

**(Amended) Sidney, Nebraska December 12, 2023 A Fair Housing City**

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on December 12, 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 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 approval of the minutes. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the CDA minutes and the City Council minutes from November 28, 2023, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Abstain: Buckner. Motion approved.

Jason Petik, CEO of Sidney Regional Medical Center (SRMC), gave Council an update on the progress of the expansion of SRMC. Petik stated that the long-term care facility is moving along and is being sheet rocked and hoping for shingles by the end of the week. Completion with occupancy should be in August or September, 2024. Petik also gave an update on the Strategic Planning process, including new services and incoming doctors that will be added.

David Scott, City Manager, asked Council for approval of a letter of intent to apply for the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF). Scott stated that the City of Sidney became a Certified Creative District in 2023. The match is a one-to-one, \$500,000 that the Creative District can be used as a match. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the letter of intent to apply for the CCCFF, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mike Palmer, Electric Superintendent, asked Council for consideration to purchase a Vacuum Excavator Trailer. Palmer stated the Vac is used for exposing utilities before trenching/boring and cleanup of a variety of soils, fluid and job debris. There is a 2023/2024 budget that has \$150,000 earmarked for this expense. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the City be allowed to purchase a Ditch Witch HX50 Vacuum Excavator Trailer from Ditch Witch for the bid amount of \$122,900.00, excluding tax." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kasey Kantor, Transportation Superintendent, reported to Council that an additional \$2637.50 was needed to purchase a Ford Transit Van with a side lift, due to the State not reaching a contract for a previously approved minivan or a 12+2 bus.

Autumn Ramirez, Human Resource Director, asked Council to adopt the DOT-FTA policy to comply with federal regulations. Ramirez reported that Council approval is needed by January 12, 2024, to comply with the NDOT guidelines. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the updated DOT-FTA drug and alcohol policy be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Sherman asked for approval of the November 2023 claims. Buckner moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the November 2023 claims be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

"That the following claims for November 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, fu fuel, in insurance, re reimbursements, sa salaries, se service, su supplies, tt travel/training, tr transfers, tx tax, ut utilities)

21<sup>st</sup> Century su 7.26; Accelerated Receivables se 113.26; Acushnet eq 183.85; Adamson Police su 159.75; Allo se 199.66; American Enviro se eq 1524.84; B&C Steel su 29.95; Barker Cleaners se 33.00; Beacon Athletics su 1155.00; Beehive ct 2100.00, 2100.00, 2100.00, 2100.00; Best Plumbing se 1179.05; Birner, Tom re 1187.50; Black Hill Energy ut 182.31, 2001.90, 194.18, 105.67, 41.63, 637.08, 97.09, 1219.01; BOKF ct 9299.80; Bomgaars su 161.93, 769.47, 446.63, 59.62, 110.97; Border States eq 3657.29; Brites eq 372.36 372.36; Capital One su 235.24, 265.60; Caselle su 1828.00; Cashwa su 421.59; Century Link se 207.69; Charter se 109.98; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 14620.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Center ct 29341.43; City of Sidney bd ex se 168500.00, 750.00, 3000.00, 1496.93, 75.76, 337.50, sa 109562.91, 131225.27, 12377.46, 13554.57, 19087.50, 18505.00, 28074.84, 28030.65, 11194.87, 10841.81, 10438.26, 10063.90, in 5528.08, 47720.58, 658.97, 6396.39, 859.51, 10091.25, 1270.00, 11770.67, 432.17, 2924.78, 318.74, 3623.2; ut 8122.74, 189.60, 887.56, 1108.39, 10866.56, 9667.45; CNN Electrical se 95.00; Conger Randall re 70.00; Conserv Flag su 2433.00; Cornhuser Int'l su 42.29; Correll Refrigeration se 220.00; Cranmore Fire se 231.00; Cross Canyon Engineering se 1525.50; Crossroad Tech se 1608.16, 316.00, 129.99, 75.00; Culligan se 51.40, 29.95; Cummins eq 2135.79; Darin's Auto se 1025.92; Day & Night se 210.00; Deaver Tire se su 90.00, 1059.20; Department of Energy ut 17815.63; Design Solutions se 1196.25, 880.61; Digital Alley se 57.00; DP Electronics se 139.00; E&S Auto su 1138.89, 1061.01, 1484.45, 471.20; 307.63; Eakes su 573.64, 578.38, 5.78; Elan su 7944.58, 164.95, 1392.24, 2112.46, 1255.11, 1085.16; Enviro se 74.00; Finney's su 1898.10, 186.91, 1169.66, 153.07; Flood Communications se 300.00; Floyd's Truck su 3.32, 1279.88, 1537.52; Frenchman Valley se 6152.04, 807.32, 2345.73, 2190.52, 894.84, 1387.30; Fyr Tek su 315.76, 1791.15; Grainger su 90.76; Greenfield Contractors eq 5558.23, 5558.24; Hach su 1174.77; Hamilton se 165.15, 99.90, 49.95; Henderson Products su 535.42; Hometown Leasing ct 274.81, 137.39; Huber & Asso se 550.00; Hume, Russ su 1147.25; Ideal su 547.00, 163.72; Interstate Batteries su 643.80, 148.95; Jones Automotive su 837.50; Kois Brothers su 175.28; LI Johnson eq 3882.60; Lecal Equipment eq 394.56; Leal, Ron se 450.00; Lubrication Engineers su 451.92; MacQueen Equipment eq 129.96; Maddox Motors su 100.85; Maverik fu 3037.35, 117.09; McSchaff se 12741.00, 17955.00; McMillen, Mindy re 710.00; MES se 603.96;

Midwest Laboratories su 706.25; Mizuno eq 959.88; Mobotrex eq 9112.00; Municipal Chemical su 1400.00, 4400.0; MEAN ut 794266.57; Municipal Supply eq 5701.6; Munimetrix ct 39.99; Murphy Tractor eq 2085.64; Napa su 274.00, 30.49; NE Department of Environmental Energy du 460.00, 115.00; NE Dept of Revenue tx 48200.03; NE Golf Asso du 2671.90; NE Law Enforcement du 350.00, 150.00; NE Public Health du 358.00, 32.00; NE Safety/Fire su 310.00, 255.00; NE State Fire Marshall se 120.00; NT&T se 1536.84, 129.02, 232.64, 378.60, 137.39, 107.00; NMC eq 502.75; Norgard, Melissa se 800.00; Northwest Pipe eq 297.39; One Call se 114.11, 114.11; Palmer, Mike tt 205.00; Palmore Masonry se 8875.00; Panhandle Auto se 67.91; Panhandle Clerk's Asso du 20.00; Paytech Fee 30.00; Peetz Farmers Coop fu 9331.86; Plummer Insurance in 78233.25, 19281.50, 36515.00, 22774.25, 19103.25, 29321.50; Reams Sprinkler su 675.20, 123.87; Rood's se su 1208.13, 785.08; Royal Flush se 560.00; Sandberg Implement eq 875.25; SD Myers eq 2065.00; Segelke Janitorial se 825.00; Share Corporation se 463.04; Sidney Foundry du 1461.00; Sidney Glass su 91.39; Sidney Public Schools ex 1500.00; SRMC se 120.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 22.43, 865.77; Sign Solutions se 86.59; Simon Materials su 517.00, 728.85, 555.78; Smart Sights se 800.00; Sonny's su 507.87; Spic & Span su 3216.00; Splish Splash se 39.27; Spring Creek Cleaning ct 434.42; Srixon su 3306.68; Sukup, Todd tt 220.37; SWANA du 245.00; T&L Cleaning ct 275.00; TCIC Inc. su 311.25; Tifosi Optics su 354.78; Titan Machinery eq 137.24; Triple O's su 222.98, 202.56; UPRR ex 3689.62; Verizon se 377.36, 915.57, 85.74, 42.87, 178.62, 42.87, 85.74; Vermeer eq 172606, 770.89; Viaero se 34.60; Wesco eq 184835.50; Wheatbelt ut 10129.56; Whitebluffs ct 750.00; Woods & Aitken se 487.50; WPCI se 122.00; Wyoming First Aid se 76.07, Elan Visa su 489.88, Star Herald se 459.99.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, presented the November 2023 budget to Council. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the November 2023 budget reports be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott thanked all the City staff for a great job on the Holiday in Hickory event. Scott also thanked the Community Center, the Chamber, Keep Sidney Beautiful, and Tourism for everything they did to make the event a success. The Sidney Raider Entrepreneur competition was fantastic. The Employee Appreciation banquet will be held on January 12.

J. Leef, City Attorney, reported that the City closes with WTA on the buildings on Friday.

Palmer reported that the boring process is getting caught up.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, stated the open house is December 13. The Library also has an ornament decorating contest. The Merry Grinchmas party is on Friday and the Winter Reading Program has started.

Chief Aikens thanked the Fox Theatre for partnering with the Sidney Police Department for the Shop with a Cop event. About 150 people attended. Aikens stated that two officers will be graduating from the academy.

Sherman echoed Scott's comments on the Holiday in Hickory and the E-3 Entrepreneur competition. Sherman also stated the 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Georgia did his presentation and got 100 percent on his project. Sherman stated that he could always be called at 308-249-2321 for more information. The Elks will be doing their Hoop Shoot on January 14 at the Junior High School. Sherman also added that the High School made wire holders for the lights on the downtown buildings.

Sherman asked for a motion to go into closed session for contract negotiations. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That closed session for contract negotiations begins." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved. Closed session began at 6:21 pm.

Sherman asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, "That close session ends." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Motion approved. Closed session ended at 7:23 pm.

Sherman asked for a motion for Resolution 20231106, A resolution to decline participation which MEAN intends to commit. Buckner moved, Bondegard seconded, "That **Resolution 20231106**, A Resolution of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, to decline participation in the related project to which MEAN intends to commit, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Radcliffe. Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK