

Sidney, Nebraska, January 14, 2020 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 6:00 P.M. on January 14, 2020 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 Heilbrun. 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.

Mayor Gallaway stated that he would entertain a motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss City Manager candidate review. Olson moved, Sherman seconded "That the Council go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss City Manager candidate review. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mayor Gallaway announced that the City Council will now go into closed session at 6:02 p.m. Upon the Council's return from the closed session, Radcliffe moved, Olson seconded "That the Closed session end and the Open session be reconvened." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mayor Gallaway announced that the Council has come out of the closed session at 7:10 p.m. Council reconvened in open session at 7:13 p.m.

Radcliffe moved, Sherman seconded "That the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting be approved as printed. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Finance Director David Scott reviewed Water and Electric utility rate proposals which would increase the monthly base rates for the Water Utility to raise revenue for ongoing fixed costs; and raise the base rates for all Electric Utility categories to address fixed costs while lowering the actual usage rates, thereby reducing overall rates for residential and commercial users. With these changes, customers, both residential and commercial, could expect their monthly utility bill to go down an average \$2 to \$4, for a cost savings of 5% per year. He answered questions regarding the franchise and administrative fees, noting the most recent ones had been highlighted in the financial statements provided. Electric Superintendent Mike Palmer provided information on the reasons for two rate increases in the last four years, which were implemented to address new transmission cost increases. He stated that the projects are complete and are no longer a financial consideration.

Councilman Arterburn presented a list of questions regarding the changes to water and electric rates which Finance Director Scott answered. Arterburn suggested that this item be held over until another City Manager was hired, as they may have a different idea on how to handle the matter. Mayor Gallaway stated that it was his opinion that the Council would be derelict in their duty if they did not follow through with the consideration of the two ordinances which were being presented for second reading. He instructed City Clerk Heilbrun to read the Ordinances by title.

City Clerk Heilbrun read Ordinance No. 1815 by title for the second time as follows: "AN ORDINANCE

OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND SECTION 1042.21 WATER SERVICE RATES, CHAPTER 1042 WATER OF TITLE FOUR UTILITIES, OF PART 10 STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, 1977, TO PROVIDE FOR A DIFFERENT MONTHLY BASE CHARGE FOR YEARLY USAGE OF WATER, TO REPEAL ANY OTHER ORDINANCE OR PART OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS THEREWITH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.” The third reading of the Ordinance will be held on January 28, 2020.

City Clerk Heilbrun read Ordinance No. 1816 by title for the second time as follows: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, RELATING TO ELECTRICAL RATES, EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATES, AMENDING SECTIONS 1048.04, 1048.05, 1048.06, 1048.065, 1048.11 AND 1048.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.” The third reading of the Ordinance will be held on January 28, 2020.

Olson moved, Arterburn seconded “That Matt Benzel be appointed to fill a vacancy on the City of Sidney Planning Commission which will expire on June 1, 2022.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mr. Benzel introduced himself and expressed his desire to become more involved in the community by serving on this board.

Radcliffe moved, Sherman seconded “That Dave Hausmann, Steve Hume and Scott McDaniel be re-appointed to three-year terms on the Board of Adjustment with terms expiring on January 1, 2023.” Roll call vote: All council members present. Mr. McDaniel was present at the meeting.

Sandy White, Library Board Chair, reported on the progress of hiring a new Library Director. She stated that they had a total of ten (10) applications, interviewed the top five (5) candidates by phone on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and hope to set up two to three face-to-face interviews in the next ten days. She recognized Jo Houser for her efforts in the hiring process and Sandy Nelson and Stephanie Mika for the excellent job they are doing as co-library directors in the interim period.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, presented the name of John Phillips for appointment to the Historic Preservation Board. Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded “That John Phillips be appointed to serve on the Historic Preservation Board for a 4-year term.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, presented a request to send out a Request for Proposal to update the Downtown Sidney Master Plan. She noted that the City of Sidney was not selected as a recipient of CDBG funds to help fund this project and an updated plan is required before the City can apply for implementation funds in September 2020. She further noted that LB840 funds from the downtown portion of the economic development plan are available to fund the updated Downtown Sidney Master Plan but Council approval is needed prior to moving forward. Sherman moved, Arterburn seconded “That a Request for Proposal to update the Downtown Sidney Master Plan using LB 840 funds be approved.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, gave an overall update of current Economic Development projects.

Finance Director David Scott gave his report on the Budget Reports for November and December, 2019 for all departments. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded “That the Budget Reports for November and December, 2019 for all city departments be approved.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Sherman moved, Olsen seconded “That the following claims for December 2019, are hereby approved and should be paid as provided by law out of the respective funds in the city treasury.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. (Abbreviation for claims: bd bond, ct contract, du dues, eq equipment, ex expenses, in insurance, re reimbursements, sa salaries, se service, su supplies, tt travel/training, tx tax, ut utilities)

21<sup>st</sup> Century eq 67.20, 196.55, 213.92; 3E Electrical eq 287.13; Accelerated Receivables se 383.55; ALSCO su 66.94, 66.94; Altisource re 22.81; American Environmental se 1903.10; American Legal se 2184.00; Arrow Safety su 180.19; Associated Supply su 648.30; Baker & Taylor su 1314.71, 13.15; Baker Cleaners su 30.00; Better Electric eq 7200.00; Black Hills Energy ut 2385.49, 423.04, 199.40, 34.31, 1071.34, 211.52, 1141.32, 1542.54; Board of Examiners du 50.00; Bomgaars su 149.12, 79.28, 763.53, 183.05, 167.19, 38.58, 533.30, 107.86, 581.29, 108.16, 77.89, 22.98; Cake & Creations su 261.50; Cardmember se 2168.13, 538.83, 506.38, 852.86, 935.32, 390.83; Carpenter, Justin re 7.92; Caselle du 1644.00; Cashwa su 87.60; Charter su 598.63, 179.12, 99.98, 101.47; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 10000.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency ct 26797.12; Cheyenne Co Treasurer tx 83268.84, 9658.26; Cheyenne Co Chamber se 220.00; City of Sidney su ex tx se 155.91, 1350.35, 17666.67, 19750.00, 27609.91, 4763.95, 4679.64, 9629.41, 2309.66, 2445.94, 1187.50, 1000.00, 119.71, 15.50, sa 92216.69, 95766.13, 13181.71, 12529.13, 15562.84, 15241.03, 24987.01, 21577.29, 11184.15, 11354.31, 7468.86, 7298.86, in 60894.16, 6020.47, 1000.23, 10725.92, 837.36, 11445.82, 1759.11, 378.10, 5011.81, 541.05, 5728.00, ut 5132.15, 212.85, 2344.51, 1356.13, 177.99, 8965.93, 12816.65; Clothes Hamper se 45.00; Contractor Materials su 52.00, 215.00, 330.56; Country Printer su 180.00, 65.00; Cranmore Lawn ct 5040.00; Cranmore Pest se 90.00, 90.00; Culligan se 19.95, 53.95, 7.50, 29.95, Darin’s Auto se 2797.43, 755.82; Davis, John se 358.69; Day & Night se 193.71, 82.00; Demco su 213.20, 9.95; Dept of Energy ut 15293.14; Diversified Electric se 215.92; DP Electronics su 2304.99, 221.66; E&S su 698.59, 1108.55, 624.83, 65.43, 170.61, 1541.88; Eakes su 124.67, 551.52, 69.49; Elan Visa su 20.00, 120.93, 177.49, 15.31, 139.02, 61.67, 478.04, 18.22, 3.99; Elsen, Lorna re 52.37; Enviro se 120.00, 40.00; Exponential Engineering se 5624.10; Filsinger Excavating se 100.00, 100.00; Finney’s su 807.36, 37.81, 113.36, 381.08, 27.17; Floyd’s Truck se 3909.09, 112.77; Fremont Nat’l ct 9026.88; Frenchman se 81.30, 6282.90, 2140.04, 5040.93, 1410.01, 586.15, 594.29; Frerichs, Angela su 347.00; Fritz, David se 240.00; FyrTek su 24.35; Glover Industries su 316.98; Godina, Savannah re 26.58; Golden West su 196.07; Gordon’s Body se 65.31; Grainger su 125.30; Guideposts su 43.85, 11.97; Hamilton se 183.70, 49.95, 49.95; Harder, Troy re 200.00; Hillside Bar & Grill se 460.00; Hometown Leasing se 159.78; Huber & Asso se 2372.00; Hudson Insurance se 5000.00; Ideal se 38.28, 89.16, 586.25, 93.15; Johnsen Corrosion se 1780.00; Journal Office su 40.00; Keen, Kimberly se 46.56, Kevin’s Electric se 22.60; Know buddy Resources su 71.80; KSID se 150.00; Kuhlman, Fred re 70.00; Landis & Gyr ct 750.00, 750.00; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Logan Contractors su 237.70; MacQueen Equipment su 109.25; Mail Finance ct 750.00; Megger su 781.56; Mercer Group su 1013.70; Municipal Automation su 1146.48; MEAN ut 449331.29; Municipal Supply su 3213.98, 560.97; Murphy Tractor eq 148.76; Napa su 90.58, 2.24, 31.72; NE Dept of Revenue tx 58361.71; NE Municipal Power Pool du 7500.00; NE Public Health se 237.00, 364.00; NE Salt & Grain su 10957.18; NT&T se 2031.55, 144.90, 260.61, 313.84, 56.42, 59.10, 177.40; NE Life su 42.00; NE Link se 36.00; NE Tire se 18.88; Newman Traffic eq 1721.95; Nexgen su 573.00; NMC su 205.83, 85.48; Northwest Pipe su 275.47; OCLC su 243.76; O’Keefe Elevator se 168.00; One Call se 25.91, 25.91; Palmer, Mike re 67.00; Panhandle Auto su 15.19; Performance Auto se 456.41; Points West in 65066.00, 22440.00, 34282.00, 35331.00, 22687.00, 27777.00; Police Officer’s Asso se 225.00; Prairie States se 1747.70; Quill su 86.97, 171.74; R&T Excavating se 125.00; Reams su 245.65; Respond First Aid su 175.61; Rood’s Tire se 78.95, 19.75; Scotties Potties su 560.00; Segelke Janitorial se 2580.00; Sidney Farm su 50.00; SRMC se 86.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 12.15, 543.72; Sonny’s su 145.53; Southwestern Equipment eq 229.10; Splish Splash se 43.32; Star Herald se 242.63, 327.60; Steve’s Auto se 600.00; Stone, Eloise rt 400.00; Taylor’s Seamless Gutters se 209.00; Triple O’s su 133.02; 14.99; 24.92, 2032.55, 128.05; United Labs su 387.30; US Postal se 274.00, USA Bluebook su 373.52; USGA se 150.00; Verizon se 40.03, 198.93, 506.17, 59.92, 34.16, 160.48, 34.11, 68.27; Vessco se 6052.63; Viaero se 35.19, 65.80; Wesco 36218.88; Western United su 7163.69; Wheatbelt ut 10072.40; Whitebluffs ct 560.00; Wolford, Marie rt 916.47.

**City Manager/Staff Report:** City Manager Sadler reported that the City Awards Banquet was held on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and congratulated those receiving service awards; that he will be speaking at the Lego Robotics contest on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> re: improving our community; and that he and his wife have purchased a home in Virginia in anticipation of their retirement.

**City Council comments:** Mayor Gallaway extended his thanks to Ed for speaking to the students on January 18<sup>th</sup>; thanked all who were involved in organizing and those that attended the Awards Banquet; congratulated Cindy Heilbrun on her 35-year service award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/CYNTHIA K HEILBRUN, CITY CLERK

