

Sidney, Nebraska, May 24, 2022 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 May 24, 2022 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Ellwanger, Sherman, Radcliffe and 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.

Gallaway asked for a motion to approve minutes from the City of Sidney Council meeting held on May 10, 2022. Olsen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the minutes from the City of Sidney Council meeting held on May 10, 2022 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Radcliffe, Olsen. Nays: None. Abstain: Gallaway Motion passed.

City Manager, David Scott, brought before Council the agreement with the Cheyenne Co Community Center (CCCC) for Recreational Services. Scott stated that the contract amount for 2021/2022 was \$108,000. A joint meeting was held on April 13, 2022 between a group of the Community Center and City Officials. Scott recommended an increase of \$500.00 or \$114,000, annually for the 2022/2023 budget. Mike Namuth, Director of the CCCC was there to represent. Sherman asked who the sports director was. Namuth replied that Ray Davenport was the director, coming on board in November of 2021. Mayor Gallaway asked about the Wooden Bat Tournament. Namuth stated they did not get any teams entered in the tournament. Namuth explained the tournament was hosted the first weekend in June and there were also four area tournaments around the area at that time, but he was still working on it. Gallaway said he thought having the tournament would be a good tie in with Gold Rush Days. Gallaway stated the more events we host the more sales tax revenues we generate. Scott stated that we like bringing business to town. Gallaway asked for a motion to approve agreement with the CCCC. Radcliffe moved, Ellwanger seconded, "That the \$114,000 annual agreement between the Cheyenne County Community Center and the City of Sidney for recreational services be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Scott stated that the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program Guidelines needed to be approved by Council, as required, for the grant. Scott said that the applicants are on a first come first serve basis, with down payment assistance, affordability gap assistance, development gap assistance available. Sherman asked when we would know if the grant was approved. Scott stated that we got through the initial phase, so in a month or two. Once the money is approved, Scott will work with the Economic Development Advisory Committee to review applications. Olsen asked with the down payment assistance, what would happen if the house was not sold. Scott replied that after ten years it is forgiven, known as the affordability period. Radcliffe asked if the single-family house was the only option. Scott stated that there were other options available, that this was the best option for additional housing and this was the option chosen. Gallaway asked for a motion. Olsen moved, Sherman seconded, "That the NE affordable Housing Trust Fund Program guidelines, be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Scott brought before Council the Budget Reports for April 2022. Gallaway asked for a motion. Sherman moved, Ellwanger seconded, "That the Budget Reports for April 2022, be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Scott introduced Lance Juelfs as the new Golf Operations Director. Juelfs stated that he was born and raised in Potter and has been community active. Juelfs hopes to bring new ideas to Hillside Golf Course. Scott reported that he hopes to have information on the Blight Study to Council in July. Scott stated that he has had meetings with the SPNRD and that it is moving forward. Scott suggested that Council meet on June 6 at 12:00 pm to have a special meeting regarding renewal of the ½ cent sales tax. Council was in agreement. Clerk Borchert will get the meeting published in the June 1, 2022 publication of the Sidney Sun Telegraph. Scott said the City was awarded the Creative District Capacity Grant. Scott reported that the 3rd grade field trip with the City Departments was a success.

Rob Kuhns, Water/Sewer Superintendent, reported that they were pouring cement on Greenwood Rd, Manor Road, 19th and Linden Street. Sherman said there will be burgers at the Elks and you can talk to him about helping with the lighting project. Gallaway stated that the Sidney Boys Track Team won the Class B State Championship. Gallaway mentioned that all members of the track team placed in at least one event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

/s/BOB OLSEN, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK - TREASURER