

Sidney, Nebraska, September 26, 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 immediately following the Budget Hearing at 5:53 p.m. on September 26, 2023 at City Hall, 1115 13th Avenue. Present in person were: Vice Mayor Strommen and Council Members: Buckner, 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.

Vice Mayor Strommen informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Strommen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12 meeting. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the minutes for the Council meeting, held on September 12, 2023, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed.

Strommen asked for a motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Sherman. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Mayor Sherman's absence be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed.

Lane Kizzire, Finance Director, came before Council for approval of the 2023-2024 budget. Strommen asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 20230902**. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Resolution 20230902, setting property tax different than last fiscal year be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed.

Strommen asked for a motion to increase restricted funds. Buckner moved, Bondegard seconded, "That an increase for restricted funds for lid calculations by 1% be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed.

Strommen asked for a motion to designate **Ordinance 1857**. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Ordinance 1857 be designated." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. Strommen asked the clerk to read by title. Borchert read, "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL, TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALL-PURPOSE LEVY FOR ALL OBJECTS OR PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR FILING OF COPIES OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND THE CHEYENNE COUNTY CLERK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT." Strommen asked to waive the readings. Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, "That the readings be waived." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. Strommen asked for a motion to pass the ordinance. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Ordinance 1857 be passed." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. Strommen asked the clerk to read by number. Borchert read, "1857." Strommen asked for a motion to publish. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Ordinance 1857 be published." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed.

Strommen asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 20230903**. Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, "That Resolution 20230903, the annual designation of depositories for 2023-2024 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. **Complete resolutions and ordinance can be viewed at the office of the City Clerk at 1115 13th Avenue.

Strommen read a proclamation on behalf of the Knights of Columbus proclaiming the week of October 5-8, 2023 as Support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Week.

Rachelle Lipker, Executive Director for the American Red Cross, provided Council with information on free installation of smoke detectors and developing a home fire escape plan for residents on September 29 and an *Everyday Heroes Bootcamp* for new Red Cross Volunteer Training to be held on September 30.

City Manager Scott asked Council for consideration of appointment for Josh Watchorn to serve on the Economic Development Citizen's Advisory Board. Watchorn was present. Strommen asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Josh Watchorn be appointed to serve on the Economic Development Citizen's Advisory Board for a five-year term." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, asked for Council approval of **Resolution No. 20230905**, authorizing the year end certification of City Street Superintendent, Clay H Radtke. Radtke stated that this is an annual requirement that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual incentive payment by the state. Strommen asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, "That Resolution No. 20230905, Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. Strommen asked for a motion to appoint Radtke for the 2024 Street Superintendent. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the appointment of Clay H Radtke, as the Street Superintendent, Class A, License S-1072 be approved for January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 for the purpose of the 2024 calendar year Highway Incentive Payment." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. **Complete

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Scott stated that the open house at the Armory was very successful as was the Anti-Bullying Day event. Scott presented a *“Movie Night”* courtesy of the City Council to the Water/Sewer Department.

Borchert reported the Sidney Farmers Market’s last event is Saturday, September 30.

Radtke stated that the Oktoberfest Parade line-up begins at 9:00am, Saturday, October 7.

Kim Phillips, City Employee, reminded the public about the Trunk or Treat Event on October 31.

Joe Talich, Water Superintendent, thanked Council for recognizing the department.

Tom VonSeggern, Park Superintendent, stated that mosquito spraying for the season is complete. The recycling that was in the park will be moved to the location by the old hospital emergency room on September 29th.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, said the book mobile is back up and running.

Strommen asked for a motion for closed session regarding the evaluation of job performance of employees as necessary to prevent needless injury to reputations and action as applicable. Buckner moved, Radcliffe seconded, “That council moves to closed session.” Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. Closed session begins at 6:22 pm.

Strommen asked for a motion to end close session. Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, “That closed session ends.” Yeas: Buckner, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion passed. Closed session ended at 6:49 pm.

Action was taken to give the City Clerk a 9% increase in salary.

Action was taken to give the City Manager an 11% increase in salary.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

ATTEST: /s/PAUL STROMMEN, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK