

Sidney, Nebraska, June 25, 2019 A Fair Housing City

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:15 P.M. on June 25, 2019 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, Radcliffe and Olsen. Others present: City Manager Sadler, City Attorney Leef and City Clerk Anthony. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in *The Sidney Sun Telegraph*, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the City Council. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Gallaway informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

It was announced that Item 8 will be Item 6 and Item 6 & 7 will be 7 & 8.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 1811 by title for the SECOND time. It will be read for the THIRD and final time on July 9, 2019.

Lt. Keith Andrew on behalf of Chief of Police Aikens presented information about the 2016 Ford Explorer that was involved in an accident which was totaled by the defendant's insurance company. Due to this unplanned event, it took out one of the vehicles that still had service life. This unforeseeable event had forced us to extend the usage of a unit that was planned to be removed from service this fiscal year and moves all the other unit's replacement back one more year. \$24,217.92 was received by the City for this 2016 Ford Explorer. The Police Department is asking for permission to move forward with the purchase of a new 2020 Ford Explorer due to this unexpected loss of one of our units and then to use the insurance money plus the funds in the 2019 Capital Police Vehicle budget. Radcliff moved, Olsen seconded "That an order for two new cruisers be approved thru the State Bid – Anderson Ford using the payment plan as proposed by staff." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Mike Palmer, Electric Superintendent, summarized the process in soliciting Exponential Engineering Company to complete the "Electric Master Plan" and the representatives of this company gave a presentation on the findings and potential recommendations to consider for the future. Tyler W. Swaney, P.E. of EEC reviewed the 2019 Master Plan for the City of Sidney. Said Plan will ensure we are operating the system efficiently and effectively and provide guidance for electric system improvements that may be needed in the future. EEC will be providing the Council soon with the Executive Summary for their review.

Economic Development Director Melissa Norgard reported on the MMP Enterprises Site and Building Development Fund Grant between the State of Nebraska for Site and Building Development Funds to assist MMP Enterprises with the purchase of a building at 3200 Road 101, formerly the Cabela's distribution center. Funds will be utilized for building purchase. MMP is expanding their Canadian logistics business to Sidney. Their business in Sidney will consist of fulfillment and distribution operations, marketing operations and manufacturing of

botanical products. MMP estimates they will hire 300 people in the first 3 years of their operation in Sidney and invest over \$25 million dollars in their facility. The City of Sidney will be granted \$500,000 through the State Economic Development Department's Site and Building Development Fund, which will in turn be granted to MMP to assist with the purchase of the 760,000 square foot distribution center located at 3200 Road 101. A contract will exist between the State DED team, the City of Sidney and MMP. The contract requires MMP to establish and maintain the operations at the 3200 Road 101 for no less than 24 months. Approval of the grant application and loan agreement for \$500,000 Site and Building Development Funds to be granted to the City of Sidney and in turn the City of Sidney will grant the funds to MMP Enterprises. Radcliff moved, Arterburn seconded "That the MMP Enterprises' Site & Building Development Funds Application be approved and the City Manager Ed Sadler be authorized to sign same." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Economic Development Director Melissa Norgard reviewed the revised economic development plan that was approved by voters through a special election in August, 2018 allowing the City to accept donations. The City will receive a contribution of up to \$300,000 annually for 4 years for a potential total of \$1.2 million to the LB840 plan. The funds were awarded and granted to Sidney by an anonymous donor-advised fund through the Nebraska Community Foundation. The fund is represented locally by Wendall Gaston. The funds will be utilized to create jobs and attract new businesses to Sidney and Cheyenne County. The funds will be used in accordance with all the guidelines approved by the voters in the economic development plan. Arterburn moved, Olsen seconded "That the Mayor Gallaway be authorized to sign the grant agreement with Nebraska Community Foundation." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

**City Manager comments:** Reported on Downtown Sounds having a smaller crowd due to the weather but still a fun time was had by all. Two more events are still to come in July and August. Police Chief Aikens is doing well. A special meeting will be held on June 27 at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for a workshop regarding the Solid Waste Department's Financial Analysis and Short & Long Range Plan. The info memos with the Council packet were regarding A) the Northside Sidewalk Project Completion Report; B) The NexGen Outfitter's LB840 land forgiveness; C) City Parks' Mosquito Spraying Program for 2019; D) Aquatic Center attendance comparison 2018 vs 2019; E) Golf Course 2018 vs 2019 comparison thru June 16 for each year. F) Setting a date for Council FY20 budget workshop.

Andrew Sherman reported that the Library Summer Reading Program is going good. Rob Kuhns announced that the Water main at 10<sup>th</sup> & Toledo is being dug up to fix a break. Mike Palmer reported that MEAN will be having rebate programs on SMART apps as well as LED. Also shared that the City of Sidney has received \$437,314 from MEAN. Melissa Norgard reported on the bike tour that spent time in Sidney (465 riders, 23 states and 4 countries were represented.) She also shared news about tonight's Building Tour representing many of the available properties in the Sidney area. Also, the Economic Development annual conference will be held in Sidney in 2020.

**City Council comments:** Councilman Radcliff asked about the date for the closing of the purchase of 812 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The answer was July 9, 2019. Councilman Sherman commented that there is a lot of goodness in Sidney and he is proud to be here. The Mayor was pleased with all the good news that was shared this evening. Condolences for the family of the

State Trooper that was killed while on duty this last week. Questions were asked about mowing on Old Post Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/ G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK