2024-2025
STATE OF NEBRASKA
CITY/VILLAGE BUDGET FORM

City or Village of Gering

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Scotts Bluff County

This budget is for the Period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

$ 2,181,743.00	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$ 2,181,743.00	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

$ 680,455,304	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Projected Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of October 1, 2024
(As of the Beginning of the Budget Year)

Principal	$ 7,155,000.00
Interest	$ 1,159,942.50
Total Bonded Indebtedness	$ 8,314,942.50

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2024

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

City or Village of Gering in Scotts Bluff County

Line No.	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers	Actual 2022 - 2023 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2023 - 2024 (Column 2)	**Adopted Budget 2024 - 2025** (Column 3)
1	Net Cash Balance	$ 11,120,578.00	$ 7,794,801.00	$ 4,990,577.00
2	Investments	$ 24,723,078.00	$ 28,896,379.00	$ 25,000,000.00
3	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 61,085.31	$ 105,329.00	$ 105,329.00
4	Beginning Balance Proprietary Function Funds **(Only If Page 6 is Used)**			$ -
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances (Lines 1 thru 4)**	**$ 35,904,741.31**	**$ 36,796,509.00**	**$ 30,095,906.00**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	$ 1,787,376.00	$ 2,130,610.00	$ 2,160,141.58
7	Federal Receipts	$ 451,522.00	$ 470,650.00	$ 1,660,000.00
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	$ 7,181.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
9				
10	State Receipts: Highway Allocation and Incentives	$ 1,198,389.00	$ 1,251,822.00	$ 1,308,308.00
11	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Fee	$ 81,219.00	$ 70,000.00	$ 70,000.00
12	State Receipts: State Aid	$ -		
13	State Receipts: Municipal Equalization Aid	$ 529,548.00	$ 542,827.00	$ 606,744.00
14	State Receipts: Other	$ 331,770.00	$ 325,356.00	$ 460,022.00
15	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	$ 82,377.00	$ 97,109.00	
16	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ -		
17	Local Receipts: Motor Vehicle Tax	$ 205,415.00	$ 188,202.00	$ 175,000.00
18	Local Receipts: Local Option Sales Tax	$ 2,620,984.00	$ 2,441,708.00	$ 2,525,000.00
19	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax			
20	Local Receipts: Other	$ 25,467,424.69	$ 26,158,803.00	$ 24,697,454.00
21	Transfers In of Surplus Fees	$ 1,900,000.00	$ 2,060,000.00	$ 2,060,000.00
22	Transfers In Other Than Surplus Fees	$ 1,150,799.00	$ 995,421.00	$ 905,421.00
23	Proprietary Function Funds **(Only if Page 6 is Used)**			$ -
24	**Total Resources Available (Lines 5 thru 23)**	**$ 71,718,746.00**	**$ 73,535,017.00**	**$ 66,729,996.58**
25	**Total Disbursements & Transfers (Line 22, Pg 3, 4 & 5)**	**$ 34,922,237.00**	**$ 43,439,111.00**	**$ 45,504,411.00**
26	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve (Line 24 MINUS Line 25)**	**$ 36,796,509.00**	**$ 30,095,906.00**	**$ 21,225,585.58**
27	Cash Reserve Percentage			64%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 2,160,141.58
County Treasurer Commission at 1%	$ 21,601.42
Total Property Tax Requirement	$ 2,181,743.00

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20	Local Receipts: Other	$ 25,576,223.69	$ 25,914,463.00	$ 24,697,454.00
21	Transfers In of Surplus Fees	$ 1,900,000.00	$ 2,060,000.00	$ 2,060,000.00
22	Transfers In Other Than Surplus Fees	$ 1,042,000.00	$ 1,239,761.00	$ 905,421.00
23	Proprietary Function Funds **(Only if Page 6 is Used)**			$ -
24	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 23)	**$ 71,718,746.00**	**$ 73,535,017.00**	**$ 66,729,996.58**
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To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your municipality needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:		Property Tax Request
General Fund	$	2,181,743.00
Bond Fund	$	-
_____ Fund		
_____ Fund		
Total Tax Request	** $	2,181,743.00

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page 1.

Cash Reserve Funds

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
American Resuce Plan Act (ARPA)	$ 1,344,423.00
Self Insurance Health Insurance Fund	$ 2,911,084.00
Cap Proj/Debt/Landfill Close Fund	$ 3,779,116.00
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ 8,034,623.00
Total Cash Reserve	$ 21,225,585.58
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 13,190,962.58
Remaining Cash Reserve %	40%

Documentation of Transfers of Surplus Fees:

(Only complete if Transfers of Surplus Fees Were Budgeted)

Please explain where the monies will be transferred from, where the monies will be transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From: Electric Fund
Transfer To: General Fund
Amount: $ 2,000,000.00
Reason: Funding source for General Fund Expenditures

Transfer From: Electric Fund
Transfer To: Economic Development
Amount: $ 60,000.00
Reason: USDA Rural Electric Loan Match

Transfer From: _____
Transfer To: _____
Amount:
Reason:

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1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	$ 2,560,687.00	$ 101,250.00	$ 37,000.00				$ 2,698,937.00
3	Public Safety - Police	$ 3,028,746.00		$ 8,750.00				$ 3,037,496.00
3a	Public Safety - Fire	$ 434,307.00					$ 45,421.00	$ 479,728.00
4	Public Safety - Other	$ 154,294.00		$ 271,650.00				$ 425,944.00
5	Public Works - Streets	$ 1,489,307.00	$ 471,000.00	$ 219,000.00				$ 2,179,307.00
6	Public Works - Other	$ 145,993.00						$ 145,993.00
7	Public Health and Social Services	$ 287,300.00						$ 287,300.00
8	Culture and Recreation	$ 2,223,482.00	$ 110,000.00	$ 37,000.00				$ 2,370,482.00
9	Community Development	$ 2,243,824.00	$ 395,000.00				$ 390,000.00	$ 3,028,824.00
10	Miscellaneous	$ 2,737,024.00	$ 2,685,923.00	$ 150,000.00	$ 111,572.00			$ 5,684,519.00
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							$ -
13	Nursing Home							$ -
14	Hospital							$ -
15	Electric Utility	$ 9,083,433.00	$ 303,125.00	$ 200,000.00			$ 2,360,000.00	$ 11,946,558.00
16	Solid Waste	$ 3,124,431.00	$ 1,713,125.00	$ 960,000.00			$ 170,000.00	$ 5,967,556.00
17	Transportation							$ -
18	Wastewater	$ 1,378,012.00	$ 953,125.00	$ 89,000.00	$ 60,976.00			$ 2,481,113.00
19	Water	$ 1,328,597.00	$ 645,518.00	$ 128,000.00	$ 297,708.00			$ 2,399,823.00
20	Other	$ 1,876,331.00	$ 84,500.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 385,000.00			$ 2,370,831.00
21	Proprietary Function Funds (Page 6)					$ -		$ -
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lns 2 thru 21)	$ 32,095,768.00	$ 7,462,566.00	$ 2,125,400.00	$ 855,256.00	$ -	$ 2,965,421.00	$ 45,504,411.00

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City or Village of Gering in Scotts Bluff County

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1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	$ 2,540,417.00	$ 28,683.00				$ 260,000.00	$ 2,829,100.00
3	Public Safety - Police	$ 2,949,585.00						$ 2,949,585.00
3a	Public Safety - Fire	$ 405,380.00	$ 18,000.00				$ 45,421.00	$ 468,801.00
4	Public Safety - Other	$ 111,635.00		$ 255,985.00				$ 367,620.00
5	Public Works - Streets	$ 1,532,233.00	$ 330,745.00	$ 193,170.00				$ 2,056,148.00
6	Public Works - Other	$ 103,138.00						$ 103,138.00
7	Public Health and Social Services	$ 240,155.00						$ 240,155.00
8	Culture and Recreation	$ 2,230,578.00						$ 2,230,578.00
9	Community Development	$ 3,155,953.00	$ 90,000.00				$ 390,000.00	$ 3,635,953.00
10	Miscellaneous	$ 4,286,307.00	$ 171,370.00	$ 176,044.00	$ 111,573.00			$ 4,745,294.00
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							$ -
13	Nursing Home							$ -
14	Hospital							$ -
15	Electric Utility	$ 9,150,395.00	$ 186,589.00	$ 13,438.00			$ 2,360,000.00	$ 11,710,422.00
16	Solid Waste	$ 3,251,723.00	$ 750,000.00	$ 930,000.00				$ 4,931,723.00
17	Transportation							$ -
18	Wastewater	$ 1,871,281.00	$ 53,465.00	$ 620,481.00	$ 61,235.00			$ 2,606,462.00
19	Water	$ 1,656,119.00	$ 213,603.00	$ 64,000.00	$ 298,973.00			$ 2,232,695.00
20	Other	$ 1,921,499.00	$ 25,000.00		$ 384,938.00			$ 2,331,437.00
21	Proprietary Function Funds							$ -
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Ln 2 thru 21)	$ 35,406,398.00	$ 1,867,455.00	$ 2,253,118.00	$ 856,719.00	$ -	$ 3,055,421.00	$ 43,439,111.00

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1	Governmental:							
2	General Government	$ 1,966,570.00	$ 52,628.00					$ 2,019,198.00
3	Public Safety - Police	$ 2,398,185.00						$ 2,398,185.00
3a	Public Safety - Fire	$ 325,320.00		$ 11,700.00			$ 45,150.00	$ 382,170.00
4	Public Safety - Other	$ 66,799.00		$ 679,487.00				$ 746,286.00
5	Public Works - Streets	$ 1,177,081.00	$ 541,521.00	$ 282,116.00				$ 2,000,718.00
6	Public Works - Other	$ 100,262.00						$ 100,262.00
7	Public Health and Social Services	$ 229,306.00						$ 229,306.00
8	Culture and Recreation	$ 1,674,275.00						$ 1,674,275.00
9	Community Development	$ 1,181,107.00	$ 19,088.00		$ 8,415.00		$ 288,799.00	$ 1,497,409.00
10	Miscellaneous	$ 3,162,303.00	$ 601,514.00	$ 656,250.00	$ 111,573.00		$ 477,024.00	$ 5,008,664.00
11	Business-Type Activities:							
12	Airport							$ -
13	Nursing Home							$ -
14	Hospital							$ -
15	Electric Utility	$ 5,793,964.00	$ 2,330,920.00	$ 454,032.00			$ 2,239,826.00	$ 10,818,742.00
16	Solid Waste	$ 2,526,471.00		$ 759,218.00	$ 148,988.00			$ 3,434,677.00
17	Transportation							$ -
18	Wastewater	$ 731,714.00	$ 55,835.00	$ 191,469.00	$ 61,443.00			$ 1,040,461.00
19	Water	$ 1,245,088.00		$ 28,268.00	$ 299,986.00			$ 1,573,342.00
20	Other	$ 1,561,866.00	$ 13,672.00	$ 37,800.00	$ 385,204.00			$ 1,998,542.00
21	Proprietary Function Funds							$ -
22	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Ln 2 thru 21)	$ 24,140,311.00	$ 3,615,178.00	$ 3,100,340.00	$ 1,015,609.00	$ -	$ 3,050,799.00	$ 34,922,237.00

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21	Proprietary Function Funds							$ -
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2024-2025 SUMMARY OF PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUNDS

NOTE: COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF A SEPARATE PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUND BUDGET IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF PROPRIETARY FUNCTION FUNDS ONLY

Funds (List)	Beginning Balance	Total Budget of Receipts	Total Budget of Disbursements	Cash Reserve
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
				$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	(Forward to Page 2, Line 4)	(Forward to Page 2, Line 23)	(Forward to Page 3, Line 21)	

NOTE: State Statute Section 13-504 requires a uniform summary of the proposed budget statement including each proprietary function fund included in a separate proprietary budget statement prepared pursuant to the Municipal Proprietary Function Act. Proprietary function shall mean a water supply or distribution utility, a waste-water collection or treatment utility, an electric generation, transmission, or distribution utility, a gas supply, transmission, or distribution utility, an integrated solid waste management collection, disposal, or handling utility, or a hospital or a nursing home owned by a municipality.

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**City of Gering**
ADDRESS	**PO BOX 687**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Gering, NE 69341**
TELEPHONE	**308-436-6817**
WEBSITE	**www.gering.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Kent Ewing	Kathy Welfl	Lyndsey Mathews
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Mayor	City Clerk	Director of Finance
TELEPHONE	308-436-5096	308-436-5096	308-436-6817
EMAIL ADDRESS	mayorewing@gering.org	kwelfl@gering.org	lmathews@gering.org

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [x] Preparer

City or Village of Gering in Scotts Bluff County

2024-2025 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements		(1)	$ 2,181,743.00
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate		(2)	$ 6,000.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments		(3)	$ -
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.			
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From Prior Year Lid Support, Line (17))	$ 774,100.00	(4)	
LESS: Amount Spent During 2023-2024	$ 774,100.00	(5)	
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	$ -	(6)	
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds ***(Cannot Be A Negative Number)***		(7)	$ -
Motor Vehicle Tax		(8)	$ 175,000.00
Local Option Sales Tax		(9)	$ 2,525,000.00
Transfers of Surplus Fees		(10)	$ 2,060,000.00
Highway Allocation and Incentives		(11)	$ 1,308,308.00
		(12)	
Motor Vehicle Fee		(13)	$ 70,000.00
Municipal Equalization Fund		(14)	$ 606,744.00
Insurance Premium Tax		(15)	$ -
Nameplate Capacity Tax		(15a)	$ -
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)		(16)	**$ 8,932,795.00**

Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements (Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	$ 820,393.00	(17)	
LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year *(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)* Agrees to Line (6).	$ -	(18)	
Allowable Capital Improvements		(19)	$ 820,393.00
Bonded Indebtedness		(20)	
Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statutes 72-2301 to 72-2308)		(21)	
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements		(22)	$ 340,228.00
Public Safety Communication Project (Statute 86-416)		(23)	
Benefits Paid Under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act		(23a)	
Local Option Sales and Use Tax within Good Life District		(23b)	
Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics **(Public Airports Only)**		(24)	
Judgments		(25)	
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers		(26)	
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster		(27)	
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)		(28)	**$ 1,160,621.00**

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form) *To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 16 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 28*	**$ 7,772,174.00**

*Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.*

City or Village of Gering

IN

Scotts Bluff County

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2

OPTION 1

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Base Amount) = Line (8) from last year's Lid Form — 7,672,111.58 (Option 1 - (Line 1))

OPTION 2

Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting to exceed Lid for one year

Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Computation Form — (Option 2 - (A))

Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5)) — % (Option 2 - (B))

Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken Line (A) times Line (B) — - (Option 2 - (C))

Calculated Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Base Amount) Line (A) Plus Line (C) — - (Option 2 - (Line 1))

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** — 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** — - % (3)

2,367,393.00 (2024 Value Attributable to Growth per Assessor) / 621,718,523.00 (2023 Valuation) = 0.38 % (Multiply times 100 To get %)

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT COUNCIL/BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** — - % (4)

0 (# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase) / 0 (Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting) = 0.00 % (Must be at least 75% (.75) of the Governing Body)

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** — % (5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5) — 2.50 % (6)

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6) — 191,802.79 (7)

Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7) — 7,863,914.37 (8)

Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule — 7,772,174.00 (9)

Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9) — 91,740.37 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

City or Village of Gering

IN

Scotts Bluff County

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2

OPTION 1

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Base Amount) = Line (8) from last year's Lid Form	7,672,111.58 Option 1 - (Line 1)

OPTION 2

Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting to exceed Lid for one year

Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Computation Form	Option 2 - (A)
Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5))	% Option 2 - (B)
Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken Line (A) times Line (B)	- Option 2 - (C)
Calculated Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Base Amount) Line (A) Plus Line (C)	- Option 2 - (Line 1)

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** — 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** — - % (3)

2,367,393.00 (2024 Value Attributable to Growth per Assessor) / 621,718,523.00 (2023 Valuation) = 0.38 % (Multiply times 100 To get %)

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT COUNCIL/BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** — 1.00 % (4)

7 (# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase) / 7 (Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting) = 100.00 % (Must be at least 75% (.75) of the Governing Body)

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** — % (5)

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TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5)	3.50 % (6)
Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6)	268,523.91 (7)
Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	7,940,635.49 (8)
Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule	7,772,174.00 (9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	168,461.49 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

City or Village of Gering in Scotts Bluff County

2024-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTION

Description of Capital Improvement		Amount Budgeted
Paving/Overlay - Arroyo Road	$	286,000.00
Paving/Overlay - Hackberry Drive	$	60,000.00
Water Storage Tank	$	474,393.00

Total - Must agree to Line 17 on Lid Support Page 8	$	820,393.00

Municipality Levy Limit Form

City or Village of Gering in Scotts Bluff County

Municipality Levy				
Personal and Real Property Tax Request	(1)		2,181,743.00	
Judgments (Not Paid by Liability Insurance)	(2)	0.00		
Pre-Existing Lease - Purchase Contracts-7/98	(3)	0.00		
Bonded Indebtedness	(4)	0.00		
Interest Free Financing (Public Airports)	(5)	0.00		
Benefits Paid Under Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act	(6)	0.00		
Total Levy Exemptions	(7)		0.00	
Tax Request Subject to Levy Limit	(8)		2,181,743.00	
Valuation	(9)		680,455,304	
Municipality Levy Subject to Levy Authority	(10)		0.320630	
Levy Authority Allocated to Others-				
Airport Authority	(11)		0.000000	
Community Redevelopment Authority	(12)		0.000000	
Transit Authority	(13)		0.000000	
Off Street Parking District Valuation	(14)			
Off Street Parking District Levy (Statute 77-3443(2))	(15)	0.000000	0.000000	
Other	(16)		0.000000	
Total Levy for Compliance Purposes	(17)		0.320630	**(A)**
Levy Authority				
Municipality Levy Limit	(18		0.450000	
Municipality property taxes designated for interlocal agreements	(19)	340,228.00	0.050000	
Total Municipality Levy Authority	(20)		0.500000	**(B)**
Voter Approved Levy Override	(21)		0.000000	**(C)**

Note: (A) must be less than the greater of (B) or (C) to be in compliance with the Statutes

This Form is to be completed to ensure compliance with the levy limits established in State Statute Section 77-3442. The levy limit applicable to municipalities is 45 cents plus 5 cents for interlocal agreements.

State Statute Section 86-416 allows for a special tax to fund Public Safety Communication projects, the tax has the same status as bonded indebtedness. State Statute 72-2301 through 72-2308 allows bonds to be issued for Public Facilities Construction Projects. Amounts should be included as Bonded Indebtedness on Line 7 above.

A municipality may exceed the limits in State Statute Section 77-3442 by completing the requirements of State Statute Section 77-3444 (Election or Townhall Meeting). **If an amount is entered on Line 21, a sample ballot and election results MUST be submitted with budget. If voter approved override was completed at a Townhall Meeting, minutes of that meeting, and a list of registered voters in the municipality must be submitted.** Please refer to the statutes to ensure all requirements are met.

City or Village of Gering in Scotts Bluff County

2024-2025 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

YES

☐ **This budget is for a VILLAGE; therefore the allowable growth provisions of the Property Tax Request Act DO NOT apply.**

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Total Property Tax Request (1) $ 2,130,611.00
*(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required from **prior year** budget - Cover Page)*

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%) 2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase

2024 Real Growth Value per Assessor	/	Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation per Assessor	=		
2,367,393.00	/	592,032,124.00	=	0.40 %	(3)

Note: Real Growth Value per Assessor for purposes of the Property Tax Request Act (§77-1631) is different than the growth value for purposes of the Lid on Restricted Funds(§13-518). The County Assessor must provide you with separate growth amounts.

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 2.40 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 51,134.66

TOTAL BASE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 2,181,745.66**

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2024-2025 ACTUAL Total Property Tax Request (7) $ 2,181,743.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request is within allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision is NOT required to complete postcard notification requirements, or participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is **greater than** line (6), your political subdivision **is required** to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide your information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is **less than** line (6), your political subdivision **is not required** to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

City or Village of Gering — SUBDIVISION NAME

Scotts Bluff County — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
League of Nebraska Muncipalities League Association of Risk Management	10/1/2021 to 9/30/2026	risk management serivces and insurance coverage	$ 340,228.00
Scotts Bluff County City of Scottsbluff Valley Ambulance Services, Inc.	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2026	ambulance services	
City of Scottsbluff City of Terrytown Panhandle Humane Society	6/23/03 (perpetual)	animal control services	
Scotts Bluff County, City of Scottsbluff, Terrytown, Banner County, other small nearby communities	2/7/2008 (perpetual)	emergency management serivces for Region 22	
Gering Valley Rural, Kiowa, Lyman Rural, Minatare, Rural, Scottsbluff Rural, Sheep Creek, Morrill Rural,	5/22/2021 (renewable every 3 years)	create a mutual finance organization known as the Scotts Bluff County Fire Protection Mutual Finance Organization	
Scotts Bluff County City of Scottsbluff	5/5/2014 (indefinite)	Scotts Bluff County Communications Center, 911 Advisory Board	
City of Scottsbluff	12/2020 (indefinite)	Reserve account for new landfill site	
Gering Public Schools	7/1/2013 to 6/30/28	use of the City Council chambers for school board meetings	
Cities of Terrytown, Mitchell, Minatare, Scottsbluff, Villages of Henry, McGrew, Morrill, Lyman, Melbeta	indefinite	police services	
Gering Public Schools	10/1/14 (indefinite)	provide two school resource officers for the Gering public school district	
City of Scottsbluff City of Terrytown	1/1/2018 to 12/31/23	create a stormwater organization known as Tri-City stormwater under guidelines NPDES permit NER 310000	
Cities of Scottsbluff, Bayard, Bridgeport, Gordon, Kimball, Mitchell, Sidney, Terrytown, Village of Morrill	indefinite	regional economic development advisory board	
City of Terrytown	7/14/2024 to 4/30/2025	mosquito control	
City of Bayard	1/1/21 to 12/31/25	sanitation services	
Village of Lyman	3/1/22 to 2/28/27	sanitation services	
City of Mitchell	2/1/20 to 1/31/25	sanitation services	
US Dept of Interior National Park Svc	5/10/21 (5 year term)	coordinate emergency law enforcement assistance	

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ 340,228.00

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

City or Village of Gering — SUBDIVISION NAME

Scotts BluffCounty — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
City of Gering Redevelopment Authority	indefinite	CRA - Community Redevelopment Authority Oversees infrastructure projects funded by half-cent sales tax.	
City of Terrytown	9/12/16 (25 year term)	Water Supply Agreement	
Gering Public Schools	indefinite	Interlocal Agreement for tennis court improvements	
Cities of Bayard, Kimball	2/14/2022 (indefinite)	Interlocal Agreement establishing the Western NE Regional Landbank	

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ -

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

City or Village of Gering	Scotts Bluff County
SUBDIVISION NAME	COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

Gering Leasing Corporation

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

{format for all counties and cities.}

TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: CITY OF GERING
ATTN CITY TREASURER
P O BOX 687
GERING, NE. 69341

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: SCOTTS BLUFF

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (County or City)	Value Attributable to Growth *	Total Taxable Value	Real Growth Value [a]	Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [b]
CITY OF GERING	City/Village	2,367,393	680,455,304	2,367,393	592,032,124	0.40

** Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes real and personal property and annexation, if applicable.*

[a] Real Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 which includes (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, and (iv) a change in the use of real property; and (v) the annual increase in the excess value for any tax increment financing project located in the political subdivision, if applicable.

[b] Real Growth Percentage is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 and is equal to the political subdivision's Real Growth Value divided by the political subdivision's total real property valuation from the prior year.

I **ROBERT E. SIMPSON**, **SCOTTS BLUFF** County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Robert E. Simpson
(signature of county assessor)

8/19/24
(date)

CC: County Clerk, **SCOTTS BLUFF** County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-24-2

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Gering passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request: and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Gering, resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request for non-bond purposes be set at $2,181,743.00.

2 The 2024-2025 property tax request for bond purposes be set at $0.00

3. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.45%.

4. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be $.342697 per $100 of assessed value.

5. The City of Gering proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $.320630 per $100 of assessed value.

6. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Gering will exceed last year's by 4.75 %.

7. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of September 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (seal)

CITY OF GERING INCORPORATED MAR. 14, 1918 NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 9-24-3

WHEREAS, the City of Gering transfers Enterprise Fees to the General Fund to assist in balancing the budget; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Fees are derived from the Electric, Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Funds; and

WHEREAS, the transfer has been maintained at approximately 12% of budgeted Enterprise Fund Revenues over the last few years; and

WHEREAS, the transfer budgeted at $2,060,000 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Gering, Nebraska, that staff is authorized to transfer Enterprise Fees of approximately 12% of Enterprise Fund Revenues to the General for the fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of $2,060,000.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (seal)

CITY OF GERING INCORPORATED MAR. 14, 1918 NEBRASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2146

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKATO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1: The City Administrator, in accordance with the requirements of Nebraska Revised Statute § 19-646, has submitted a proposed budget statement to the City Council, which statement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Budget Statement").

Section 2. A public hearing will be held on the Budget Statement in accordance with the requirements of Nebraska Revised Statute § 13-506. Before the final passage and approval of this Ordinance, the Budget Statement may be amended in accordance with comments received at public hearings, the property valuations provided by Scotts Bluff County, any action to exceed the allowable growth for restricted funds as determined by law, and as necessary to adjust for any other information gathered by the City before October 1, 2024.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act and Nebraska Revised Statute § 16-704, the amounts set forth in the attached and incorporated Budget Statement shall be and are hereby recognized as the budget appropriations for the City of Gering, Nebraska for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The fund descriptions and amounts are as follows:

Fund	Budgeted Expenditures
General	6,585,336
Trust & Agency	98,500
Sales Tax	-
Economic Development	514,500
CDBG	-
Debt Service	488,681
Sinking	369,500
Downtown Development	440,422
Tourism	930,476
RV Park	224,589
LB840	1,143,426
Capital Projects	282,000
Public Safety	391,705
Streets	2,179,307
KENO	1,620,500
Special Projects	2,923,838
Electric	11,946,558
Water	2,399,823
Wastewater	2,481,113
Sanitation	5,967,556
Golf	1,109,151
Leasing Corporation	387,150
Civic Center	874,530
Health Insurance	2,145,750

Section 4. Upon final passage and approval of this Ordinance, the Budget Statement is adopted by the City of Gering Nebraska as the adopted budget statement. A copy of the Budget Statement shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage on October 1, 2024.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Kent Ewing, Mayor

(Seal)

CITY OF GERING INCORPORATED MAR. 14, 1918 NEBRASKA

Attest:

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality:

City Attorney

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Account Number: 1040839

Date: September 17, 2024

E-mail

Advertising Affidavit

CITY OF GERING
P.O. BOX 687
GERING, NE 69341-0687

Date	Category	Description	Ad Size	Total Cost
9/12/2024	Legal Notices	NOTICE OF BUDGE HEARING - CITY OF GERING	3 x 4.50 IN	162.00

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I, (the undersigned) an authorized representative of the **Scottsbluff Star Herald**, a newspaper published in **Scottsbluff, NE**, do certify that the annexed notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING - CITY OF GERING

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

Tracy Underwood

Billing Representative

Michelle L Greeley

Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
MICHELLE L. GREELEY
My Comm. Exp. June 7, 2028

State of Virginia
County of Hanover
My Commission expires

THIS IS NOT A BILL. PLEASE PAY FROM INVOICE. THANK YOU

City of Gering

IN

Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of September 2024, at 5:15 p m., at City Hall, 1025 P Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

/s/ Kathleen Weill - Clerk

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	34,922,237.00
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	43,439,111.00
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	45,504,411.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	21,225,585.58
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$	66,729,996.58
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	2,181,743.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	168,461.49
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	2,181,743.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bond Purposes	$	0.00

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City of Gering

IN

Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 23rd day of September, 2024, at 5:15 PM, at City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

City General			
	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	$ 43,438,118.00	$ 45,504,418.00	4.7546%
Property Tax Request	$ 2,130,911.16	$ 2,181,743.00	2.3856%
Valuation	$ 621,718,523.00	$ 680,455,304.00	9.4475%
Tax Rate	0.342697	0.320630	-6.4382%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.313116		

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF SCOTTS BLUFF)
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CITY OF GERING)

I, Kathleen J. Welfl, the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Gering, County of Scotts Bluff, State of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and accurate copy of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do hereby set my official hand and affix the official seal of the City of Gering this 25th day of September, 2024.

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

(SEAL)

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, September 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held in open session on September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Gering City Hall, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, City Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews, Deputy Finance Director Cheri Hutchison, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. 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 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 Bohl to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Shellds, Gillen and Cowan from the September 9, 2024 regular City Council meeting and Councilmembers Backus and Cowan from the September 18, 2024 special meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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 the 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 9, 2024 Regular City Council meeting
2. Approve minutes of the September 18, 2024 Special City Council meeting
3. Approve Claims
4. Approve July, 2024 Financial Report

Claims 9/10/24 – 9/23/24

24/7 FITNESS $226.00, 308 PLUMBING SOLUTIONS $1,450.00, A & A PORTA POTTIES $450.00, ABC BROKERAGE, LLC $22,952.50, ACE HARDWARE $1,884.50, ADIDAS AMERICA, INC $247.44, ALIZAYA TORRES $20.00, ALLAN TURNER $6.06, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES $399.35, AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION $700.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE COPR. $612.38, AMY SEILER $75.00, ARNOLD POOL COMPANY $357.95, AT&T MOBILITY $1,683.32, B & C STEEL $2,291.03, B & H INVESTMENTS,INC $50.50, BENZEL PEST CONTROL $221.71, BIG MACK HEATING & COOLING $8,433.50, BLACK CLOVER ENTERPRISES, LLC $606.60, BLACK HILLS ENERGY $470.62, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS $1,263.73, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC $596.86, BRETHOURS HONEYWAGON EXPRESS $200.00, CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY $269.89, CENGAGE LEARNING/GAGE $26.39, CHEEMA INVESTMENTS LLC $209.96, CHILD & FAMILY THERAPY INSTITUTE OF NEBRASKA, LLC $480.00, CITY OF GERING $25,750.79, COBRA PUMA GOLF, INC. $329.76, COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC $1,119.85, CONSUMER REPORTS $30.00, CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC. $620.00, CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES, P.C. $1,100.00, CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. $763.16, CROELL, INC $302.00, CROSSROADS COOPERATIVE $30,880.09, CS PRECISION MANUFACTURING $17,457.12, DHHS-ACCOUNTING $1,181.02, DICKIE K COCHRANE $188.32, DOCU-SHRED LLC $1,015.75, DOOLEY OIL $57.50, DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY $695.31, EAKES INC $464.96, ECOLAB $879.56, ELITE TOTAL FITNESS $196.00, ELLISON, KOVARIK & TURMAN LAW $12,445.00, FASTENAL COMPANY $288.61, FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO $608.10, FEDEX $284.53, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA $8,288.21, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA - POLICE $618.00, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC. $63.78, FRANK PARTS COMPANY $1,036.59, FRASER STRYKER PC LLO $4,815.00, FRESH FOODS INC. $5.99, GENE PETERSON $850.00, GEORGIA WESTERN $16,556.75, GERING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. $8,789.00, GERING ZION CHURCH $300.00, GOLDSTAR PRODUCTS INC $859.49, GOLF AND

SPORT SOLUTIONS, LLC $1,543.10, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE $126.00, GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION & CLEAN $804.00, HOMETOWN LEASING $150.57, HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS, INC. $124.00, IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC. $1,212.16, INDEPENDENT PLUMBING & HEATING $636.95, INDOFF INCORPORATED $146.28, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES $552.80, INSIGHTFUL NATURE LLC $800.00, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE $54,055.36, INTRALINKS, INC. $5,345.49, IRBY TOOL & SAFETY $490.74, ITRON, INC. $3,504.78, J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS $2,276.50, JC GOLF ACCESSORIES $582.82, JEO CONSULTING GROUP $4,200.00, JIRDON AGRI CHEMICALS, INC $20,377.48, JOHN HANCOCK USA $18,393.04, JOHN HANCOCK USA FIRE $799.83, JOHN HANCOCK USA POLICE $9,346.50, JOHNSON CASHWAY CO. $207.29, KENT EWING $108.00, LARRY ZLOMKE $284.39, LEGACY COOPERATIVE $5,268.96, LOGOZ LLC $99.00, LOST RIVER SAND & GRAVEL, INC $161.60, MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC $279.11, MENARDS $106.66, MIDWEST AUTO SUPPLY, INC. $90.00, MIDWEST CONNECT $3,236.41, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. $51.85, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE $360,632.06, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE. $9,690.66, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE $714.93, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REV (PR) $17,391.93, NEBRASKA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND EN $7,600.00, NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE $768.48, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE $78,578.73, NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION $50.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT $4,348.37, NEBRASKA RURAL RADIO ASSOC. $850.00, NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM $975.80, NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC $3,901.69, PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY $3,168.50, PAT HEATH $132.00, PATTLEN ENTERPRISES, INC $275.00, PERMA-BOUND $16.20, PETE'S QUICK LUBE $82.44, PING INC $340.69, PIPE WORKS PLUMBING LLC $15,244.00, PRINT BROKER $1,341.28, PT HOSE AND BEARING $4,258.08, PVB VISA $10,215.34, R & C WELDING & FABRICATION $9,869.80, REGIONAL CARE INC. $65,919.04, RICH'S WRECKING & USED CARS, $40.00, RIVERSTONE BANK $620.45, ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER DISTRIC $76.76, SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. $30.30, SAPP BROS $3,168.62, SCB COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS $50.00, SCB. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE $316.23, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT $89.00, SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING $2,000.00, SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING UNITED WAY $223.67, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER $1,000.00, SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C. $3,700.00, SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC $97.35, STEVE MOUNT $1,000.00, SWANA $305.00, TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY $312.14, TERESA TOSH $16,875.27, TERRY CARPENTER, INC. $650.00, THE YOGA COLLECTIVE $65.00, THOMPSON GLASS, INC. $1,240.00, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIV $75.00, TRANSWEST $507.13, TYNDALE $1,481.26, UNANIMOUS, INC. $12,660.00, VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC $2,173.05, VERIZON CONNECT $25.90, W & R INC. $1,071.85, WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY $4,131.15, WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS $364.00, YMCA OF SCOTTSBLUFF $930.00, TOTAL CLAIMS $972,231.35

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public hearing to consider recommending the issuance or denial of a Class I Liquor License for Scott Free Brewing Company, LLC at 1032 O Street, Gering, NE

Mayor Ewing opened a public hearing to consider recommending the issuance or denial of a Class I Liquor License for Scott Free Brewing Company, LLC at 1032 O Street, Gering, NE at 6:04 p.m. One of the applicants, Crystal Schank, was present and stated the following on behalf of her husband and co-applicant, Kristian Schank:

First, I would like to apologize for my inability to be present during this meeting. I'm glad that my wife can be there in my stead. I am actually attending a series of classes in Colorado from some of the best breweries on how to offer the absolute best experience for a craft brewery to the residents of Gering. I want to say that I am excited for the chance to be able to offer Gering this opportunity. I know when my wife and I began discussing making a brewery, there was no better place in my mind than Gering to open. As a history teacher, I have always been drawn to the history of this town in particular and I intend to use that history to help build a brewery that celebrates the local heritage of our area.

I have been, over the last few months, working hard to prepare the building at 1032 O Street. In addition, I have been taking classes, such as the one I am in attendance at now, to try and be the best I can be for this business. I have voluntarily taken and passed the TIPS alcohol server training to better my understanding of serving to my customers and I intend to have a staff that has gone through the same training. In addition, I don't want to be associated with being solely a brewery; I intend to offer craft sodas and kombucha in addition to craft beers. I hope, in time, the City of Gering and Scott Free Brewing Company can develop a close relationship and help to support each other while supporting the important tourism industry that is beginning to make a

huge impact in our area. I also feel that together, we can start to make Gering's main streets a destination place for individuals who are seeking to come to our area and for the residents who live here and future residents who will hopefully be coming. I want Scott Free to be a place where this community can feel free to get away from the drudgery of life and escape for a while.

Mayor Ewing asked if there was anyone in the Chambers wishing to speak regarding this application. Dale Hauck, 2355 Country Club Road, Gering, asked about the type of products they would be selling. Discussion followed.

With no further comments, the Administrative Record was closed and the public hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

1a. Recommend the issuance or denial of a Class I Liquor License for Scott Free Brewing Company, LLC at 1032 O Street, Gering, NE

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to recommend the issuance of a Class I Liquor License for Scott Free Brewing Company, LLC at 1032 O Street, Gering, NE. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:
1. Approve Ordinance No. 2146 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilmember Gillen made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2146 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Seconded by Councilmember Backus. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bohl moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2146 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, and that the ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Administrator Heath thanked Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews, Deputy Finance Director Cheri Hutchison, HR Director Shannon Goss and City Clerk Kathy Welfl, as well as all the Department Heads for their time and work on the FY 25 Budget and process.

2. Approve Ordinance No. 2147 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE USE OF THE CITY LANDFILL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Councilmember Morrison made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2147 – 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 Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields,

Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Shields moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2147 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, and that the ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

3. Approve Ordinance No. 2148 - 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 Bohl made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2148– 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 Wiedeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember O'Neal moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2148 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, and that the ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

4. Approve Ordinance No. 2149 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AMENDING FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

Councilmember Gillen made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2149 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AMENDING FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. Seconded by Councilmember Backus. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bohl moved that the Ordinance be designated as Ordinance No. 2149 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, and that the ordinance be passed as read, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Wiedeman. There was no discussion. The Clerk called the roll. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

BIDS:

1. Reject all fuel bids

Administrator Heath stated that staff advertised for bids for winter fuel. One bid was received from Westco. They did not conform with the bid specifications; they did not submit an emergency delivery plan in the event of a power outage, highway closures or due to inclement weather and circumstances that which require rapid fueling for City facilities. Legal Counsel has advised staff that the proper course of

action is to reject all bids and readvertise. It's also staff's recommendation to Council to reject all bids and readvertise for winter fuel.

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to reject all fuel bids from the bid opening on September 17, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:
1. Recognition of Karla Niedan-Streeks, Director of Tourism

Mayor Ewing presented a plaque to Director of Tourism, Karla Niedan-Streeks, for outstanding service to Gering and the community during her tenure.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Gering, Nebraska and the Gering Police Officers Association

Motion by Councilmember Bohl to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Gering, Nebraska and the Gering Police Officers Association. Seconded by Councilmember Gillen. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

3. Review Application for Expedited Review of Community Redevelopment Plan by Kristian Schank for Scott Free Brewing Company

TIF Attorney, John Selzer, addressed Council and stated:

The application is for a single project. This requirement is met. This is a single project.

The project is the repair or rehabilitation of an existing structure that has been within City limits for at least 60 years. This requirement is met. According to the application and the Assessor's website, the building was built in 1927. This is in the First Addition to the City of Gering, which was platted well over 60 years ago (the plat is in Deed Book A, which is from the 1800s.). The Assessor's detail page on this property is attached.

The project is located in a blighted and substandard area. This requirement is met. Resolution 2-12-2, passed in 2012, designated this area as Blighted and Substandard.

The project is in a county with a population of less than 100,000. This requirement is met. Scotts Bluff County has approximately 36,000 people.

The assessed value of the property when the project is complete is estimated to be no more than $1.5M (for commercial property). This requirement is met. The actual question on the application is the estimated increase, which was answered as "$10,000 - $20,000." The current assessed value is $110,820.00 so the estimated value after completion is at most $130,820.00.

Comprehensive Plan: This property is in the Downtown Gering District. The proposed use is a permitted use by right. The Comprehensive Plan states, "The goal within this district is to create a vibrant mixed-use area by accommodating a variety of uses and amenities". When describing desirable land uses, one of the uses listed is "restaurants/entertainment". A microbrewery fits very well within the stated desirable land uses.

RESOLUTIONS:
1. Approve Resolution 9-24-1 regarding approval of an Application by Kristian Schank for Scott Free Brewing Company

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve Resolution 9-24-1 regarding approval of an Application by Kristian Schank for Scott Free Brewing Company. Seconded by Councilmember O'Neal. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

2. Approve Resolution 9-24-2 regarding the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Property Tax Request

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve Resolution 9-24-2 regarding the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Property Tax Request. Seconded by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

3. Approve Resolution 9-24-3 regarding Enterprise Fund Transfer

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve Resolution 9-24-3 regarding the Enterprise Fund Transfer. Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

4. Approve Resolution 9-24-4 regarding Pay Plan for Officers and Employees of the City of Gering

Motion by Councilmember Gillen to approve Resolution 9-23-3 regarding Pay Plan for Officers and Employees of the City of Gering. Seconded by Councilmember Bohl. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

5. Approve Resolution 9-24-5 approving SASCB Investments, LLC d/b/a Steel Grill as a local outlet for Keno Lottery within the City of Gering

Motion by Councilmember Morrison to approve Resolution 9-24-5 approving SASCB Investments, LLC d/b/a Steel Grill as a local outlet for Keno Lottery within the City of Gering. Seconded by Councilmember Cowan. There was no discussion. Mayor Ewing called for the vote. "AYES": Shields, Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Liaison Report, Councilmember Morrison – Twin Cities Development

Councilmember Morrison reported:

Rural Workforce Housing Fund has funded 10 new construction units and 10 rehabilitation units for a total of $3.3 million in Gering, Scottsbluff, Bayard, Mitchell, and Kimball.

USDA Technical Assistance Grant: TCD is currently working on 12 applications for agricultural businesses assisting them with Rural Energy for America grant applications, SAM registrations, and energy audits and assessments. The deadline is the last day of September.

USDA Rural Business Development Grant: TCD was awarded $90,000 to create a small business revolving loan fund with a match of $30,000 for a total of $120,000 to loan out to small businesses (similar to Rural Workforce Housing Fund but for business operations, equipment's, supplies, and other needs)

USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Grant: Working on a grant application to add another $500,000 plus a $75,000 match to increase the business loan fund by $575,000. Also includes a Technical Assistance grant of $100,000 per year.

Rural Community Recovery Program Grant: TCD applied for a $1.4 million grant for an inclusive playground at Oregon Trail Park in Gering.

Site tours: TCD has given site tours to four businesses for an industrial lot that is for sale in Gering. We are also giving a site tour to a potential $120 million project on Friday.

Oikos: TCD registered the booth and paid for marketing for WNED to attend the NIFA housing expo that landed the Oikos housing project in Gering.
Childcare: We are working with a Gering childcare facility on doubling their capacity from 60 to 120.
Stats October 2023 – present (fiscal year)

- Offered 732 free business trainings on our website (English and Spanish)
- 105 business advisement consultations
- Supported 134 business startups with TCD Business Resources folders

LOIS listings:

- 32 new commercial buildings/sites
- Assisted with filling 10 commercial buildings

Western Nebraska Housing Opportunities
Down Payment Assistance: customers helped - 14 total families/individuals helped with $45,179.00
Repairs: $17,983.00
First Time Homebuyer Classes: 14 classes

2. Liaison Report, Councilmember Shields – Gering Public Library

Councilmember Shields reported:

- The Gering Library has 5 full-time and 3 part-time employees.
- Library Board Members: Jeff Kelley, Suzanne Myers, Mary Robinson, Kirstee Moore Schutte, Kim Walker
- Projects:
  - New circulation desk was installed in the month of July
  - Digital sign purchased through Keno Funds installed in Children's section
  - New computers for teens and children installed
- Summer Reading Program was a success – all youth early literacy - Teens 247, Adults, 153
- Other programs:
  - Adult Wine 201 Champagne, 30
  - Earlier Literacy - Space Storytime, 52
  - Elementary - Build An Alien, 36
  - Family Theatre in the Park, 128
- Library Stats June FY to date – 1248 new books added and 2039 books withdrawn
  - 22,320 library visitors

CLOSED SESSION: (Council reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.) None.
OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

Dale Hauck, 2355 Country Club, Gering, addressed Council and talked about his concerns regarding Tax Increment Financing.

ADJOURN:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF SCOTTS BLUFF)
)
CITY OF GERING)

I, Kathleen J. Welfl, the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Gering, County of Scotts Bluff, State of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and accurate copy of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do hereby set my official hand and affix the official seal of the City of Gering this 25th day of September, 2024.

Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

(SEAL)

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on September 23, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. at Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields (at 5:20 p.m.), Gillen, Backus, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews, Deputy Finance Director Cheri Hutchison, City Clerk Kathy Welfl and City Attorney Matt Turman. 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 5:15 p.m. A quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers related to the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Tax Request

Mayor Ewing opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers and citizens regarding the City of Gering Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Tax Request at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor Ewing stated the following: The 2023 property tax request was $2,130,611.16 and the 2024 tax request is $2,181,743.00. The 2023 Tax Rate was 0.342697 and the 2024 Tax Rate is set at 0.320630.

Mayor Ewing asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 proposed budget.

Mike Brunner 1785 21st Street, Gering, NE, addressed the Council and stated he doesn't want Council to say that nobody ever comes to these hearings. Second, he wants the press to be able to say everybody that spoke from the public was opposed to an increase in taxes. He thanked Council.

Mayor Ewing asked if anyone else wished to speak regarding the proposed FY24/25 Budget. With no further comments, the administrative record was closed and the public hearing closed at 5:18 p.m.

Following the public hearing, Councilmember Gillen clarified that it's correct that the actual tax levy request is lower this year. It went from $.34 to $.32; the City's tax levy is lower than what was asked for last year. Administrator Heath replied, that is correct.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

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

Mike Brunner, 1785 21st Street, Gering, NE, addressed Council again and stated in response to Councilmember Gillen's comments, yes, the levy the City is asking for is lower. But because the valuation is higher, the City is actually asking for slightly more money in the budget, which is understandable because

things go up. But it's misleading to the public to say the City's levy is dropping when the valuation has increased to where there is a larger pool of money to draw from, a larger pool of valuation to get the tax levy from, correct? Mayor Ewing replied that Council cannot comment under this section of the agenda.

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GERING CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

A special meeting of the City Council of Gering, Nebraska was held on September 18, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. at Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Mayor Ewing and Councilmembers Shields, Gillen, Bohl, Wiedeman, O'Neal, Morrison. Absent were Councilmembers Backus, Cowan. Also present were City Administrator Pat Heath, Finance Director Lyndsey Mathews, Deputy Finance Director Cheri Hutchison, City Clerk Kathy Welfl. 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 5:15 p.m. A quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers and citizens relating to the City of Gering Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget

Mayor Ewing opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers and citizens regarding the City of Gering Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor Ewing stated the following:

FY25 Budgeted Government-Wide Total Revenues net of transfers $33,690,272 (increase due sales tax revenue projections and LB357 sales tax)
FY24 Budgeted Government-Wide Total Revenues net of transfers $32,561,426

FY25 Budgeted Revenues - General Fund only $5,944,530 (includes enterprise transfer in of $2 Million, and $687,500 sales tax revenue, no transfers in from sinking fund for capital purchases)
FY24 Budgeted Revenues - General Fund only $5,831,048 (includes enterprise transfer in of $2 Million, and $662,500 sales tax revenue, no transfers in from sinking fund for capital purchases)

FY25 Budgeted Property Tax Revenues $2,181,743
FY24 Budgeted Property Tax Revenues $2,130,611

FY25 Municipality Levy 0.320630
FY24 Municipality Levy 0.342697

FY25 Budgeted Sales Tax Revenues $2,525,000 (includes estimated LB357 sales tax of $475,000)
FY24 Budgeted Sales Tax Revenues $2,425,000 (includes estimated LB357 sales tax of $450,000)

FY25 Budgeted Enterprise Transfers $2,060,000
FY24 Budgeted Enterprise Transfers $2,060,000

FY25 Budgeted Gov't Wide Total Expenditures $45,504,410 (includes capital expenditures of $9,787,966, debt service $855,256, contingencies $1,000,000)
FY24 Budgeted Gov't Wide Total Expenditures $43,439,115 (includes capital expenditures of $8,032,404, debt service $856,719, contingencies $1,000,000)

FY25 Budgeted Total Operating Expenses (excludes debt and capital expense) is $31,895,767 (the largest increase was payroll and benefits with the COLA Increases of $745,512). There is an increase of 12.2% increase in property insurance, 13.0% increase in liability insurance and a 29.6% increase in workers comp insurance.

FY24 Budgeted Total Operating Expenses (excludes debt and capital expense) is $31,249,960 (the largest increase was payroll and benefits with COLA Increase of $907,753). There is an increase of 37.6% increase in property insurance, 8.4% increase in liability insurance and a 3.6% decrease in workers comp insurance.

FY25 Budgeted Expenses - General Fund $6,585,336 (includes $147,000 in capital expenditures and $45,421 in transfers out)
FY24 Budgeted Expenses - General Fund $6,471,875 (includes $75,000 in capital expenditures and $305,421 in transfers out)

FY25 Budgeted operating expense General Fund without capital improvements or contingency $6,438,336
FY24 Budgeted operating expense General Fund without capital improvements or contingency $6,396,875

Fiscal Year 25 Budgeted Full-time employees authorized is 88
Fiscal Year 24 Budgeted Full-time employees authorized was 87

Mayor Ewing asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 proposed budget.

Mike Brunner 1785 21st Street, Gering, NE, addressed the Council and stated: "*Finally some give and take, I hope. First, they did come around and paint my curb this morning, first time in four years, but it looks nice. I read all 97 pages of this budget document, by choice, and that just adds to my gratitude to you who have to read it. A lot of it I don't understand, but I have a calculator that I do understand, so let me state my findings and ask a few questions. Parks and Pool up 25% last year, this year just 8%. Administrative services up 82% last year, so this year a 37% decrease seems pretty easy to hit. Engineering Services was up 8% last year and this year budgeted a 35% increase. The sinking fund was down 54%, not surprisingly because two years ago it went up 400%; $124,899 to $675,272. Then last year a 21% increase up to $807,800. Tourism has a new line item of $200 for a promotion. An occupation tax tourism promotion. You've budgeted nearly a quarter of a million dollars on a promotion for a tax. The RV Park Fund shows a 146% increase in operations & maintenance, that's a pretty big bump. Streets has a less than 6% increase, which seems kind of light to anyone who drives our residential streets. Special projects fund is up 64% to nearly three million dollars. It makes the two million one total for the street department look a little out of place. They must have been very special projects. And finally, the Electric, only a 2% increase this next year, last year it was up 8%; two years ago, their budget was up 36%. Which is a perfect segue to the Disbursements and Transfers, the transfer of surplus funds. So noteworthy it warrants a special form. $2,360,000 of surplus funds transferred out of the Electrical Fund. Two million of that into the General Fund. I don't know if you all know but a large portion of the downtown area was out of power last night. Maybe those surplus funds could be spent on the line item that they were earmarked for instead. This budget document has a September 30 deadline so I don't expect anything to change, but I do wish more people knew in advance what you're doing with our money. This can't be an easy job but as my late father said 'If the job was easy, everyone would do it.' Thank you for your time and for what you do.*"

Mayor Ewing asked if anyone else wished to speak regarding the proposed FY25 Budget. With no further comments, the administrative record was closed and the public hearing closed at 5:28 p.m.

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

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Kent E. Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Welft, City Clerk

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RE: FY2025 Budget

To Whom It May Concern,

Attached is the FY2025 Budget for the City of Gering. In preparation of the budget for the FY2025, the beginning balances for the FY2023 did not match the ending balances FY2022 Audit. After discussion with Rachel Wittler, she advised the accurate beginning balances from the Audit needed to be used in the preparation of our FY2025 Budget and we proceeded with the appropriate adjustments.

If you have questions, my contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Mathews

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