

Sidney, Nebraska, November 24, 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 7:15 P.M. on November 24, 2020 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, Radcliffe and Olsen. Others present: City Manager Scott 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 noted that Councilman Radcliffe would be participating by teleconference as per Governor Ricketts Executive Order No. 20-34 which allows an elected official to participate virtually if under a quarantine order by a local public health agency.

Olsen moved, Arterburn seconded "That the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Mayor Gallaway asked City Clerk Heilbrun to read Ordinance No. 1822 by title for the second time as follows: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, SETTING THE TIME FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1001 OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA." Mayor Gallaway asked if there was a motion to suspend the requirement that the Ordinance be read by title three different times. Sherman moved "That the requirement that the Ordinance be read by title three time be suspended." There was no second to the motion. The Ordinance will be presented for the third reading at the December 8, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Gallaway announced that the Council would now consider the Manager Application of Dusty J. Benson for Walmart#5170, located at 3001 Silverberg Drive, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska; and Resolution No. 20201103 making a recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission re: same.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Gallaway asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20201103 re: the Manager Application of Dusty J. Benson for Walmart#5170 located at 3001 Silverberg Drive, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded "That Resolution No. 20201103 be passed and adopted." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

RESOLUTION NO 20201103

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska hereby recommends approval of the manager application of Dusty J. Benson for Walmart 5170 located at 3001 Silverberg Drive, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska; and

That the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission be notified of said recommendation.

Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded "That RESOLUTION NO. 20201104 authorizing the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent Clay Radtke be passed and adopted." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 20201104
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT
2020

WHEREAS: State of Nebraska Statutes, Sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 THROUGH 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

WHEREAS: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent; and

WHEREAS: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

WHEREAS: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE ATTACHED Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2020 at Sidney, Nebraska.

Tom VonSeggern, Parks/Cemetery/Pool Supt., presented bids for two new front deck mowers from 21st Century in Sidney as follows: Full price of machines and attachments is \$84,464.77, less trade-in values of City's used mowers in the amount of \$17,650.00, resulting in a net purchase of \$66,814.77. He noted that the life of the mowers would be 4-5 years and that any parts needed could be purchased in Sidney.

Olsen moved, Sherman seconded "That the bid from 21st Century Equipment, Sidney, for two front deck mowers in the amount of \$66,814.77 be approved. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Patrick Kilbride, Golf Operations Director, presented two bids received for a Fairway Mower for Hillside Golf Course as follows: LL Johnson, Denver, CO \$57,208.47, and Stotz John Deere, Riverton, WY \$58,500.00. He noted that \$60,000 had been budgeted for this equipment purchase. He recommended accepting the low bid from LL Johnson, Denver, noting that if parts/repairs were needed they can get them in one day.

Radcliffe moved, Sherman seconded "That The bid for a Fairway Mower for Hillside Golf Course be awarded to LL Johnson, Denver, CO in the amount of \$57,208.47." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, presented the final draft of the Downtown Master Plan as prepared by RDG Planning and Design and recommended adoption of the Plan by the City Council. She noted that the current Plan was prepared in 2008, and in order to obtain grants for downtown improvements the plan cannot be more than 10 years old. She noted that participation by downtown businesses is crucial to the success of the plan which recommends creating a Downtown Business Association to partner with the Chamber, Sidney/Cheyenne County Tourism, Historical Association, and other non-profit groups in the community to steer projects for development. Priority projects included developing a marketing/branding campaign for downtown, coordinating events with businesses, façade enhancement grant program, including downtown housing in the housing study, and establishing wayfinding signage to drive traffic from Interstate 80 to downtown.

Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded “That the Final Updated Downtown Master Plan be approved and adopted.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, presented a Façade Enhancement Grant update which would increase the allocation for façade enhancement from \$5,000/yr. per building with a 50% match (not to exceed once every five years) to \$20,000/yr. with a 25% match (not to exceed once every five years) from the LB840 funds allocated to downtown projects. She noted that more buildings with an attractive and well-maintained façade will have a greater impact on the character and look of the downtown district to prospective businesses, etc.

Olsen moved, Sherman seconded “That the Façade Enhancement Plan be revised to allow \$20,000/yr. with a 25% match (not to exceed once every five years) from the LB840 funds allocated to downtown projects.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

City Manager/Staff Report: City Manager Scott 1) Estimated that if COVID 19 numbers continue to rise he expects changes to the Governors mandate regarding open meetings as soon as the December meeting which could be a ZOOM meeting. He will keep everyone apprised of this. The City Clerk was instructed to advertise a regular meeting at City Hall until further notice; He outlined other changes a new mandate would affect, i.e., gathering numbers, restaurant and bar regulations, etc. **2)** Introduced Lane Kizzire as the new Finance Director for the City of Sidney; **3)** Complimented the Bike Shop in downtown Sidney on their newly established business.

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Gallaway 1) Welcomed Lane Kizzire as the new Finance Director and wished everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving weekend. **Councilman Arterburn** extended wishes to all to enjoy Thanksgiving safely; **Councilman Olsen** noted that a Forbes article had listed Nebraska as #6 on the list of COVID Outbreak and Neighboring States Top 10; **Council Sherman** noted that UPS is looking for seasonal help and urged anyone interested in delivering packages to log on to UPS.Jobs.com if they are interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

/s/ ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/ CYNTHIA K. HEILBRUN, CITY CLERK

