

Sidney, Nebraska, August 17, 2021 A Fair Housing City

A special meeting for the purpose of a Budget Workshop with the Mayor & Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 4:30 p.m. on August 17, 2021 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Radcliffe, Olsen. Absent: Sherman. Others present: City Manager Scott, City Attorney Leef and 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 Sherman from the meeting. Radcliffe moved, Arterburn seconded, "That Councilman Sherman be excused from the meeting." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Olsen, Arterburn, Gallaway Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Sherman Motion carried.

City Manager David Scott presented recommendations for the FY2021-2022 Budget for Council's input and recommendations. Scott stated that the last few fiscal years' budget cycles have been challenging. In fiscal years 2019 and 2020 there were large budget cuts across the board as property tax revenue was reduced due to large decreases in the city's full value determination (assessed value). The cuts went so far that some services had to be reduced or eliminated. We were hit with the pandemic, but we did roll with the punches and were able to attract new businesses and moved forward with several street, water, and economic development projects.

Scott also reported that the proposed fiscal year 2021/2022 budget assumes that property tax will remain constant. Early valuation notices show business assessments down a little, but residential assessments up by about three to seven percent. If the full value determination of the city comes in higher than last year, we will have a small cushion for the general fund. Scott was also projecting that sales tax remain at the current fiscal year budgeted amounts. Even with the state economic development refunds we have received, he feels we will still hit the current budgeted mark for this fiscal year and next fiscal year.

Discussion was held regarding departmental objectives for the upcoming year, which will be taken into consideration in the final budget preparation.

City Manager Scott noted that the Budget Hearing (public hearing) needs to be held separate from the regular City Council meeting on September 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK