

Sidney, Nebraska, April 27, 2021 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 6:15 P.M. on April 27, 2021 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, and Olsen. Absent: Radcliffe. Others present: City Manager Scott, 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 noted that Governor Ricketts Executive Order No. 20-36 allows governing bodies to meet by electronic communications from December 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, as long as such meeting access is available to members of the public and members of the media.

Mayor Gallaway informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act which was revised April 22, 2021, waiving certain requirements of the original Open Meetings Act.

Olsen moved, Sherman seconded "That Councilman Radcliffe be excused from the meeting." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded "That the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting be approved as printed. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Mayor Gallaway stated that the Council would now consider the Manager Application of Angela L. Coffey for Git n Split, license # B030206, located at 1912 10th Avenue, and Git n Split, license #B030207, located at 1145 Illinois Street; and Resolution No. 20210401 making a recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission re: same

Angela Coffey was present via Zoom, explaining that she would be replacing the existing manager who was retiring.

Sherman moved, Arterburn seconded "That Resolution No. 20210401 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Parks Superintendent, Tom VonSeggern reported on the annual Arbor Day Celebration that was held at the Lodgepole Valley Youth Camp on Saturday, April 24, 2021, noting that there was a very good turnout. He read the Arbor Proclamation and the Mayor signed same.

Ally Benzel and Sarah Sinnett appeared to request \$40,000 ACE funds for the Sidney Park Project. They noted that the fundraising for the project, which has mainly included private pledged donations, door-to-door contact and community exposure at the Spring Expo, is going well. Ms. Sinnett noted that with current donations and the \$40,000 requested from ACE funds they should be able to submit grant applications to help with the project, which they estimate to total around \$656,000.00. She noted that volunteers for tear-out and replacement of the project would reduce some of this cost. Their goal for completion of the project is spring of 2022.

City Manager Scott noted that the ACE program is ideal for these types of projects, the most recent being the Ballfield Lighting project on Field 4. He explained that there is approximately

\$80,000.00 in the ACE fund. He felt that the \$40,000 contribution would go a long way to getting grant matches for the park project which would benefit the entire community, and recommended approval of the request.

Olsen moved, Sherman seconded “That \$40,000 from the ACE fund be allocated to the Sidney Park Project.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Chief Building Official Kevin Kubo presented bids for the replacement of the City of Sidney administration building roof as follow: **Twin City Roofing** Option 1) Complete tear off and replacement with EPDM 60 Mill system \$118,240.00 and Option 2) Cover existing roof system with EPDM 60 Mill System \$60,585.00; **Weathercraft Company** Option 1) Complete tear off and replacement with EPDM 60 Mill system \$56,278.00 and Option 2) Cover existing roof system with EPDM 60 Mill System \$47,221.00. Following discussion, it was determined that tear-off and replacement was the best way to repair the roof with long-term results.

Arterburn moved, Olsen seconded “That the bid for the replacement of the City of Sidney administration building roof be awarded to Weathercraft Company for Option 1) Complete tear off and replacement with EPDM 60 Mill system in the amount of \$56,278.00.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Mindy Estrada, 1215 Summit Drive, appeared to request two stop signs on Summit Drive: one at the intersection of Summit Drive and Verde Lane, and one at the intersection of Summit Drive and Alvarado Rd. She described and showed a video of an accident on March 7th where her mother’s vehicle, which was parked in front of her residence, was struck by another vehicle and totaled. She noted that she had requested a speed limit sign from 11th Avenue entering Summit Drive at a council meeting approximately three years ago, which had been installed, however traffic has not slowed down.

Street Superintendent Hank Radtke gave the criteria for the installation of stop signs which would require **1)** a traffic study of the area which showed 1,000 cars/day on the street, **2)** 85% of the traffic travelling at least 30 mph, **3)** and 66% of the residents would need to sign a request/petition for the stop sign. He reminded everyone that a recent request for a traffic study at a much busier intersection had not met these criteria. Other suggestions were speed bumps and speed limit trailers to make drivers aware of the speed they were travelling. Radtke noted that speed bumps were only allowed in areas where the speed limit was 10 m.p.h. or less. He estimated the cost of speed limit trailers at approximately \$2,000.00 each.

Discussion was held and it was determined that additional policing and enforcement were the keys to managing this problem. Chief Aikens stated that his department would work on this.

Hope Feeney, Cheyenne County Chamber Director, presented the 2nd Quarter report which included Survey results to target potential companies for relocation to Cheyenne County and ongoing Development of a Business Association in Sidney. She noted that the Chamber has launched their new website and are engaged in ongoing design enhancements to get individuals to use it a resource.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, recommended re-appointment of Amanda Popp and Mike Leininger to the Economic Development Citizen’s Advisory Review Committee for a four-year term.

Sherman moved, Arterburn seconded “That Amanda Popp and Mike Leininger be appointed to a four-year term on the Economic Development Committee.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director presented an Economic Development LB840 Application Agreement from ReCircled, LLC. She described the company as having operational processing facilities in Cozad, NE and Prato, Italy, with the founder and CEO being a native of Cozad. The company has over 100 years of combined experience in the textile, apparel and footwear production and distribution industries and has long-standing relationships with top brands in the world, i.e., Target. She noted that the company does not produce any product but receives and repurposes materials that are then sent back into circulation for resale through the company of origin.

She estimated that ReCircled will create 150 jobs in the next five years, including shipping and receiving, tailers, sewers, fabric cutters, quality control, maintenance, administrative and management; and will be located in a 90,000 square foot building of the former Cabela's distribution center.

They have applied for \$500,000 in LB 840 funds, allocated each year for the next five years, with reimbursement starting 12 months after the beginning of the contract. The Economic Development Citizen's Advisory Review Committee unanimously recommended approval of the LB840 Application for ReCircled.

Sherman moved Olsen seconded "That the LB840 Application of ReCircled, LLC be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

City Manager Scott reported that he had again met with the Cheyenne County Communications Center, as directed by Council at the last meeting, regarding the dispatch services agreement. Following discussion with all parties it was determined that Deuel County did not require board representation even though their responsibility had increased from 5% to 6%. The proposed agreement included that the 5-member board remain the same as in past years with the new percentages as follows: City of Sidney 61.08%, Cheyenne County 32.92% and Deuel County 6%. He recommended approval of the agreement and review again in two years.

Heidi Gillespie, Cheyenne County Communications Director, provided information as to where funding for the Communications Center is generated and expended.

Councilman Olsen asked that details be provided in the contract as to what expenses each entity is responsible for.

City Attorney Leef and staff will discuss the details of the contract with the County Attorney and iron out specifics.

The item was tabled and will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

City Manager Scott presented the Agreement between the City of Sidney and the Cheyenne County Community Center for Recreational Program Services. He noted that he, Mayor Gallaway, and Councilman Radcliffe had met with CCCC representatives and are recommending the current contract remain in place with no changes. Mike Namuth, Cheyenne County Community Center Director, was present to answer questions regarding the services provided by the Center. He noted that although soccer was cancelled last year due to COVID, the baseball and basketball seasons saw an uptick in numbers, as they were the only facility open in the area. He was congratulated for pulling off the programs during COVID.

Olsen moved, Sherman seconded "That the contract with Cheyenne County Community Center through September 30, 2022 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Radcliffe.

City Manager/Staff Report: City Manager Scott 1) Reminded everyone of the Keep Sidney Beautiful cleanup to be held on May 1, 2021. Anyone wishing to participate can go to the website to volunteer; **2)** The 13th

Avenue road project has begun by the BNRR tracks and is going smoothly; **3)** reminded everyone that this is Melissa Norgard's last council meeting as Economic Development Director and that she will be working part-time in May as needed. He thanked her for her service to the City of Sidney **4) Legislative Bill LB408** only received 29 of the 33 votes to pass, so will be off the table for one year. He noted that this will not hinder the bond payment for the L17J project; **5)** Gave an update on LB83 – Open Meetings Act revisions which still allows governing bodies to hold electronic meetings if under emergency disaster declaration by the Governor. This will continue for approximately a year until federal dollars are distributed through the American Recovery Act. He noted that we do not have to offer this option, but can if it is the consensus of the governing body. Council members discussed this and concluded that future council meetings will be conducted in the usual manner, not Zoom, unless the need arises. **6)** Will be going to Lincoln on May 3rd to review the City's sales tax returns and out of the office on May 4th also. **Melissa Norgard**, Economic Development Director reported that the Lieutenant Governor will be in Sidney Tuesday May 4th to tour Sidney projects and businesses. **Mike Palmer, Electric Distribution Supt.** reported that the lights, sponsored by ACE funds, have been installed on Field 4 and urged everyone to come take a look. **Police Chief Joe Aikens** reported that the City Auction has been scheduled for May 8th, which will be an online and live auction. Dave Dickey will be conducting the auction. Vehicles and items for sale can be seen at the site of the old landfill tech shop. **Street Supt. Hank Radtke** reported **1)** that there was a 13th Avenue project update meeting today, **2)** that crack sealers are in town and will be working on the north side of 11th Avenue, 13th Avenue underpass, and Cedar & 14th Avenue, **3)** Link 17J update – vehicles will be able to turn back onto Hwy 30 in the next week or so.

City Council comments: **Councilman Olsen** stated that the Downtown Business Association will meet Thursday, May 29th. **Councilman Arterburn** thanked Melissa Norgard for her service, noting that her successes did much to improve our community. He wished her well in her future endeavors. **Councilman Sherman** also thanked Melissa Norgard on all her hard work and the Community for their citizen participation; **Mayor Gallaway** echoed the previous comments regarding Melissa Norgard and congratulated the Sidney Track Team for their performance at the Best of the West Track Meet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/CYNTHIA K HEILBRUN, CITY CLERK