

Sidney, Nebraska, October 26, 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 October 26, 2021 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, Radcliffe. Absent: Olsen. Others present: City Manager Scott, City Clerk Borchert, 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 asked for a motion to approve the absence of Councilman Olsen. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the absence of Councilman Olsen be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Arterburn, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

Mayor Gallaway asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021. Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded, "That the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Arterburn, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

On behalf of the Cheyenne County Chamber, McKailie Carnahan-Kuhn, Chamber President, requested to use Illinois Street, for the Parade of Lights on December 3, 2021. The request is to close 12th Avenue and Illinois to 8th Avenue and Illinois Street and Highway 30 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The celebration will include hot chocolate, chili and a visit from Santa. Gallaway asked for a motion to approve the Resolution No. 20211001. Arterburn moved, Sherman seconded, "That Resolution No. 20211001 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Arterburn, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 20211001

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes 39-1359 requires that a closure of state highways through a municipality must be requested to the Nebraska Department of Roads; and

WHEREAS, the annual Parade of Lights sponsors a parade in downtown Sidney more specifically on Illinois Street/State Highway No. 30, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sidney, Nebraska, does hereby request the Nebraska State of Nebraska Department of Road's permission for closure of Illinois (Highway 30) Street for the Parade of Lights. The closure would be on December 3, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. and reopen to traffic at 7:00 p.m. The closure will be between 12th Avenue and Illinois to 8th Avenue and Illinois Street and Highway 30. The City of Sidney accepts the duties as set forth in subsection (2) of Nebraska Revised Statutes 39-1359 and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fees that may arise as a result of the special event. The City staff will place all required barricades and detour signage in order to have all streets accessing Highway 30 closed for the parade and will follow directly behind the parade removing all barricades and opening Highway 30 back to normal traffic. Most intersections along the parade route will have barricades closing them. However, certain intersections along the parade route will have police officers manning them to allow traffic to cross Highway 30 until the start of the parade. Once the barricades have been placed, anyone wishing to cross Highway 30 will have to use one of the intersections manned with a police officer.

Library Board Member, Jane Holechek, requested the appointment of Tanya Lewis to fill the vacancy on the Library Board until December of 2022. Holechek said that Lewis displays the qualities necessary for appointment to the board. Gallaway asked for a motion to appoint Lewis to the board. Motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Sherman, "That Tanya Lewis fill the vacancy of the Library Board until December of 2022." Roll call vote: Yeas: Arterburn, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

City Manager Scott, requested the reappointment of Scott McDaniel to the Housing Board. Gallaway stated that McDaniel has been a great asset to the Housing Authority. Gallaway asked for a motion to reappoint McDaniel to the Sidney Housing Authority. Motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Arterburn, "That Scott McDaniel be reappointed to the Sidney Housing Board." Roll call vote: Yeas: Arterburn, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

Economic Director, Kim Matthews, requested approval of submission of a Letter of Intent to become a Creative District by Council. Matthews stated that a bill to create certified creative districts across Nebraska (LB943) passed the Nebraska legislature in 2020. Creative districts are located in 18 states and are used as drivers of economic development. Matthews stated that the purpose of a creative district is to retain and recruit in the age group of 20- to 30-year-olds. If we become a certified creative district, we would be awarded a \$10K grant. The city would then be invited to request up to \$240K the next fiscal year. Arterburn asked who the planning committee would be. Matthews responded that it would be the Cheyenne County Chamber, Tourism, and the Historic Preservation Board. Attorney Leef said the first step in obtaining this grant is to submit the letter of intent from the council and then we would move forward to the Arts Council to say that we are certified. Gallaway asked for a motion to submit the letter of intent. Motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Sherman, "That the Creative District Letter of

Intent be submitted.” Roll call vote: Yeas: Arterburn, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

Scott reported that the street projects are moving along. Link J is hung up on the turning lane. The driveway at the city office is the last of the projects to be completed. Projects are expected to be complete by mid-November. Lane markers may need to be done in the spring. RDG is planning to come before council concerning the East Old Post Road Corridor Project in the next few weeks with a presentation. Trunk or Treat is this Friday, October 29.

Gallaway wished good luck to the Lady Raiders and praised the Cross-Country Team for their outstanding season.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK