

Sidney, Nebraska, August 23, 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 August 23, 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.

Mayor Gallaway asked for a motion to approve minutes from the August 9 Council meeting. Radcliffe moved, Ellwanger seconded, "That the minutes from the City of Sidney Council meeting held on August 9, 2022 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Nays: None Motion passed.

Glenda Gay Condon, representing the Ft Sidney Chapter NSDAR, presented a Proclamation for Constitution Day and Constitution Week which will be observed from September 17–23,2022. Mayor Gallaway read, approved and signed the Proclamation.

Jason Petik, CEO Sidney Regional Medical Center (SRMC) reported to Council on the plans to expand its facility with a new extended care wing on the existing hospital. SRMC has been evaluating this possibility for the last six years. The new facility will be 50,000 square feet, connecting to the hospital on the west side. The total projection cost will be about 19 ½ million dollars. SRMC has obtained a USDA funding for 12 million dollars at 2.5%. The remaining funds will be from construction funds from local vendors, SRMC's own funds as well as starting a capital campaign project. The facility will house 63 beds, including semi private, private rooms and a memory care wing. SRMC is increasing services and staff. SRMC is currently seeking nursing staff and offering incentives for LPN's and RN's. The completion of the facility is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2024. Gallaway asked what plans there were for the old hospital and long-term care facility. Petik responded that the current plan is to take it back to a green field.

Autumn Ramirez, HR Director, stated that the City currently has three drug policies – DOT-FMCSA, DOT-FTA, and non-DOT. Federal regulations have been changed, requiring approval of City Council, proving that the policy has been changed and updated. Ramirez stated the cost to the City does not change with the approval of the policies. Gallaway asked for a motion to approve the policy. Olsen moved, Ellwanger seconded, "That the amended drug policy, complying with federal regulations, be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Nays: None Motion passed.

Lane Kizzire, Finance Director, presented the budget reports for July 2022. Gallaway asked for approval of the report. Sherman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the budget reports for July 2022 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Nays: None Motion passed.

Mayor Gallaway stated that due to his work responsibilities, he asked for Council consideration, for a change in the meeting start time. Gallaway added that Council could leave the time as is, change the time for a specific time frame or change the time permanently. Olsen suggested that Council do one change, that it not be seasonal. Radcliffe stated that he would recommend a temporary change. Attorney Leef said she prepared the ordinance so that it could be changed yearly, if Council would choose to change at a later date. Gallaway suggested a start time of 7:00 pm. Olsen moved, that the meetings start at 7:00 pm, year-round. Ellwanger seconded, "That **Ordinance 1837**, will change the meeting time from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm, year-round." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Gallaway, Olsen Nays: Sherman, Radcliffe Motion passed. Gallaway asked for a motion to waive the three readings. Olsen moved, Gallaway seconded, "That the three readings be waived." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Gallaway, Olsen Nays: Sherman, Radcliffe Gallaway asked the Clerk Borchert to read the ordinance by title. The clerk read: **ORDINANCE 1837: An ordinance to amend Chapter 220 Council Section 220.01 Meetings of the Sidney Municipal Code to change the time of the regular meetings of City Council of the City of Sidney from 6:15 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month; to repeal such section as heretofore existing, and to provide for the effective date of this ordinance.** Gallaway asked for a motion to pass the ordinance. Olsen moved, Ellwanger seconded, "That **Ordinance 1837** be passed." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Gallaway, Olsen Nays: Sherman, Radcliffe Motion passed. Gallaway asked Borchert to read the ordinance by number. Borchert read the ordinance by number. Gallaway asked for a motion to publish. Ellwanger moved, seconded by Olsen, "That **Ordinance 1837** be published." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen. Motion passed. The first publication would set the September 13 meeting and all meetings forward to 7:00 pm.

City Manager Scott reported that the Budget Workshop will be Thursday at 12:00 pm at City Hall. On Tuesday, September 6 at 5:30 pm at WNCC, there will be a joint meeting on the Master Comp Plan with the City of Sidney and the Sidney Planning Commission. Scott congratulated Councilman Olsen on his retirement.

Olsen asked about the weeds at Wolf Auto. Scott stated that the City is working on it.

Gallaway stated that school is in full swing. Volleyball has started. The school has also installed a new video board.

Gallaway asked for a motion for a closed session regarding personnel matters. Olsen moved, Sherman seconded, "That closed session be held." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Nays: None Motion passed. Gallaway called the meeting for closed session at 7:02 pm.

Gallaway asked for a motion to end closed session. Olsen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That close session ends." Roll call vote: Yeas: Ellwanger, Sherman, Gallaway, Radcliffe, Olsen Nays: None Motion passed. Close session ended at 8:20 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

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