

Sidney, Nebraska October 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 5:30 p.m. on October 24, 2023 in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, 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.

Mayor Sherman informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Sherman asked for a motion to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes. Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, "That the minutes for October 10, 2023 Council Meeting be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Clerk Borchert asked for Council to approve Resolution 20231002, updating the facsimile signatures, removing Finance Director, Lane Kizzire and adding Kegan Carwin. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Resolution 20231002, updating the facsimile signatures be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Toshia Jones, Cheyenne County Chamber CEO, gave her quarterly report to Council. Jones introduced Sophia Houser, a member of the Leadership Cheyenne County group. The group will be going to Lincoln to tour the State Capital. Sherman asked how many are currently in the group. Jones responded that the group has 15 members. Jones reported that upcoming events include the Chamber Social Hour, October 27 at Winners; the DOVES ribbon cutting, November 3; Cheyenne Co Chamber Annual Meeting/Members, November 28; November Chamber Social Hour, November 30, Best Plumbing; December Chamber Social Hour, December 28; 2024 Chamber Banquet, January 20. There will also be a Shop Cheyenne County Stamp Card Program, Shop Cheyenne County Days Friday, November 24-December 3, the Holiday Hop, Saturday December 2, Gift-Buying Guide with the Sidney Sun-Telegraph and Caught you Shopping Program. Jones reported that the public can visit the Chamber website for more information on the events.

Lance Juelfs, Golf Director, asked Council for approval to purchase budgeted items, a range picker and a greens roller. Juelfs stated that funds were available in equipment reserves. Juelfs reported that the range picker is not useable. Juelfs also stated that the greens roller being replaced is 12-15 years old and no longer works. The greens roller is valuable to turf health and optimal putting conditions and will save on fungicide costs in the future. Sherman asked for a motion for approval of the picker. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the purchase of the range picker be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Motion passed. Sherman asked for a motion for approval of the greens roller. Buckner moved, Strommen seconded, "That the purchase of the green roller be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Tom VonSeggern, Parks/Cemetery/Aquatic Superintendent, asked Council for approval to purchase a front deck mower, with a snow-thrasher attachment, for the Parks Department to replace a 2014 model with 3600 hours of operation. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the purchase of the front deck mower and snow thrasher attachment, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mike Palmer, Electric Superintendent, stated that the Village of Lodgepole has requested assistance from the electrical department in the operation and maintenance of their electrical system. Palmer said that Lodgepole's electric system operator resigned leaving one staff member with no electrical experience to operate and maintain their system. Palmer said in the spirit of mutual support for a neighboring community, it is recommended to enter into the interlocal agreement with the Village of Lodgepole. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the City of Sidney agrees to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Village of Lodgepole to lend aid and assistance to Lodgepole in order to address non-routine and emergency electrical needs." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Sherman asked Council what days would work to revisit the Strategic Plan. Council decided on November 16 at 12:00 pm at City Hall.

Autumn Rameriz, Human Resource Director, stated that Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31 with 54 trunks signed up. Holiday in Hickory will be held on December 2.

Dean Sterling, Solid Waste Department, stated that October 25 will be the last lawn pickup.

Lane Kizzire, Finance Director, stated this will be his last meeting and thanked Council for working with him for the last three years.

VonSeggern reported that the Parks will be winterizing the sprinklers and the sport restrooms.

Radcliffe thanked Palmer for the work done on the street lights and asked for an update on the solar project. Palmer stated that he anticipates a spring start for the solar project.

Strommen read a letter sent to Council by a resident that will be moving to Sidney. The resident stated that he and his wife were excited to be part of the Sidney community after experiencing their first weekend in Sidney during the Oktoberfest.

Buckner congratulated the winner of the Halloween decorating for the "Spookiest Yard". Buckner thanked Jones for the pumpkin competition. Buckner encouraged people of Sidney to welcome new residents to town. Buckner stated that the Street Department got an "Atta-Boy" from the public for their street chip sealing. Buckner also gave a commendation to Chief

Joe Aikens for providing positive relationships for our community and our kids. Buckner also encouraged residents to shop local this holiday season.

Sherman stated that the State Economic Development had five people holding their meeting in Sidney. Sherman, City Manager Scott and Development Director Klare took the Development group on a tour of Sidney businesses. Sherman also shared a letter from a policeman in Colorado that came for Oktoberfest, commending two officers that assisted him with an accident. Glenda Condon thanked council for supporting Constitution Day and Week. Sherman echoed Buckners comment about reminding residents to shop local. Sherman praised the Raider Volleyball, Raider Cross Country and the Raider Football teams.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK