUMP & PANTRY \$96.60; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC \$909.50; R & C WELDING & FABRICATION \$1,725.00; RECORDED BOOKS, INC. \$165.58; RON'S TOWING \$175.00; S & H UNIFORMS \$630.00; SAFE SHOP TOOLS, LLC \$417.91; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. \$802.40; SANDY'S BURRITOS \$43.21; SCB CO. VEHICLE REGISTRATION \$37.00; SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS \$20.00; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT \$34.00; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT \$400.00; SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY \$160.84; SHAWNA WINCHELL \$130.00; SHAWNA WINCHELL \$260.00; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. \$3,897.50; SIMON CONTRACTORS \$11,787.29; SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO., LLC \$203.64; SOLUTIONS EAP \$489.10; SQUARESPACE, INC \$20.00; STAPLES CREDIT PLAN \$99.98; SUGAR VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT \$1,056.74; SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT \$232.50; SUREFIRE, L.L.C. \$212.08; TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO \$229.00; TEAM CHEVROLET \$750.00; TED JENKINS \$150.00; THE ROCK PILE \$2,533.23; THE TORO CO \$155.00; TORRINGTON SOD FARMS \$320.00; TRIHYDRO CORPORATION \$11,640.21; U.S. VENTURE, INC. \$36.80; UNANIMOUS, INC. \$115.00; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC \$133.73; VERIZON CONNECT \$38.38; W & R INC. \$80.00; WAREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER \$252.00; WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. \$1,605.00; WEST NE BICYCLING CLUB \$500.00; WEST NE BICYCLING CLUB \$250.00; WESTERN COOPERATIVE CO \$392.85; WESTERN COOPERATIVE CO \$1,060.84; WESTERN COOPERATIVE CO \$294.32; WESTERN STATES BANK \$31,764.09; WESTERN STATES BANK - POLICE \$584.00; WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL \$52.39; WM RECYCLE AMERICA \$2,627.53; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY \$221.35; YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF \$646.00; ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS \$14.99

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

BIDS: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 2090 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH A ROADSIDE MEMORIAL PROGRAM TO ALLOW IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER(S) TO MEMORIALIZE A DEATH WHICH OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF A VEHICULAR ACCIDENT OR COLLISION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GERING, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Frank Wimberley addressed the Council and stated that his father, Don Wimberley, was involved in an accident on 7th Street in Gering last year due to a distracted driver; his father died from his injuries. He contacted the City in July of this year about placing a memorial sign near the accident site, and was surprised to learn there was nothing in place. However, he and his family are very pleased that the City is now adopting an ordinance for a memorial sign program and he thanked City staff and the Council for adopting a program similar to the State of Nebraska.

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2090 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH A ROADSIDE MEMORIAL PROGRAM TO ALLOW IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER(S) TO MEMORIALIZE A DEATH WHICH OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF A VEHICULAR ACCIDENT OR COLLISION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GERING, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cowan moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2090 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2090 was read by title only, Councilmember Backus moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Abel. "The question is shall Ordinance No. 2090 be passed?" There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

2. Adopt Ordinance No. 2091 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER RATES FOR CITY AND OUT OF CITY LIMITS RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL USERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Councilmember Gillen made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2091 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER RATES FOR CITY AND OUT OF CITY LIMITS RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL USERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Backus. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

Councilmember Abel moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2091 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2091 was read by title only, Councilmember O’Neal moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cowan. “The question is shall Ordinance No. 2091 be passed?” There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

3. Adopt Ordinance No. 2092 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST EXISTING ELECTRICAL RATES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2039; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Councilmember O’Neal made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2092 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST EXISTING ELECTRICAL RATES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2039; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gillen moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2092 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Backus. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2092 was read by title only, Councilmember Abel moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. “The question is shall Ordinance No. 2092 be passed?” There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

4. Adopt Ordinance No. 2093 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE USE OF THE CITY LANDFILL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Councilmember Wiedeman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2093 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE USE OF THE CITY LANDFILL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember O’Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cowan moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2093 and the title thereof approved, and that the Statutory Rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The motion to suspend the statutory rule having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members elected to the Council, was, by the Mayor declared to have carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 2093 was read by title only, Councilmember Backus moved that the Ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Abel. “The question is shall Ordinance No. 2093 be passed?” There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of the Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed.

5. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract between Tri-City Stormwater and Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful

Motion by Councilmember Wiedeman to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract between Tri-City Stormwater and Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful. Second by Councilmember O’Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

6. Request for Personnel Committee meeting – Agenda items: 1. Discuss pay compensation for Mayor and Council, 2. Consider new pay grade for Combination Building Inspector position, 3. Consider pay grade for EMS Coordinator position, 4. Discuss full-time position for Parks/RV Park

Councilmember Backus requested that this meeting be scheduled for 4 p.m. or later in the afternoon.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve a request for a Personnel Committee meeting – Agenda items: 1. Discuss pay compensation for Mayor and Council, 2. Consider new pay grade for Combination Building Inspector position, 3. Consider pay grade for EMS Coordinator position, 4. Discuss full-time position for Parks/RV Park. Second by Councilmember O’Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. “AYES”: Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O’Neal, Cowan. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion carried.

BIDS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public hearing regarding the FY 20/21 One and Six Year Street Plan

Mayor Kaufman opened a public hearing regarding the FY 20/21 One and Six Year Street Plan at 6:16 p.m. Casey Dahlgrin, Transportation Superintendent, presented the administrative record.

City of Gering One and Six Year Street Program 20/21

One year Plan

<u>Project/Priority #</u>	<u>Street/ Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
GER (3-2020)	Holly Drive 2" asphalt mill & overlay of existing asphalt street	\$ 88,138
GER (4-2020)	A Street from Kimball Ave. to 18 th Street 2" asphalt mill & overlay of existing asphalt street including installation of two ADA ramps	\$154,204
GER (5-2020)	Twin City Drive (north side) Remove existing deteriorated asphalt pavement, install 8" concrete pavement on new 6" subbase	\$107,668
	Total:	\$350,010
Six Year Plan		
<u>Project/Priority #</u>	<u>Street/Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
GER (6-2020)	Flaten Avenue 2" mill & overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt pavement including installation of eight ADA ramps	\$175,469
GER (7-2020)	6 th Street from H Street to I Street 2" mill and overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt pavement including installation of ADA ramps	\$58,268
GER (8-2020)	Arroyo Road 2" mill & overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt pavement including installation of five ADA ramps	\$190,812
GER (9-2020)	Hackberry Drive from Old Oregon Trail Road north to Cross Pan, 2" mill & overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt	\$28,301
GER (10-2020)	17 th Street from 955 17 th Street to D Street 2" mill & overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt pavement including installation of four ADA ramps	\$152,849
GER (11-2020)	10 th Street from Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Stable Club 2" mill & overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt pavement including installation of new curb/gutter and sidewalk	\$1,872,521
GER (1-2021)	M Street from 11 th Street east to City limits 2" mill & overlay of existing deteriorated asphalt pavement including installation of 19 ADA ramps including preformed pavement marking	\$1,933,610
	Total:	\$4,411,830

Councilmember Wiedeman asked Mr. Dahlgren if Flaten Avenue would be done during the summer months (as it is near a school). He replied, yes, and it would be stipulated in the contract.

Mayor Kaufman asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. Seeing none, he asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. With no further comments, the administrative record was closed and the public hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to enter the administrative record for this public hearing into the public record. Second by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion Carried.

1a. Adopt Resolution 9-20-2 approving the 2020/2021 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan

RESOLUTION 9-20-2

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gering, Nebraska, held in the Gering City Council Chambers, 1025 "P" Street, Gering, Nebraska on September 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., a public hearing was held on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program, as advertised and posted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GERING, NEBRASKA, THAT:

The One and Six Year Street Program for 2020/21 is hereby approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____
_____ to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for fiscal year
2020/21. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE":
_____. Absent: _____
"NAY"

Whereupon the Mayor declared said Motion carried and Resolution passed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and affix the seal of said City this 28th
day of September, 2020.

Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Welfl, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to adopt Resolution 9-20-2 approving the 20/21 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Second by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion Carried.

1b. Adopt Resolution 9-20-3 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2020

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM 2020

Resolution No. 9-20-3

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification form.

Be it resolved that the Mayor of the City of Gering is hereby authorized to sign the attached Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020 at Gering, Nebraska.

City Council Members: _____

City Council Member _____
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member _____ seconded the motion
Roll Call: ___ Yes ___ No ___ Abstained ___
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

(Signature of Clerk)

Motion by Councilmember Cowan to adopt Resolution 9-20-3 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2020. Second by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Kaufman called the vote. "AYES": Gillen, Backus, Abel, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Smith, Morrison. Motion Carried.

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

REPORTS: (Information only)

1. Liaison report, Valley Visions – Councilmember Wiedeman

Councilmember Wiedeman stated that Valley Visions met for the first time since February, last Wednesday. She reported the following:

- Community Projects – Monument Pathways – Great progress has been made; the pathway has gone from the zoo and now coming off at 20th Street, then along Avenue I. It's completed to about Sonic. There is dirt work along Highway 26 as they prepare for the pedestrian bridge.
- Scottsbluff has opened up opportunities for grants along the East Overland District.
- Councilmember Wiedeman and City Engineer, Annie Folck, updated the group on the progress of Oregon Trail Park and the ball fields; that is coming along very well. They also talked about the Downtown Plaza. The Farmer's Market wasn't as successful as they had hoped. She believes that is partially due to Covid and some of the regulations that were put in place; they're hoping for next year to be better.
- Activate Scottsbluff/Gering (which is part of Panhandle Public Health) has not met during the pandemic. The last project they were working on was a walking trails map. United Way is hosting a virtual 5k thru October 31.
- Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful held their Household Hazardous Waste program on August 29; 50-60 cars stopped by. The Pharmaceutical take-back event will be on October 24.

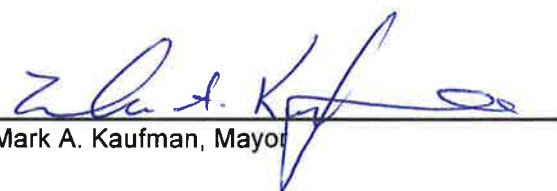
OPEN COMMENT SECTION: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk



