

**Sidney, Nebraska, June 27, 2023 A Fair Housing City  
(Approved as Amended)**

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 June 27, 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 a motion to approve the minutes. Strommen moved, Gallaway seconded, "That the minutes for June 13, 2023 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Bondegard. Abstain: Gallaway, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Sherman read a proclamation for the Sidney Sun-Telegraph recognizing them for being in business since 1873.

Tom VonSeggern, Park Superintendent, updated Council on the 2023 mosquito spraying program which will begin Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Residents can call the City office to get on the "no spray" list.

Lance Juelfs, Golf Director, updated Council on land that was donated by the Tom Birner family for a new tee box. Juelfs stated that in accordance with the USGA and Professional Golfers Association of America, it is recommended that Hillside makes at least one change to the course every 3-5 years. Juelfs added that it would be a challenging aspect to the course and also visually enhancing. Attorney Leef stated that there are specifics that need to be done before the City can accept the property and make it official. No action taken.

David Scott, City Manager, brought before Council the inter-local 911 dispatch agreement. Scott stated that the City of Sidney, Cheyenne County and Deuel County share a portion of the costs of operating the County dispatch center. The Communications Center Board recommended that the Deuel County portion be increased to 10%, the Cheyenne County share to 35% and reducing the City of Sidney to 55%. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Gallaway seconded, "That the agreement between the City of Sidney and the Cheyenne County Communications Center for dispatch services be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Gallaway, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott brought before Council the County & City Ambulance Service inter-local agreement for approval. Scott stated that current services will expire June 30, 2023. The financial implications to the City would be \$100,000 loan to Morrill County Community Hospital (MCCH) to purchase an ambulance. Scott recommended that Council partner with Cheyenne County to assist MCCH in getting service transferred to continue ambulance service uninterrupted. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the City and County Ambulance inter-local agreement be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Gallaway. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Sherman stated the Councilman Gallaway was retiring and a new Councilman would be appointed. Before stepping down, Gallaway stated that he tried to represent all voices in the community. Gallaway added that this community and western Nebraska left its mark on him. Gallaway thanked staff and the media for all their coverage. Sherman nominated Brock Buckner for Council. Sherman asked for a motion to accept the nomination. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "The nomination of Brock Buckner be accepted." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion approved. Sherman asked for a nomination for Vice-Mayor. Radcliffe nominated Paul Strommen. Radcliffe moved, Buckner seconded, "That the nomination for Paul Strommen as Vice-Mayor be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott thanked Gallaway for his time serving the City of Sidney and congratulated Buckner for his appointment on the Council. Scott said the Fireworks display will be on July 3. On July 17 there will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and City Council to go over the Master Comp Plan.

Borchert reported that the Farmers Market was successful.

Attorney Leef stated that the appointment of Council was in accordance to State Statute 32-568. By having a special election, would cost thousands of dollars, therefore, this position is filled until the next election.

Chief Aikens thanked Gallaway. On August 12 will be the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Guns & Hoses tournament.

Marshall Hall, Kim Phillips, Tom VonSeggern and Amanda Eastin all expressed appreciation to Gallaway and congratulated Buckner. Eastin also stated that there is still time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Library. Eastin also stated that the seed library has over 220 varieties.

Jeff Klare thanked Gallaway and welcomed Buckner. Klare also stated that the State of Kansas has completed their donation to the High School for their entrepreneur curriculum which starts in September. Four laptop computers have been donated to the Sidney Public Library.

Bondegard, Radcliffe, and Strommen all thanked Gallaway for his service to Sidney and welcomed Buckner to the Council. Buckner said he appreciates the honor, the welcomes and he and his wife, Sandra, appreciate the opportunity

and hopes to continue to be an asset to Sidney. Sherman thanked Gallaway. Sherman also thanked the Electric Department for getting service back on after the storm on Friday. Sherman stated that there will be a reception for Gallaway immediately following the Council meeting at the Elks. A presentation of Peter Pan will be at the Elks, July 15-17. The Cheyenne County Fair will be July 22 through July 29.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK