

## Sidney, Nebraska, July 12, 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 July 12, 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 previous City of Sidney Council meeting. Sherman moved, Ellwanger seconded, "That the minutes from the City of Sidney Council meeting held on June 28, 2022 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Nays: None Motion passed.

Mayor Gallaway announced that a public hearing would be held for **Resolution 20220603**, renewal of a local option ½ sales tax. Before opening the public hearing, Mayor Gallaway stated that a special open meeting was held specifically for the sales tax proposal, vote was taken, so he was questioning why we were revisiting this item. Attorney Leef stated a public hearing was needed for the resolution to be passed. Scott stated that in the special open meeting, which the renewal tax was discussed, was only a proposal. Olsen asked for a reminder why it was tabled at the last council meeting. Scott stated that a public hearing needed to be held before the resolution was approved, therefore, notification had to be published in the newspaper.

Gallaway opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. City Manager Scott stated that in 2012, Council passed an infrastructure ½ cent sales tax for multiple purposes for the city; including streets, storm sewer, tennis courts, swimming pool, JESWA, among other projects. With the new renewal, Scott had previously proposed an allocation which included a percentage to Housing, at the June 6 meeting. There were no further comments from the council or the public. Gallaway closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. Gallaway reminded the public that this tax is nothing new and is only a renewal of the current tax. Gallaway asked for a motion on **Resolution 20220603**. Gallaway moved, Olsen seconded, "**Resolution 20220603**, a ½ cent renewal tax, 50% for street improvements, 25% for Aquatic Center, 5% Hillside Golf Course, 10% storm water mitigation and 10% parks; Whereas a Local Option Sales Tax Proposal has been prepared, which proposal complies with the statutory requirements for such a local option sales tax and, after proper public notice, a public hearing has been held at which said sales tax proposal was presented to receive public comment and discussion be approved." Roll call vote Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Motion approved. (\*\*A copy of the full resolution can be viewed at 1115 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue/City Clerk.)

Scott came before council to present **Resolution 20220701**, approval for the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Scott stated that Region 21 Emergency Management requires that we update and pass a LEOP. The plan covers hazard mitigation from all types of natural occurrences throughout the panhandle. Council previously approved a Hazzard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with the SPNRD in April of 2022. Scott is requesting approval of the entire Cheyenne County LEOP required by the Nebraska State Statute. Gallaway stated that if the emergency is something that needs to be dealt with on the spot, the plan lays out who makes the call. Scott stated the overall contract has not changed from the previous one. Gallaway asked for a motion. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That **Resolution 20220701**, the Local Emergency Operation Plan be approved." Roll call vote Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Motion approved. (\*\*A copy of the full resolution can be viewed at 1115 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue/City Clerk.)

Regina Narjes, Chamber Chair, came before Council with the quarterly report. Narjes stated that they are currently in search for a new President CEO for the Chamber. Anyone interested in applying can apply through *Indeed* or by contacting the Cheyenne County Chamber. Keep Sidney Beautiful is still in the office. New signage has been put in place by using the signage grant. Gallaway asked who is taking care of the bulb outs. Narjes stated that it was private citizens, but she would touch base with Keep Sidney Beautiful. Highlights include Girls Day Out, which included breakfast at the Elks, launching a gift card program, revamping the Chamber website, several ribbon cuttings and Down-Town Sounds, which has been highly successful. Sherman asked how long the chamber bucks (gift certificates) are good for. Narjes said preferably they would like them used before the end of the year.

Scott asked council for consideration and approval of the Cheyenne County Chamber Contract with the city. The contract for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$25,000. The Chamber is responsible for a variety of projects and assists with economic development. Gallaway asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Olsen seconded, "That the contract with the Cheyenne County Chamber be approved." Roll call vote Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Motion approved.

Scott updated council on recent Economic Development Actions. Scott stated that upcoming business are OmniLogix, Crecera Brands, Maverik, Freedom Yurt Expansion. Scott negotiated a new rent payment and use of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors with UST Global. Goodwill is currently looking at the old Family Dollar Building to lease and an extensive remodel. The Buffalo Point Building will be up for auction in August. Land was purchased by Matt Transport, south of Walmart. Scott is able to act as the project manager for the Elks building project. Scott is currently seeking a contractor to commit to the project. The Table of Grace/Sandhills Global is doing private studies on the land they want to purchase from the city, which is holding up engineering and construction on the new facility. The NE Department of Economic Development has not yet released guidelines to apply as one of the five Inland Port Authorities across the state. Scott is still working on Housing & TIF, the Master Comp Plan, the Creative District and Safe Streets Grant Application with Keep Sidney Beautiful.

Gallaway asked for a motion to approve the claims for June, 2022. Ellwanger moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the claims for June, 2022 be approved." Roll call vote Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Motion approved.

That the following claims for June 2022, are hereby approved and should be paid as provided by law out of the respective funds in the city treasury." (Abbreviation for claims: bd bond, ct contract, du dues, eq equipment, ex expenses, in insurance, re reimbursements, sa salaries, se service, su supplies, tt travel/training, tx tax, ut utilities)

21<sup>st</sup> Century Equipment eq 773.64, 145.50, 553.03; Acushnet eq 1458.38, 763.57; ALSCO eq 167.70, 236.57; American Environmental su 817.50; Arnold Pool su 396.86; Arrowhead su 232.20; ASCAP su 11.25; Asso Supply su 649.79, 97.41; B&B Valley Scale se 1920.00; Barker Cleaners se 33.00; Batt, Nathan re 800.00; Best Plumbing se 135.00; Black Hills Energy ut 71.52, 5474.04, 45.18, 105.84, 37.65, 90.56, 22.60, 281.31; BOKF ct 8994.79; Bomgaars su 114.48, 242.91, 149.02, 174.59; Capital Counseling se 475.00; Capital One su 108.93; Cardmember su 1759.21, 19.99, 320.35, 3096.02, 764.36, 98.01; Caselle ct 1828.00; Cashwa su 1086.90, 2065.91; Central States su 4580.09; CenturyLink se 191.79; Charter se 505.40, 18.07, 109.98; Cheyenne Co Clerk se 100.00; Cheyenne Co Community Cntr ct 9000.00; Cheyenne Co Sheriff se 175.00; City of Sidney se su bd ex 15.00, 14333.33, 16416.67, 1187.50, 1000.00, 6251.76, 31940.00, 122804.00, 33625.00, 21265.00, 114.94, 4259.48, 16.00, sa 107207.24, 109886.33, 12133.32, 12095.98, 13370.04, 11169.14, 21151.38, 8592.19, 9844.79, 9898.70, 9358.51, in 6242.05, 5776.59, 72135.31, 786.55, 9532.80, 441.85, 1150.16, 14152.20, 575.23, 6223.66, 588.72, 9392.20, ut 3876.59, 1929.25, 19.00, 141.06, 925.86, 67.18, 711.15, 8603.26, 1426.42, 9877.23, 109.46; Cleveland Golf su 205.71; ConServ flag su 897.00; Consolidated Management se 141.42, 59.57; Contractors Materials su 478.00; Country Printer su 345.00 Cranmore Fire se 83.00, 278.00; Cranmore Pest se 90.00; Culligan su 105.93, 5.00, 29.95; Darin's Auto se 3099.68, 4593.3, 1961.03, 843.16; Day & Night se 200.99, 489.91; Deaver Tire su 45.00, 35.00; Dept of Energy ct 18200.83; Dietrich su 489.70, 206.15; DP Electronics su 1805.29, 35.00, 344.98; Dynamic Brands su 160.00; E&S su 1534.11, 143.57, 2284.74, 10.92, 204.49, 153.66; Eakes su 593.93; Electric Pump eq 7857.22; Enviro se 104.00; Environmental Resources su 50.00, 1185.58; Exponential Engineering su 6121.50; Finney's su 1107.51, 3.00, 833.66, 67.14, Flood Communications se 200.00; Floyd's Truck su 11.47, 474.48, 20.01; Frenchman Valley su 9630.35, 2088.69, 6429.38, 1827.67, 557.99, 838.20, 429.04; Fyrtek su 532.75; Grainger eq 132.60, 296.13; Hach su 353.54, 357.13; Hamilton se 203.90, 99.90, 49.95; Haupt, Richard se 1000.00; Hawkins eq 2570.51, High Plains su 1142.70, 853.25, 420.10, 465.35; Holiday Inn tt 1409.70; Hometown Leasing ct 159.98, 136.21; Ideal su 687.20, 192.01; Interstate Batteries su 367.90; Jenkins, Greg tt 231.00; LL Johnson eq 8355.79; Landis & Gyr ct 795.64; League of NE du 55.00; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Lubrication Engineers su 459.67; Lundgren, Cory tt 231.00; MHC Kenworth eq 2033.99; Midwest Labs su 187.42; MEAN ut 396157.67; Municipal Supply eq 7976.18; Munimetrix se 39.99; NE Dept of Revenue tx 58110.90; Fire Chiefs Asso du 75.00; NT&T se 1892.83, 168.11, 266.32, 359.42, 167.82; NE Tire se 658.64; Nienhuser, Keith re 238.56; Northern Safety se 289.18; Northwest Pipe eq 1094.87; NuCO2 su 214.70; One Call se 68.27, 68.27; Pepsi su 765.16, 1057.53; Perfection Door su 496.18, Pins & Needles se 138.63; Plummer Insurance in 100.00; Quadiant Leasing ct 750.00; R&R Products su 110.88; Reams Sprinkler su 1393.86; Roods su 16.00, 344.85; Sargent Drilling eq 51982.98; Scott, David re 26.00; Scotties Potties se 630.00; Segelke Janitorial ct 780.00; SRMC ct 390.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 1068.25, 1000.50; Simon Materials su 1390.20, 2113.46; Sonny's su 110.68; Spic & Span su 597.00; Splish Splash se 90.52; Spring Creek Cleaning ct 412.00; Srixon su 288.96; Swim Harmony se 1605.00; Swire Coca-Cola su 386.42; Sysco su 1922.24; T&L Cleaning su 275.00; Taylor's Seamless Gutters su 41.00; Tobler, Scott tt 162.00; Tour Edge su 138.00; Triple O's su 24.94; UPRR ct 3876.53; US Postal se 160.00; Verizon se 1167.34, 68.58, 42.83, 133.49, 42.83, 85.66; Viaero se 34.41, 64.72; Wesco eq 559.00; Westman, Michael tt 231.00; Wheatbelt ut 13637.53; Whitebluffs ct 870.00; WPCI ct 466.00; Wyoming First Aid su 96.75 Elan Visa su 445.82; Flood Communications se 35.00; Dan Popp se 60.00; Baker & Taylor su 1567.63; Cengage learning su 454.22; City of Sidney se 378.80; Best Plumbing se 570.32, 878.86; Eakes su 166.74; Elan Visa su 1875.19; Frenchman Valley su 222.14; Victor Bello se 4600.00; Guideposts su 19.94; NT&T se 212.30; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Quill su 237.90; Sonny's su 36.23; Showcases su 1340.17; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 5.89; Verizon se 40.01; Culligan su 19.95; Spring Creek Cleaning se 424.00.

Finance Director, Lane Kizzire, presented the Budget Reports for June 2022. Gallaway asked for a motion to approve the budgets. Olsen moved, Sherman seconded, "That the budget reports for June 2022 be approved." Roll call vote Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Motion approved.

Scott stated the they have the kickoff for the Master Plan and the Creative District. Scott thanked the Sidney Fire Department for the awesome fireworks display and to the city departments working on chip sealing. Scott commended the Sidney Public Library on the summer reading program and the adult program, showing an increase in participants. Scott stated they are still looking for a Library Director. Scott reminded council that Friday is the deadline for council to get on the ballot.

Water Superintendent, Rob Kuhns stated that Saturday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m., the Fallen Soldiers Memorial Motorcycle Tribute will be coming through town.

Ellwanger stated that the NE Life Magazine was very impressed with the Park Project and wrote a nice article on their behalf. Gallaway thanked the efforts of all involved in the Park Project and Down-Town Sounds. August 5<sup>th</sup> will be the next and last Down-Town Sounds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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/s/BOB OLSEN/VICE MAYOR

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