

**Sidney, Nebraska, September 14, 2021 A Fair Housing City
Budget Hearing**

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:15 P.M. on September 14, 2021 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, Radcliffe and Olsen. Others present: City Manager Scott, City Clerk Borchert. Absent: City Attorney Leef. 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 announced that a public hearing would now be held at 5:16 p.m., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations relating to the 2021-2022 proposed budget statement for all City departments.

City Manager Scott stated that the last few fiscal year's budgets have been challenging. Budgets were cut in 2019 and 2020. The proposed 2021/2022 budget assumes that property tax will remain constant. He noted he is proposing a balanced budget with the mill levy remaining the same as the previous year. Scott stated that there were American Recovery Act money available for projects. Money was added to the budget for weed control and increase in pay for seasonal employees. Scott noted that the .05 cent local option sales tax will be up for public vote in 2023. Scott presented a power point including budgeted expenses and revenues for 2021-2022. Scott commended Council on the budget, including finding money to get the appearance of Sidney back on track. Scott stated that we have a positive balance in the General Fund due to past cuts in the budget. We are getting money from the Property Tax Equalization. Sales tax is also up.

There were no further comments by staff or the public.

Mayor Gallaway closed the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK