

City Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2023

A joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the City Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:20 p.m., immediately following the Planning Commission Meeting, on July 17, 2023 at Security 1st Bank, located at 1205 Jackson Street. Present were: Commissioners Benzel, England, Loghry, Smith, Sweetser. Council Members: Mayor Sherman, Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Others present: Finance Director, Lane Kizzire, Electric Superintendent, Michael Palmer and City Clerk, Lori 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 also given to the Commissioners and 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 Planning Commission of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Commissioner Loghry announced that a public hearing would be held considering the Sidney Comprehensive Plan. Loghry opened the public hearing at 6:21 pm. Mayor Sherman opened the public hearing at 6:22 pm. Michael Palmer introduced Amy Haase, RDG Planning & Design, who gave the presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. The Sidney Comprehensive Plan is constructed to aid in guiding the vision of the city's future. This plan reviews current conditions and tends both within and around Sidney to help inform and yield results for this plan as actions that would best bring the vision into reality. For a city to make zoning adjustments a plan is required as per Nebraska Statute. Haase discussed the purpose of the plan and how to use it. Topics included Sidney Today: Population Trends, Economic Trends, Housing Trends; Sidney Environment: Parks and Recreation, Public Facilities, Transportation, Utility Infrastructure; Future Development: Land Use Map, Land Use Categories; Plan Elements: Public Engagement, A Strategic approach to Accomplishing Goals, Goals & Principles Report; Plan Implementation: Annexation Policy, Roles and Responsibilities, Plan Maintenance. Loghry closed the hearing at 7:07 pm. Loghry asked for a motion. England moved, Benzel seconded, "That the Sidney Comprehensive Plan be approved." Roll call vote: Benzel, England, Loghry, Smith, Sweetser, Nays: None Absent: Glenn, Schmitt. Motion approved. Sherman closed the hearing at 7:07 pm. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That the Sidney Comprehensive Plan be approved." Roll call vote: Bondegard, Buckner, Radcliffe, Sherman, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

There were no further comments.

Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

MAYOR, BRAD SHERMAN

CITY CLERK, LORI BORCHERT