

Sidney, Nebraska, July 23, 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 23, 2019 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, and Olsen. Absent: Radcliffe. 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.

Olsen moved, Arterburn seconded "That Council Member Radcliffe be excused from this meeting." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Arterburn moved, Olsen seconded "That the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Council meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Jeff Kelley, Executive Director of the Panhandle Area Development District, appeared to update the City Council on PADD; i.e. PADD benefits to the entire region; PADD Member benefits; General Member rates. He also presented 2018 Year in Review; i.e. accomplishments of PADD and its member communities; 35 Member communities and counties contributed over \$60,000 in membership dues to PADD and in return there were \$706,375 in grants awarded, two new economic development loans of \$100,000 each to create 12 new jobs, 163 citizens were trained specifically, Lyman, Hay Springs and Chappell; PADD's EPA Brownfields grant for \$445,000 continue to help communities, buyers and sellers pay for environmental site assessments; and the website has been updated. A question and answer period reviewed the report given by Mr. Kelley.

Hope Feeney, President/CEO of Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce presented their quarterly report which included: Tactics Implementation, Retail Space Promotion ([website-properties.cheyennecountychamber.com](http://properties.cheyennecountychamber.com)), Business Development, and Downtown Events (July's event and its attendance was the best so far this year). There were some problems with the electricity which will be worked on before the August event. Questions from Council Member Arterburn prompted a discussion on the plans for Hickory Square. City Manager Sadler suggested a joint meeting be held with the Chamber Board of Directors on this matter re: Hickory Square.

Economic Development Director Melissa Norgard reviewed the MMP Enterprises USA LB840 Application and Agreement. MMP will receive \$500,000 (\$100,000 per year) over five years after the business meets the payroll creation and job creation requirements. These funds will be reimbursed to the City by the Nebraska Community Foundation through donated funds committed to the City's LB840 Plan. Sherman moved, Arterburn seconded "That Mayor Gallaway be authorized to sign the Economic Development Fund (LB840) Contract Agreement

with MMP Enterprises USA.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Mayor Gallaway recommended that Jim Price be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Airport Authority. Arterburn moved, Olsen seconded “That Jim Price be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Airport Authority. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

City Manager comments: The 2019-2020 annual proposed budgets are progressing and City Manager Sadler’s memo to the City Council is being worked on. The Budget Workshop will be held on August 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.. There also will be Public hearings at 5:15 p.m. on August 6th for liquor applications for Two J’s and Two J’s Too. The Cheyenne County Fair starts this week. Repairs on 11th are nearly finished and will be re-opened on Friday, July 26th. City Electric Superintendent Mike Palmer reported that two of the Civil Defense sirens did not operate properly on July 13 during the tornado alerts; i.e. the area by the softball fields and at the Golf Course. They have been repaired and will be tested on July 24th. He reminded the public that the sirens are meant to warn the public who are outside of buildings to get inside and not for the public that are inside buildings.

City Council comments: Councilman Olsen reported on his first meeting as the Council’s Housing Authority representative. Occupancy for Western Heritage and the new addition was doing really well. Sioux Villa is below 50% of which some of the reason is that Head Start is moving out. Councilman Sherman announced that there will be the annual Teammates Fund Raiser soon. Councilman Arterburn asked what the electrical problem was at the Downtown Sounds on July 26th. Mike and Ed explained the situation caused by putting the electrical lines underground. Also, there were many electrical appliances being plugged into the panel they built to provide enough outlets, but that some improvements need to be made before the next Downtown Event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

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