

Sidney, Nebraska, May 9, 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 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2023 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, Radcliffe and Bondegard. Others present: City Manager Scott, City Clerk Borchert. 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 a motion to excuse the absence of Councilman Gallaway. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Gallaway's absence be excused." Roll call vote: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Gallaway. Motion passed.

Mayor Sherman asked for approval of the minutes from the Council meeting held on April 25, 2023. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the minutes from the Council meeting held on April 25, 2023 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Gallaway. Motion passed.

Clerk Borchert requested reappointment of Planning Commissioners, Robert England and Doug Loghry. Borchert stated that Bob Long resigned and that the PC Board is now two Commissioners short. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Robert England and Doug Loghry be reappointed for a three-year term." Roll call vote: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Gallaway. Motion passed.

Lane Kizzire, Finance Director, gave a power point presentation on the Transportation Scheduling Services. Kizzire stated that every two years, the City, Cheyenne and Deuel County Boards, approve the contract with the Cheyenne County Communications Center (CCECC). The split in 2021 was City of Sidney, 61.08%, Cheyenne County 32.92% and Deuel County 6%. Kasey Kantor, Transportation Director, confirmed that the federal auditors for the transportation department will no longer recognize the CCECC agreement as a viable dispatch service for the City Transportation Department and that a scheduler be hired in order to get any further reimbursement from the state for transportation services. This is considered a non-operating cost, which is 80% federally reimbursed, 10% state reimbursed and 10% local match. The City is no longer using CCECC for dispatching transportation services, which will drop the call volume for CCECC, as well as for the City. City Manager Scott stated that contract negotiations will have to happen, due to the lack of calls the CCECC will be taking on the City's behalf. The results of the negotiations will be brought forth to Council to act upon.

City Manager Scott brought the Strategic Plan to Council for a three-month review. There were four pillars that were discussed, including: Create housing opportunities, improve downtown buildings, create strategic partnerships to improve downtown, organization structure needs, retaining employee talent, continued development of I-80 Corridor, industrial park, explore regional and Panhandle Partnerships. Radcliffe asked about the empty buildings downtown. Scott stated that the Creative District was wanting to put curtains in the windows and will be asking local artists to put art in the windows of the empty buildings. Mike Palmer, Electric Superintendent, briefed council on the energy project. Palmer stated everything was still on schedule, hoping to break ground in June. The Solar Project is still on pace. There is concern from MEAN about the right of refusal and how that would work. As soon as a new contract is drawn up, Council can take action at that time. Scott stated that the City was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Historic Preservation Society for the study of the empty downtown buildings. Scott said there will also be a comparability study done on City wages.

Mayor Sherman asked for approval of the April 2023 claims. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That the claims for April 2023 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent:

Galloway. Motion passed.

“That the following claims for April 2023, 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, ff franchise fees)

21st Century Equipment eq 1913.31, 328.90, 16.93; 3E Electrical eq 1134.40, 870.56; 3M Company eq 714.56; Accelerated Receivables se 154.94; Acushnet eq 4295.55; Adamson Police Products su 135.00; Aikens, Joe tt 147.00; Aliens & Strangers su 50.00; Altec Industries eq 1454.13; American Environmental se 2039.63; Arnold Pool se 3750.00; Baker & Taylor su 1682.28, 16.82; Barker Cleaners se 82.50; Bassett, Tim re 330.00; Best Plumbing se 1749.44; Black Hill Energy ut 520.90, 2975.61, 431.23, 811.43, 41.49, 41.49, 1004.72, 215.63, 2147.44; BOKF ct 9160.21; Bomgaars su 80.77, 256.35, 271.78, 246.60, 331.44, 83.84, 106.98; Capital One su 172.73; Carolina Software se 200.00; Caselle ct 1828.00; Cashwa su 712.10; Cengage Learning su 24.80; Central States Wire su 4400.00; Charter Communication se 109.98; Cheyenne Co Chamber ct 6250.00; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 9500.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Center ct 27851.46; City of Sidney ex se 1131.42, 23500.00, 500.00, 3000.00, 820.43, 1.13, sa 111509.89, 98861.09, 14869.68, 22804.41, 17695.78, 17481.69, 25835.63, 25193.28, 9642.01, 9426.82, 10637.85, 13698.58, in 5645.74, 63457.96, 739.74, 6356.25, 965.67, 12916.24, 1281.53, 12986.32, 575.24, 5618.30, 424.89, 3255.97, ut 8800.06, 32.00, 227.14, 1524.04, 67.07, 1875.85, 8734.91, 2592.28, 1577.37, 10767.11; CleverTees su 30.00; Container Componets eq 2507.06; Contractor Materials su 296.00; Coral Productions su 20.00; Country Printer su 330.00; Cranmore Fire se 88.00, 137.00; Cranmore Pest se 100.00; Croell su 1872.00, 1860.00; Cross Canyon Engineering se 5621.75; Culligan se 19.95, 29.95, 12.50, 29.95; Cummins su 4384.55; Day & Night se 44.80, 63.38; Deaver Tire su 86.30; Demco eq 360.10, 46.54, 10.95; Dept of Energy ut 17277.02; Digital Alley su 3466.00; Ditch Witch su 65.28; DP Electronics se su 1104.89, 59.99, 873.98; E&S Auto su 1426.95, 29.99, 189.03, 4416.13, 53.69, 112.69, 482.27; Eakes su 150.14, 1881.62, 429.72, 22.45, 85.76; EcoResource Solutions se 658.75; Elan Financial su 6166.89, 261.28, 180.57, 2410.38, 809.67, 43.03, 38.38, 31.82, 2.77, 41.72, 183.15, 6.22; Enviro Service se 100.00, 100.00; Finneys su 1107.26, 149.05, 18.17, 51.51, 189.16, 126.09; Fischers Window Fashions su 200.00; Flood Communications su 50.00, 1092.00; Floyd’s Truck su 402.34, 108.09; Foxster Opco eq 10080.00; Frenchman Valley su 288.12, 6915.11, 1259.84, 3609.12, 1425.28, 1995.89, 1129.52, 1248.33; Fyrtek eq 2145.84, 8288.11; Galls eq 34.75, 40.00; Gehrig, Julie re 154.50; Gemplers eq 179.98; Golf & Sport Solutions eq 3767.74; Gordon’s Body Shop se 291.00, 350.00; Grainger su 97.67; GT Golf su 240.66; Hamilton se 165.15, 99.90, 49.95; Heiman Fire eq 899.17; Home Town Leasing ct 136.21; Hotsy eq 8620.00; Ideal se 697.26, 204.65; IIMC du 185.00; JG Design se 369.07; Jimmy L’s se 128.00; Jirdon su 3316.15; JNW Consulting se 1682.63; Kansas Municipal ut 900.00; Kizzire, Lane tt 41.00; LL Johnson eq 1711.89, 272.50; Landis & Gyr ct 795.64; Leach, Rich re 711.49; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Logan Contractors eq 15039.00; Maddox Motors su 58.35; MARC su 624.26; Marsaus su 475.00; MC Schaff se 677.75; Municipal Emergency se 3049.00; Midwest Laboratories su 23.75; MEAN ut 436224.22, 440214.78; Municipal Supply eq 14386.16; Munimetrix su 79.98; NDEE du 2277.30; NE Dept of Revenue tx 55896.80; NE Golf Asso se 3545.50; NMPP du 4654.90; NE Safety/Fire se 996.70, 375.00; NE State Fire Marshall se 192.00; NT&T se 1838.53, 174.15, 296.31, 372.90, 174.91, 219.46; NE Turfgrass du 150.00; NMC eq 621.68, 1020.63; Norgard, Melissa se 400.00; Northwest Pipe su 162.26; One Call se 124.33, 124.33; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Outlaw Motorsports su 477.63; Over XXI su eq 700.00; Palmer, Mike tt 123.00; Panhandle Auto su 123.94; Paytech Fee se 30.00, 30.00; Peetz Farmers Coop su 7491.73; Phillips, Kim tt 593.87; Pins & Needles se 209.19; Plummers Insurance se 80270.67, 22096.50, 40451.25, 28030.50, 22502.75, 27644.50; Prairie States se 406.50; Prairie Wolf Forge su 200.00; Pro Overhead Door eq 620.75, 329.75; RDG Planning se 8000.00; Redlund su 91.89; Rinder Printing su 648.38, 1945.14, 1296.76, 432.25; Rood’s su 178.00, 14.00, 17.00, 272.17, 193.56; Rootx su 5496.00; Roth, Jami re 131.02; Sauder Auto se 3655.88; Scott, David tt 292.98; Scotties Potties se 700.00; Segelke Janitorial ct 825.00; SRMC se 510.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 8.25, 1131.23, 12.37, 11.45; Simon Material su 1580.25; Slate Rock su 2595.07; Sonny’s su 128.72; South Platte NRD se 3018.80, 2264.04; Southwestern Sales eq 19348.17, Spic & Span se 4780.00; Splish Splash su 100.00; Spring Creek Cleaning ct 412.00, 434.42; Srixon seq 3247.00; T&L Cleaning ct 275.00; Tifosi Optics su 241.50; TKE Elevator se 365.07; Triple C Cleaning se 826.06; Triple O’s su 771.28, 154.00, 53.42, 31.56; USA Bluebook su 1344.26; Utility se 11104.53; Verizon se 40.01, 377.00, 813.66, 85.56, 42.78, 138.34, 42.78, 85.56; Vermeer eq 326.33; Viaero se 34.54, 32.23; Wesco eq 1128.75; Western United Elec Supply eq 128946.25; Wheatbelt ut 11826.61; Whitebluffs ct 975.00; Winter Equipment eq 3323.45, WPCI se 524.00.

Kizzire presented the budget reports for April 2023. Mayor Sherman asked for a motion to approve the budgets.

Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the April 2023 budgets be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Gallaway. Motion passed.

Scott stated that the ground breaking for the SRMC is May 13 at 1:00 pm. LB256 was passed, which allows cities to enact ordinances about empty buildings and puts it on a fee schedule. Scott asked Council if they were interested in a copy of that legislation and a possible ordinance. Sherman responded that he though it would be a good idea to look at it.

Autumn Ramírez, Human Resource Director, reported "kudos" to City workers from the public.

Kasey Kantor, Transportation Director, stated that he had 120 riders last week Wednesday, which was by far the most riders in a single day.

Sherman reminded the public of the Gold Rush Day's meeting on May 10 at the Elks Club. Sherman also said the 3rd Grade Tour of the City was a great event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK