

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, March 5, 2018

Regular Meeting

Item Consent1

Approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Staff Contact: Cindy Dickinson, City Clerk

The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff. A notice of the meeting had been published on February 16, 2018, in the Star Herald, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodations to attend the Council meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall; provided, the City Council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been emailed to each council member, made available to radio stations KNEB, KMOR, KOAQ, and television stations KSTF and NBC Nebraska, and the Star Herald. The notice was also available on the city's website on February 16, 2018.

Mayor Meininger presided and City Clerk Dickinson recorded the proceedings. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Meininger welcomed everyone in attendance and encouraged all citizens to participate in the Council meeting asking those wishing to speak to come to the microphone and state their name and who they are representing for the record. Mayor Meininger informed those in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska open meetings act is posted in the back of the room on the west wall for the public's review. The following Council Members were present: Randy Meininger, Mark McCarthy Raymond Gonzales, Scott Shaver and Jordan Colwell. Also present was City Manager Johnson and Deputy City Attorney Rick Ediger. Absent: None.

Mayor Meininger asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none. Mayor Meininger asked if any citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda wished to include an item providing the City Council determines the item requires emergency action. There were none.

Moved by Council Member McCarthy, seconded by Council Member Gonzales, that:

1. "The minutes of the February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting be approved,"
2. "The absence of Council Member Shaver from the February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting be approved,"
3. "Bids and specifications for the 42nd Street construction be approved and authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids to be received by 2:00 p.m., March 14, 2018," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, Gonzales and McCarthy, "NAYS", None. Abstain: Shaver. Absent: None.

Mayor Meininger declared a conflict of interest regarding the claim to Regional West Medical Center. Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, "to accept the conflict of interest for Mayor Meininger regarding the payment to Regional West Medical Center for LB840 Economic Development funds and excuse him from discussion or voting on this item," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, Gonzales, Shaver and McCarthy, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, "that the following claims be approved and paid as provided by law out of the respective funds designated in the list of claims dated February 20, 2018, as on file with the City Clerk and submitted to the City Council," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, Gonzales, Shaver and McCarthy, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

CLAIMS

ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC.,R1 RADIOS,7636.7; AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT,LLC,TIF - AIRPORT REDEV.,328.83; AMAZON.COM HEADQUARTERS,MISC.,979.34; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO,LIFE INS,32.95; AUTOZONE STORES, INC,DEPT SUPP,20.77; B & H

INVESTMENTS, INC,DEP. SUP.,71.5; B&C STEEL CORPORATION,SUPP - SQ. TUBING,175.5; BEELINE SERVICE INC,FLARED PIPE,95; BIRUTA D. WALTON,EQUIP MAINT,739.8; BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY INC.,DEPT SUP,569.06; BODE JANA,CONFERENCE EXPENSE,66; CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.,CONT. SRVCS.,433.06; CARR- TRUMBULL LUMBER CO, INC.,GROUND MAINT,171.16; CELLCO PARTNERSHIP,CELL PHONES,187.73; CHILD SUPPORT,CHILD SUPPORT,12; CITIBANK N.A.,DEPT SUPP,80.64; CITIBANK, N.A.,EQUIP MAINT,8.97; CITY OF GERING,DISPOSAL FEES,41375.96; CITY OF SCB,POSTAGE/SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,23.53; COMPUTER CONNECTION INC,RENT-MACH PD,44; CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,326.29; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS INC.,VEH MAINT,662.48; CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES, P.C.,AUDIT SERVICES,22000; CORE & MAIN LP,METERS,1349.35; CREDIT BUREAU OF COUNCIL BLUFFS,FEE - JANUARY 2018,50; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.,WAGE ATTACHMENT,216.52; CYNTHIA GREEN,DEP. SUP.,265.23; DALMATIAN FIRE EQUIPMENT,SCBA TESTING,4645.78; ENVISIONWARE, INC,CONT. SRVCS.,924.15; ETS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC,CONTRACTUAL-PD,6041; FASTENAL COMPANY,SUPP - NUTS & BOLTS,15.5; FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION,POSTAGE,372.32; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC,REPAIRS TO D. TRUCK,538.19; FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LLC,EQUIPMENT,27939.4; FURNITURE LEISURE INC,KENO DEPT SUPP,4997.4; GALLS INC,UNIFORMS-PD,902.07; GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION,DEPT SUPP,146.6; GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC,TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPP - REPL. BUTTONS FOR 27TH & 2ND,1736.61; GRAY TELEVISION GROUP INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,695; HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD,DEPT SUP,3118.85; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS INC.,DEPT SUPP,3.75; HYDROTEX PARTNERS, LTD,EQUIP MAINT,717.85; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC.,UNIFORMS-PD,944.49; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC,BKS.,1696.91; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WITHHOLDINGS, 55283.09; INT'L INST OF MUNC CLKS,ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - C. BURBACH,100; INTRALINKS, INC,SONICWALLS, 9097.15; INVENTIVE WIRELESS OF NE, LLC,CONTRACTUAL,9.95; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,UNIFORMS,239.92; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,EQUIP MAINT,133.9; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,EQUIP MAINT,2365.08; KITE CAMI,CONFERENCE EXPENSE,66; KNOW HOW LLC,EQUIP MAINT,1917.11; KRIZ DAVIS,BLDG MAINT,13.07; LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT,VEHICLE INS - 2018 FORD PICKUP,363.68; LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT,CONSULTING-PD,100; M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES, INC,PROJ RM160389-00 42ND ST,AVE I TO 5TH AVE,51475; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE,LIFE INS,1913.42; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC,RENT - MACHINES,103.36; MATTHEW M. HUTT,CONTRACT SERVICES,450; MENARDS, INC,SUPP - SHELVING & BRACKETS FOR OFFICE,740; MENDOZA, FRANK,UNIFORMS & CLOTHING, 125; MIDLANDS NEWSPAPERS, INC,LEGAL PUBLISHING,980.23; MILLENNIUM RESILIENT INTERNATIONAL INC,LB840 FUNDING,60000; MUNIMETRIX SYSTEMS CORP,IMAGESILO - JANUARY 2018,39.99; NATIONAL PATENT ANALYTICAL SYSTEMS, INC,EQUIP MAINT-PD,437.55; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER,NE CHILD SUPPORT PYBLE,1841.18; NE DEPT OF REVENUE,SALE TAX,21624.1; NEBRASKA INTERACTIVE, LLC,JAN 2018 DRIVER RECORDS, 9; NEBRASKA PRINTWORKS, LLC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,981.76; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT,ELECTRIC,41726.52; NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN CO,1 LOAD ICE SLICER, 4176.04; NEBRASKALAND MAGAZINE,SBSCR. RNWL,44; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, INC,EQUIP MTNC,396.16; NEMNICH AUTOMOTIVE,EQUIP MTNC,79.82;

NETWORKFLEET, INC,MONTHLY GPS SERVICE,18.95; OCLC ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER, INC,CONT. SRVCS.,351.32; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC,CONTRACTUAL,123.48; OREGON TRAIL PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING INC,BLDG MAINT, 75; OWEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, TIF - OWEN DEVELOPMENT,102.83; PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT,REGISTRATION FEE FOR PLAN & ZONING CONFER.,25; PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION,OTHER FUEL,16893.71; PARK & CEMETERY FOUNDATION, PUBLISHING,61.67; PLATTE VALLEY BANK,HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT,17756.87; POLYDYNE INC,CHEMICALS,5198; POSTMASTER,POSTAGE,636.16; QUILL CORPORATION,INVEST SUPPL-PD,234.96; RECORDED BOOKS INC,SBSCR. RNWL.,1517.32; REGIONAL CARE INC,CLAIMS, 13064.28; ROCKSTEP SCOTTSBLUFF LLC, TIF - MONUMENT MALL REDEV,1966.18; S M E C,EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION,174; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC,EQUIP MAINT,484.64; SCB COUNTY TREASURER,EQUIPMENT,1969.54; SCB FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 1454,FIRE EE DUES,225; SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY COURT,LEGAL FEES-PD,136; SCOTTSBLUFF BODY & PAINT,OLD R1 DECAL REMOVAL,1537; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,POLICE EE DUES,552; SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY, LLC,EMPLOYEE AWARDS-RECOGNITION DINNER,319; SCOTTSBLUFF WINSUPPLY COMPANY,GROUND MAINT,40.4; SCOTTSBLUFF/GERING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,CHAMBER BUCKS - RECOGNITION DINNER,400; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C.,CONTRACTUAL SERVICES,19161.39; STARR LEHL,TRAVEL EXPENSE - IPPE TRADE SHOW,559.14; STATE FIRE MARSHALL,FF1 TESTING,100; TEXAS STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT,CHILD SUPPORT,172.5; THE CHICAGO LUMBER COMPANY OF OMAHA INC,DEPT SUPPLIES,17.88; THE PEAVEY CORP,INVEST SUPPL-PD,205.25; TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORPORATION,HIDTA-CAR LEASE,365.69; TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT LLC,EQUIP MTNC,380.07; TWIN CITY ROOFING & SHEETMETAL, INC,BLDG MAINT,186.4; UNION BANK & TRUST,RETIREMENT,35160.17; UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC,CONT. SRVCS.,187.95; US BANK, GFOA - CONF. REGISTRATION - HILYARD, 5019.98; VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS-705437, ROTHIRA, 250; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY,DEPT SUPP, 135.2; WESTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, MEMBERSHIP DUES 2018 - JANA BODE, 30; WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS, INC,JANUARY TESTING,120.5; WESTERN STATES BANK,TIF - REGANIS REDEV.,1280.58; WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL, LLC,VEH MAINT-PD, 458; WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY, LLC,FIRST AID KIT SUPPLIES, 64.51; WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT OFF,PAWS FEASIBILITY STUDY,7656.83; YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NE,YMCA,1824; ZM LUMBER INC,GROUND MAINT,24.27; REFUNDS: COLONEL OF SCOTTSBLUFF 176.98; ARMANDO CUELLAR 8.75.

Moved by Council Member McCarthy, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to approve payment to Regional West Medical Center in the amount of \$159,975.00 for LB840 Economic Development job credits," "YEAS", Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver and McCarthy, "NAYS", None. Absent: None. Abstain: Meininger.

Mr. Dan Charron with Contryman and Associates presented the report from the 2017 Audit on behalf of Jada Thompson, Audit Shareholder. He complimented Finance Director Hilyard for preparing an excellent set of financial statements, and the work that Ms. Hilyard and City Manager Johnson have done to assure that the day to day progress is smooth. He reported that there are no issues that were

notable; they issued an unmodified opinion, which is the best report possible. Mr. Charron thanked the City Council for the opportunity to conduct the City of Scottsbluff audit. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, "to accept the 2017 City of Scottsbluff Audit," "YEAS", Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

City Manager Johnson presented a three-year agreement with Contryman and Associates to provide audit services for the City of Scottsbluff. Council Member Shaver asked why these services aren't rotated every three years. Mr. Johnson explained that six years with the same firm is preferable for continuity and familiarity with the city's financial system to provide an accurate audit. Mr. Charron explained that the same audit team will conduct the audit each year, with Jada Thompson as the lead auditor. Moved by Council Member McCarthy, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to approve a three year agreement with Contryman and Associates to provide audit services and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement," "YEAS", Colwell, Gonzales, Meininger and McCarthy, "NAYS", Shaver. Absent: None.

City Manager Johnson presented the January 2018 Financial Report. Council Member Shaver commented that it appears that the general fund is considerably up from this time last year. Finance Director Hilyard responded that this is probably due to the timing of the NPPD lease payment, which is between \$600,000.00 - \$700,000.00. Basically there is an outflow of cash as we are paying off more debt with cash rather than bonding projects.

Mayor Meininger opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. to consider the LB840 Citizen Review Committee recommendation to expand the definition of a "Qualifying Business" in the City's Economic Development plan to allow Film Production. Economic Development Director Starr Lehl explained that the LB840 Citizen Review Committee met on January 26, 2018 and forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to include Film Production as a qualifying business to our Economic Development Plan. LB863 was passed two years ago in the Nebraska Legislature, which provided for this additional qualifying business. The recent Coen Brothers filming in our area benefitted our economy with approximately \$1 million in revenues. There are some smaller production companies who would be able to benefit from the Economic Development funds. The Citizen Review Committee recommended a provision including local expenditures in order for the funding to take place. The Council acknowledged a letter of support from Laurie Richards, Nebraska Film Officer, regarding the benefits of including Film Production as an additional qualifying business.

Council Member Shaver asked about the current balance of the LB 840 fund; Mr. Johnson responded that the balance is \$5.4 million. Finance Director Hilyard added that obligated funds include \$1 million for the Workforce Housing Project and \$1 million for the Gering Industrial Park. Payments are being made for the hospital job as they qualify. We have approximately \$3 million available now, however the amount changes each month with revenue from the sales tax.

Ms. Jody Lamp, with the American Doorstop Project, also commented on the benefits of adding this type of Qualifying Business to the City's Economic Development plan. She is currently working on a local film project to commemorate a native son who is a nationally known thoroughbred horse trainer. This film is being made at the same time of the 100th year celebration of the Triple Crown. This potential funding would help complete the work they have begun on this film; Ms. Lamp has been researching this project for ten years and actively working on the filming in recent years. There were no further comments from the public.

Mayor Meininger closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Mayor Meininger introduced the Ordinance amending the Scottsbluff Economic Development Plan to provide for an additional qualifying business, which was read by title on first reading: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCOTTSBLUFF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING BUSINESS.**

City Manager Johnson reported that the City received the final payment from Menards, Inc. for the street improvements in the Menards Subdivision. Staff received a letter from our engineer, M.C. Schaff and Associates, stating that all public roads within the Menards Subdivision meet the minimum construction requirements per the City of Scottsbluff Current Subdivision regulations; this letter is their recommendation that the streets be accepted by the City of Scottsbluff. Moved by Council Member

Shaver, seconded by Council Member Colwell, “to accept the street improvements included in the Menards Subdivision following the final payment by Menards Inc.,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

Mr. Johnson reported that there was only one bid received for the City’s Fueling Card system, which was from Panhandle Coop. The bid was comparable to the last one we received with a \$.07 per gallon discount and end of year patronage refunds. Staff is recommending approval of the three year agreement with Coop. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, “to approve the three year agreement with Coop for the Fueling Card System for the City of Scottsbluff,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

Regarding the Ordinance amending requirements for Stormwater Management, post construction, Council introduced the Ordinance which was read by title on second reading: **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 24 RELATED TO POST-CONSTRUCTION DESIGN STANDARDS FOR STORM WATER AND STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The City Council held a public hearing at the February 5, 2018 City Council Meeting regarding the 2018 One and Six Year Street Plan, at which time there were no comments from the public. Council Member Shaver asked about the amount to be paid for the Hilltop Estates project. Public Works Director Bohl explained that the developer will pay for the street, and he is required to report the amount to the State. Moved by Council Member Gonzales, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, “to approve Resolution No. 18-02-04, 2018 One and Six Year Street Plan,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-02-04

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

1. Section 39-2115 of the Nebraska Statutes requires each municipality to develop and file with the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards a long range, six year plan of highway, road and street improvements. Section 39-2119 of the Nebraska Statutes requires a similar plan for specific road or street improvements for the current year.
2. Attached to this Resolution is a copy of the “2018 Six Year Plan” which includes a “First Year Plan” for projects planned for 2018 ending December 31, 2018, and a “Second thru Six Year Plan” for projects planned for fiscal years 2019/2024 ending September 30, 2024.
3. A public hearing concerning the “2018 Six Year Plan” was held on February 5, 2018 as shown in this plan.
4. The “2018 Six Year Plan”, as attached, is adopted to include the priority levels as shown in the plan.
5. The City Clerk is directed to file a copy of this Resolution with the attached “2018 Six Year Plan” with the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards on or before March 1, 2018.
6. This Resolution shall become effective following its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 20th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Mr. Johnson explained that during the Retirement Plan conversion to Union Bank and Trust, staff was under the impression that the ICMA Roth contributions were under the 457 Plan, however, discovered that they are not included in that plan, they are separate IRA's. This Resolution will allow for the Roth Plan to be under the 457 Plan as an added benefit for our employees at no additional expense to the employees, or they can transfer their Roth funds to another service provider. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, “to approve Resolution No. 18-02-05 amending the Union Bank & Trust Company pension service to comply with the requirements of 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

Resolution No. 18-02-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, (the "City") as follows:

Section 1. The City maintains the City of Scottsbluff Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), and, as the sponsoring Employer of the Plan, has the authority to amend the provisions of the Plan and trust of which it is a part.

Section 2. The City desires to restate the Plan to incorporate all tax qualification requirements for the Plan, adopt certain other changes and amendments which are appropriate for the administration of the Plan and the benefits provided to the eligible participants and beneficiaries of the Plan, and to recognize the appointment of Union Bank & Trust Company as the successor Trustee of the Plan effective February 1, 2018.

Section 3. NOW, THEREFORE:

The Plan shall be, and it hereby is, amended and restated in the form set forth in the Plan document attached hereto and by this reference fully incorporated herein;

That Union Bank & Trust Company's appointment as the successor Trustee of the Plan effective February 1, 2018, is hereby confirmed and ratified and Union Bank & Trust Company shall be authorized and vested with the powers, rights, and duties as set forth in the amended and restated Plan and trust document; and

The Mayor and other appropriate officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things to effectuate the amendment and restatement of the Plan, including the execution of the amended and restated Plan document on behalf of the City, together with any other documents, certificates, and other

agreements as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the amendment and restatement of the Plan and to continue and maintain the qualification of the Plan, as amended, under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of February, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Economic Development Director Starr Lehl presented the LB 840 Economic Assistance Agreement for Pioneer Animal Clinic to the Council, explaining that they are expanding their operation and in the process of building a new clinic at the Immigrant Trail Subdivision. The LB840 Application Review Committee has made a recommendation for a \$700,000.00 loan with the opportunity for the applicant to receive job credits over a five year period, adding new positions to the clinic.

Dr. Kim Walker explained that they have a mixed practice with 50% large animals and 50% small animals. They have run out of space at their current location. They would like to offer more services, and become the premier veterinarian clinic in the Panhandle, caring for animals throughout the region. They have plans to hire two to three more veterinarians and additional support staff. They will purchase additional equipment to assist with specialized needs.

Deputy City Attorney Ediger explained that Platte Valley Bank is the primary lender to Pioneer Properties, and no advance of the LB840 funds will be disbursed until at least \$500,000.00 has been advanced by the Bank. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to approve the \$700,000.00 LB840 Economic assistance Grant for Pioneer Animal Health Clinic," "YEAS", Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Ms. Lehl presented the Economic Assistance Grant for McKinney Manufacturing in Mitchell, NE, for a \$150,000.00 job credit grant to be earned over a ten year period and a \$200,000.00 loan to purchase equipment. They are expanding their tool and dye operation beyond their hose manufacturing business. They are currently expanding their customer base with the manufacturing of equipment for LP generator exhaust systems, which will be possible with the purchase of the specialized tube bender. This will enable them to grow and expand into other markets and increase job opportunities. They are working with Scottsbluff High School welding program and intern programs for welders at WNCC.

Council Member Shaver asked if they had contacted Mitchell regarding their LB840 funding. Mr. McKinney said they received an LB840 grant from Mitchell in 2015. Mitchell's LB840 funds are very limited for additional grants. Moved by Council Member Gonzales, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to approve the \$150,000.00 LB840 Economic assistance job credit grant and \$200,000.00 equipment loan for McKinney Manufacturing," "YEAS", Colwell, Gonzales, Meininger and McCarthy, "NAYS", Shaver. Absent: None.

Ms. Lehl presented the Economic Assistance Grant for Treaty Site Farms, owner Sam Adams, for \$200,000.00 to relocate his trucking business to Immigrant Trail Subdivision. The loan will be used for a new building and infrastructure. Mr. Adams explained that they will be expanding their trucking business, mainly transporting products for B & C Building. Mayor Meininger commended Mr. Adams for

his development efforts at the Immigrant Trail Subdivision. Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Mayor Meininger, “to approve the LB840 Economic Assistance Grant for Treaty Site Farms in the amount of \$200,000.00 for a new building and infrastructure, “YEAS”, Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

City Manager Nathan Johnson discussed the updated draft of the Landfill Operating Agreement with the City of Gering, which he would like to have on the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting to finalize. Mayor Meininger asked about the RFP for an Engineer for this project and how this parallels with finalizing the agreement. Mr. Johnson explained that the agreement calls for an Administrative Committee which would be comprised of two elected officials from each city, and the City Administrator in Gering and City Manager in Scottsbluff. This committee would have the authority to set up sub-committees or a task force to address any issues. Scottsbluff City staff, Mark Bohl and Jordan Deidrich, are working with City of Gering staff, Annie Folck and Mayor Kaufman, along with former Gering City Engineer Paul Snarr, to review the five RFP’s for the Engineers.

Council Member Gonzales asked in conjunction with the agreement, if there will be a business plan including costs. Mr. Johnson said they are working on the debt amount, which will require a revenue bond. The amount of this bond will depend on the magnitude of project. Mayor Meininger asked if the oversight Committee would develop the budget. Mr. Johnson responded we will need the Engineer on board first in order to develop the total budget.

Council Member Gonzales recommended setting a matrix of steps first on how this will impact the city financially, rather than purchase the land, and then discuss the costs associated with the development of a landfill. City Manager Johnson will bring this agreement back to the Council on the March 19th meeting.

Under public comments, Ms. Albaugh approached the City Council regarding the proposed site for the landfill. She suggested that the Council review the NDEQ report pertaining to the current City of Gering landfill as it relates to contaminant issues.

Under Council Reports, Mayor Meininger reported that the Police Department is ahead of schedule with the process of adding the Zuercher record keeping software. Also the League of Nebraska Municipalities Mid-Winter meeting is next Monday and Tuesday.

Council Member Gonzales reported that WNED meets this Thursday.

Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member Colwell, “to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Gonzales, Shaver, Meininger and McCarthy, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk
“SEAL”