

## Sidney, Nebraska, July 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 July 27, 2021 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Sherman and Radcliffe. Absent: Joe Arterburn and Bob Olsen Others present: City Manager Scott, City Attorney Leef, City Clerk Borchert. 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 asked for a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmen Arterburn and Olsen. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the absence of Arterburn and Olsen be approved". Roll call vote: Yeas: Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Arterburn, Olsen Motion passed.

Mayor Gallaway asked for approval of the minutes. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallaway, Radcliffe, Sherman. Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Arterburn, Olsen Motion passed.

The Cheyenne County Emergency Communication Center overview was given by Director, Heidi Gillespie. The Communication Center provides communication and public safety services to the City of Sidney, Cheyenne and Deuel Counties; dispatch for three law enforcement agencies; Regional West Emergency Medical services, Sidney, Chappell and Big Springs ambulance services; and for all 7 volunteer Fire Departments across both counties. They coordinate responses as necessary with surrounding public safety agencies. They also answer phones for the Sidney Bus Service, after hours contact for Sidney Utilities and the County Offices. They are down two full time employees. When fully staffed they have seven dispatchers, the Director and Deputy Director. The CCECC has TXT2911, allowing to send emergency messages. The state is ahead of schedule, implementing the NEXTGEN911, in late October. They are part of the largest regionalized phone group in the State. This provides them not only with a cost sharing feature, but a complete virtual back up incase of a power outage with no down time. The designated backup is in Morrill County, in Bridgeport. Gillespie has been attending meetings for the Panhandle Traffic Management Group. She has also agreed to be a part of a committee at the state level that has put together a minimum set of training standards for dispatchers in Nebraska. Gillespie is a 5 year member of NEMA. The CCECC is in need for a new console system, originally built in 1995. The approximate cost is \$150,000. Gillespie is working on an application for a grant as well as checking other options. Gallaway asked if federal funds are available. Gillespie was unsure but will check into it. Gillespie also gave Council stats of all call volumes and invited them for a tour, individual or as a group.

The Cheyenne County Chamber Quarter 3 review was given by President/CEO, McKailie Carnahan-Kuhns. Carnahan-Kuhns said she plans to start with visits with current and non-member business, providing in person contact. Plans are to use the survey that was done to gain insight into what types of retail and service people would like to see. Also, to collaborate with the Economic Development Director to assist contact with a minimum of 50 entrepreneurs. Carnahan-Kuhns planned an email campaign, first going out on July 6. Every email will have a call to action. The next emails will go out in August. Property tours were given to 10 people. When marketing available commercial properties, she would also like to have digital and drone footage of buildings that can be shared on social media, targeting a bigger audience. Stats were presented to council showing the number of impressions that the Chamber has had through marketing and advertising. Meetings will also be started back up with the Downtown Master Plan.

Adding a right-hand turn lane at Pole Creek Crossing and Link 17J was discussed with Council. City Manager, Scott stated that the turn lane does not qualify for state funding. Two options were proposed. Option one - 10 median inlets at curb section, cost - \$183,629.00; option two - 2 median inlets with slotted drain, cost - \$145,654.00. Scott said he is not a fan of increasing the bond but we could use the funds from the sales tax collection.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, discouraged the galvanized pipe as it will rust and recommended the cast iron. He also said that this area continually washes out and this will alleviate the wash out problems. Sherman asked, what if there is no turning lane. Radtke stated it will continue to wash out. Gallaway stated that safety concerns are an issue and the timing with the Link 17J in process, this would be a 30 year asset and now is the time to do it. He also stated we have the funds, we are not borrowing it or asking for more money from tax payers, it is currently part of our street funds. Mayor Gallaway asked for a motion to approve a change order to a right-hand turn lane at Link 17J intersection of Lodgepole Creek Road for the purpose of hospital access. Option one, 10 median Inlets at curbed section. Radcliffe moved, Sherman seconded, "To approve a change order to a right-hand turn lane at Link 17J intersection of Lodgepole Creek Road for the purpose of hospital access. 10 median Inlets at curbed section." Roll call vote: Yeas: Radcliffe, Sherman, Gallaway. Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Arterburn, Olsen Motion passed. Mayor Gallaway stated if this were an ordinance in question, it would be unanimous vote, but as a resolution a simple majority vote.

Ron Meyer, Chairman of the Airport Authority, requested funds for allocation from the City's Levy Authority, in the amount of \$197,688.00. Jon Leever and George Lapaesotes were also present on behalf of the Airport

Authority. Meyer stated the request falls in line with the current budget expenses. City Manager Scott stated prior to FY20 the Airport Authority requested \$169,350.44. The total City value was reduced by about 12%. The City cut its general purposes budget to keep the levy request the same as the previous FY19, they approved the same for the Airport Authority dollar amount at \$128,244.53. It was discovered that the Airport Authority was exhausting its reserves to survive. It was recommended by Scott to allocate the dollar amount of \$197,688.00 to the Airport Authority. Leever and Lapaesotes gave reports on services and purchases. Gallaway asked for a motion on Resolution No. 20210701 Airport Authority request for allocation. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Resolution No. 20210701 allocating \$197,688.00 to the Airport Authority be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Arterburn, Olsen Motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20210701**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 77-3443 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the Airport Authority of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, may be allocated property taxes as authorized by law which are authorized by the City and are counted in the City levy limit provided by section 77- 3442, Nebraska Revised Statutes, which limitation does not apply to property tax levies for judgments, preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to July 1, 1998, for bonded indebtedness approved according to law and secured by a levy on property, and repayment of interest-free loans from Department of Aeronautics in the amount of \$29,324.97; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority submitted a preliminary request for levy allocation to the City Council in the amount of \$197,688.00 for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the levy request for purposes of determining a final allocation of levy authority for the Airport Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, resolves that the Airport Authority is allocated levy authority in the amount of \$197,688.00 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

Lane Kizzire, Finance Director, presented the fee schedule to council. The Departments were contacted regarding the fee schedule for input and changes. Most fees stayed the same with the exception of Golf. Gallaway asked for a motion on Resolution No. 20210702 Adjustment of the Master Fee Schedule. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Resolution No. 2010702 Master Fee Schedule be approved." Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallaway, Radcliffe, Sherman. Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Arterburn, Olsen Motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2010702**

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary from time to time to adjust various fees as set out in the Master Fee Schedule authorized in Chapter 202 Administrative Code, Section 202.95 Master Fee Schedule of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sidney; and

WHEREAS, after recommendations from City departments, it is the desire of the City Council at this time to make adjustments to the various fees as set out below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska that the following listed charges/fees are hereby approved and adopted and shall be in effect as of October, 1, 2020, and remain in place until lawfully changed by the City Council.

Scott reported that Council will be contacted in regards to scheduling Budget Workshops. He said that lawn waste cans are available to the public. Gallaway reminded the public that the Landfill is open for yard waste disposal 24-7. Scott reported that north Highway 30 and east side of Link 17J are finished and they are doing the tie ins. They will be starting on the other side. 13th Avenue is now in Phase 2. The curbs and gutters being put in. Mid-August they should be working on King Street. The last water customer was hooked to the new line on Elm Street. They are working on sidewalks. The North School has been contacted to reroute for a couple weeks until sidewalks are in. Scott reiterated that 13th, Elm Street, the resurfacing and storm drains is not property tax money. We are using the ½ cent sales tax and have been saving the funds since 2013 to use on these type of projects. He reported that we have an A+ plus credit rating which helps us with the bond for Link 17J. We have also partnered with the Legion Post 17 to irrigate the Legion Park baseball field. The Legion Post 17 has donated \$11,000.00 to buy the equipment needed and city employees will do the installation. Scott thanked the Legion Post 17 for their donation.

Joe Aikens, Chief of Police, reported that there will be a National Night Out on August 3 with CASA, Police Department, Sheriff Department, State Patrol, Emergency Response, CARE and Fire Department. They will serve hot dogs and brats. Free to the public.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, reported they did the Chip Sealing in records time with no breakdowns. He thanked the departments for helping.

Sherman said the city looks busy and booming.

Gallaway reported that he had been getting calls about weeds. Lisa Hanley, Code Enforcement, has sent out over 100 letters to help with the problem. August 14 is the dedication for the Alan Hartzler Basketball Court as well as the Fire Fighters banquet. August 16, at 5:30 p.m, results of the Housing Study at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK