

**Sidney, Nebraska, September 27, 2022 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 7:00 P.M. on September 27, 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 announced that a public hearing would now be held at 7:01 p.m., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations relating to the 2022-2023 proposed budget statement for all City departments.

City Manager Scott stated that the last few fiscal year's budgets have faced some hard times – lack of housing, shallow labor pool, supply chain issues and inflation. Scott said the City and City Council have been very creative coming up with ways to keep small businesses alive. Scott reported that the mill levy has not been raised for the last four years, fiscal year planning has been instrumental in this. Scott also said that the equipment reserve accounts have been very instrumental in replacing equipment without going into debt every time equipment is needed.

Scott stated that an additional park employee has been requested due to added acres of land to the Parks maintenance schedule. The Street also has a healthy reserve for a street project or a grant funding match.

Scott stated that the Electric Department has a large project coming up. Other needed maintenance projects for the water and sewer department include the bar screen, influent pumps and grit washer.

Lane Kizzire, Finance Director, presented a power point for the budget. Total budget expenses for the General Fund are \$10,612,947, total non-General funds are \$23,974,440, total Debt Servicing Funds \$2,087,771. Total Expenses \$36,675,158. Kizzire also presented the highlights of the city's accomplishments through the budget year.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Gallaway closed the public hearing at 7:18 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK