

Sidney, Nebraska, September

25, 2012 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 September 25, 2012 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gaston and Council Members: Weiderspon, Nienhueser, Gallaway and Van Vleet. Others present: City Manager Person, City Attorney J. 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 Gaston informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Nienhueser moved, Weiderspon seconded "That the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Ramona Joyce and Becky Wyatt on behalf of the Boot Hill Committee appeared to request permission to shoot firearms w/blanks during the Oktoberfest Parade on October 6, 2012. Nienhueser moved, Gallaway seconded "That the Boot Hill Committee be authorized to shoot firearms w/blanks during the Oktoberfest Parade on October 6, 2012." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Megan McGowan, Community Development Director, introduced the representatives of Bell Lumber & Pole Company who were submitting a LB840 Sidney Economic Development funding Application to the City Council. She thanked all those involved in the process so far; i.e. Economic Development Advisory Board, Cheyenne County Commissioners, the State of Nebraska - Starr Lehl, Western Nebraska office of the Governor, the Village of Potter, and the media for their patience throughout the process. The representatives in attendance were Tom Bell, President/Owner (gave background of his company-103 years old, 4<sup>th</sup> generation with operations in nine states and Canada w/200+ employees - does wood preservative treating for utility poles as well as custom laminated wood manufacturing), Pat Tymkiw, Vice President/CFO; Rick Blesky, Facilities Manager (explained operations in Wisconsin and Minnesota and explained the proposed Sidney site), and Chris Shaw, Project Team Leader (explained the site selection process and the various financing sources to be utilized; i.e. LB840-\$500,000, CDBG-\$600,000, Nebraska Progress Loan fund-\$5,000,000; TIF \$1,500,000). Questions & Answers followed. Where will the trees come from - various areas/logistics of market; Timing of project was explained; correction was made on the application to reflect that the project was within Cheyenne County but outside Sidney's zoning jurisdiction, etc. Others speaking - County Commission Ken McMillen, City Manager Gary Person, Council Member Nienhueser thanked all entities that were involved as mentioned above and welcomed Bell Lumber & Pole Company to the community. Star Lehl explained the State of Nebraska's involvement. Don Adams thanked all those involved in getting this company to come to Cheyenne County.

Gallaway moved, Van Vleet seconded "That the LB840 Sidney Economic Development funding application from Bell Lumber & Pole Co. Be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

City Manager Gary Person presented a proposed resolution in which the City pledges to enter into an inter-local government agreement with South Platte Natural Resources District for storm water drainage projects in the southeast area of Sidney. Rod Horn, Manager of SPNRD, was present to acknowledge that the SPNRD had also approved this pledge. Nienhueser moved, Weiderspon seconded "That RESOLUTION NO. 20120906 be passed and adopted. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 20120906

WHEREAS the City of Sidney has placed a one half percent local sales tax on the November general election ballot for infrastructure purposes; and

WHEREAS the City of Sidney has designated some funding from the sales tax initiative towards storm water drainage projects in the east part of the community through an inter-local governmental agreement with the South Platte Natural Resources District, and

WHEREAS the South Platte Natural Resources District board of directors has also adopted the same following pledge,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA: the City of Sidney pledges to work with the South Platte Natural Resources District in adopting an Inter-Local Government Agreement to share resources in addressing the Sidney East Flood and Storm Water Drainage issues. The formal adoption of the agreement will be brought forward in future months once details to address the drainage issues are further identified, so terms can be negotiated and finalized.

Nienhueser moved, Gallaway seconded "That RESOLUTION NO. 20120907 be passed and adopted. Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 20120907

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

That the City Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, does hereby approve the Final Plat for Replat No. 2 - Lots 1-11, Block 4 and Block 4, Prairie Winds Addition to the City of Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

The Swimming Pool Requests for Proposals were presented. Scheduling a date for interviews will be an agenda item for October 9, 2012.

Nienhueser moved, Van Vleet seconded "That Delores Virgil be re-appointed as Resident Commissioner to the Sidney Housing Authority." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Nienhueser moved, Gallaway seconded "That the Budget Reports for August, 2012 for all City Departments be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Council Member Gallaway and Mayor Gaston gave reports on the recent League of Nebraska Municipalities annual meeting that they had attended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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