

Sidney, Nebraska, January 24, 2023 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 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2023 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, Gallaway, Radcliffe and Bondegard. Others present: City Manager Scott, City Clerk Borchert, 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 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 Sherman informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Sherman asked for approval of the minutes for January 10, 2023. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the minutes for January 10, 2023 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Strommen, Gallaway, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Motion passed.

Toshia Jones, Chamber President, presented the quarterly Chamber report to Council. Jones stated that there were 81 members as of January 18, 2023. Jones said that Molly Highby, Brooke DeNovellis and Clint Norman resigned. New board members are Ted Sintler, Kiersten Richards, Megan Price and Paige Kantor. Jones recognized two volunteers, Teresa Grant and Tanya Runge. Jones stated that there will be a Chamber Website Workshop on January 19, Chamber Social Hour on January 26, the Chamber Banquet on January 28, Allo Fiber Ribbon Cutting on February 2 as well as updating Council on Chamber social hours.

City Manager Scott asked council for support for Legislative Bill 712. Scott stated that this bill includes money for municipalities impacted by the ground based strategic deterrent sentinel project. Scott continued that much of these funds are meant for infrastructure around the Kimball area, but the City will also apply for funding in Sidney and in Cheyenne County; for workforce housing, trail systems, transport systems and possible emergency response. Gallaway expressed his support. Sherman asked if Scott knew a peek number of people that this project would be bringing in. Scott stated at the peek, the housing facility will have between 2,000 and 2,500, during the 6-to-7-year project. Strommen asked if Kimball has done an impact study. Scott replied that they had for the region and that the City of Sidney might want to do an impact study of our own. Gallaway moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That a letter of support be created for the Legislative Bill 712 to be signed by the City Manager and the City Council." Roll call vote: Yeas: Strommen, Gallaway, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Motion passed. Scott also reported on Legislative Bill 397, 398 and 744. Mayor Sherman added that attending these meetings is a good opportunity to represent Sidney.

City Manager Scott reminded Council of the Strategic Meeting at noon on January 25 and the Chamber Banquet on January 28. Scott reported the land purchase of the Table of Grace will close on or before February 15. Scott reported that the City is still working on the Elks project. Scott stated that he would be out of the office February 8-11 for a Civic Leader Tour and February 16-17 for Mid-Winter Conference.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, presented Council with the Snow Removal Policy. Radtke explained to Council that the fog, sleet, snow, rain and more snow made clearing the snow, which turned into ice, extremely difficult. The policy can be found on the City website and the City Facebook page. Scott asked Council to consider an ordinance that would guide residents on properly removing and stacking snow or prohibit them from doing so.

Bondegard expressed his thanks to the City Street department and City Departments that assisted in the snow removal. The Council echoed Bondegard's sentiments.

Sherman stated that we are all working together to make Sidney and Cheyenne County a better place to be. Sherman reminded the public to support local business.

Radtke thanked the residents for being patient with the City during this time of snow removal.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, stated they had the State Poet of Nebraska visit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

/s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK