

Sidney, Nebraska January 9, 2024 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 January 9, 2024, 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 Strategic Planning minutes Bondegard moved, Buckner seconded, "That the Strategic Planning minutes from December 11, 2023, be approved." Sherman asked for approval of the Council Minutes. Clerk Borchert amended the minutes to reflect the correct dates. Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved. Radcliffe moved, Strommen seconded, "That the Council Minutes, as amended, from December 12, 2023, be approved. Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Sherman read a proclamation requested by the Panhandle Public Health Department declaring January 2024 as Official Radon Action Month in Sidney.

Melissa and Stan Norgard came before Council requesting approval to move their liquor licenses, LK and I, from 824 10th Avenue to 1200 Jackson Street, their new location for Boss City Brewing. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the Norgard's request to change their location address for the liquor licenses LK and I, to 1200 Jackson Street, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Manager Scott requested appointment of resident, John Phillips to be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Board. Buckner moved, Strommen seconded, "That John Phillips be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Board." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott asked Council for consideration to move forward with the bidding process for resurfacing Forrest Street from 17th to 21st Avenue. It will entail a curb-to-curb resurfacing with sidewalks. The water lines will also be replaced. This project is one of the projects identified for using the infrastructure ½ cent sales tax as per the Sidney voters. Sherman asked if the funding would be solely from the ½ sales tax. Scott stated the City will also be using a portion of our highway allocation funds. Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, stated that you can save up allocation money to be used on projects and to pay off bonds but only for a certain length of time before it needs to be used. Scott said it will be four blocks, curb-to-curb, and one block between Elm and Forrest. Scott reiterated that this will not increase property tax. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the City moves forward with the bidding process for the Forrest Street project." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott asked Council for consideration to move forward with bidding process using the ½ infrastructure sales tax to repair the parking lot at Memorial Gardens, Hillside Golf Course, and to finish paving the Aquatic Center. This will address stormwater drainage concerns. It will also connect the Aquatic Center, the Legion Park, and other City amenities to the trails connecting neighborhoods, and providing a safe path for our youth. Radcliffe asked if the projects would be given as a total bid or broken down. Scott replied they need to be broken down to show the percentages paid out, as voted by the residents of Sidney. Radcliff questioned the amount being spent on the golf parking lot and whether it was a must-have. Scott stated the funds allocated will have to go to the golf course regardless of whether it is a parking lot or some other golf project. Buckner asked about future projects on the north side. Scott stated the projects can be addressed anytime Council wishes to visit it, however, nothing is budgeted for this year. Scott mentioned that until we have actual bids, we will not have any idea how much of the funds will be left over for other projects. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Buckner seconded, "That the City moves forward with the bidding process for the parking lots, trails, and sidewalk project." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Tom VonSeggern reported to Council that the City pond has concentration of wild geese negatively impacting water quality and causing summer fish kill offs. VonSeggern recommended that the geese be removed with handheld pyrotechnics. The product hazes the geese out of the pond and off the pond trails and is asking Council permission. VonSeggern wanted the public to be aware that there would be loud noises when the pyrotechnics are used primarily at sunset. Council agreed to this process to reduce the geese population.

Sherman asked for a motion to approve the claims for December 2023. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the claims for December 2023, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman. Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

That the following claims for December 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, in insurance, re reimbursements, sa salaries, se service, su supplies, tr transfer, tt travel/training, tx tax, ut utilities, ff franchise fees)

21st Century Equipment eq 525.58, 225.88, 170.96, 385.00; Aliens & Strangers se 50.00; Allo se 204.66; American Environmental se 6210.35; Atlas Automation se 1851.00; Bad Birdie golf eq 951.00; Baird Holm ct 15000.00; Baker Taylor su 1739.52; Barker Cleaners se 33.00; Best Plumbing se 552.52; Black Hills ut 613.72, 2876.40, 372.44, 433.91, 41.66, 139.71, 186.21, 2087.66; BOKF

ct 9299.79; Bomgaars su 9.54; Capital One su 305.37, 22.48; Caselle ct 1828.00; Cashwa su 107.11; Cengage Learning su 199.92; CenturyLink se 207.69; Charter se 219.96; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 9500.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Cnt ct 32788.20; Cheyenne Co Treasurer ex 30.00, 20.00; City of Sidney ex se tx 596.18, 27015.50, 239.11, 43.50 sa 98908.64, 24379.41, 124358.58, 16252.06, 4967.47, 15643.03, 18920.69, 4444.12, 44166.28, 20443.16, 26700.79, 8161.83, 26355.42, 11493.99, 1907.57, 11412.83, 10216.08, 3209.70, in 4627.30, 658.97, 7837.79, 859.51, 9987.41, 2595.00, 13095.67, 432.17, 2924.78, 318.74, 3623.22, ut 5758.80, 2701.25, 20.30, 174.01, 1348.21, 286.15, 1510.17, 7746.75, 1836.00, 11229.88, 131.43; Civic Plus ct 5765.15; Cranmore Pest se 50.00, 100.00, 100.00; Croell su 1146.00; Cross Canyon se 2035.50, 6587.75; Crossroad Tech Services se su 21569.97, 100.00, 40.00, 25.00, 983.89; Culligan se 19.95, 87.40, 5.00, 29.95; Davis, Madeline re 123.01; Day & Night se su 2373.66; Deaver Tire se su 998.00, 136.00, 18.00, 23.38; Department of Energy ut 17815.63; Design Solutions se 1087.50, 435.00; DHHS Accounting re 300.00; Dietrich su 592.52; E&S Auto su 361.31, 1052.33, 693.78, 287.18, 112.32, 46.39; Eakes su 1499.61, 138.80, 138.28; EcoResource Solutions se 8200.68; Elan se 6035.12, 840.66, 491.11, 1351.74, 2217.95, 662.18, 1059.56, 461.83; Enviro se 100.00, 100.00; Finney's su 19.99, 2473.86, 17.95, 243.60, 464.03, 88.71; Flagship Publish se 585.00; Flood Communications se 2150.00; Floyds Truck se su 27.08, 193.28, 502.73; Frenchman Valley su 117.04, 795.87, 2570.22, 2728.07, 799.09, 1651.68, 701.38, 1092.47; Frontier Overhead eq 2745.42; Fyrtek su 2495.50; Grainger su 26.22, 19.32; Hack su 214.00; Hamilton se 165.15, 99.90, 49.95; Henderson Products su 461.82; High Plains su 710.45; High Pointe Land Co se 3000.00; Hometown Leasing ct 274.81, 137.39; Huckelberry Construction re 1469.00; Hudson Insurance se 5000.00; Ideal su 236.48, 204.65; JA Traffic su 2840.00; Jirdon Chemicals su 449.50; Johnson Brother's su 920.51; Kois Brothers su 49.32; LL Johnson su 227.24; Landis & Gyr ct 835.42, 835.42; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Leef Law ct 5027.25; Maddox Motor co 61.90; Maverik su 2518.27, 396.85; MCK Photography se 4000.00; Municipal Emergency su 1066.12, 872.90; Michael Todd su 479.94; Midwest labs se 86.95; MEAN ut 404321.40; Municipal Supply su 2152.29; Munimetrix ct 39.99; Murphy Tractor su 17.51; MWM Rail se 115.57; NE Dept of Revenue tx 51092.88; NE Public Health se 237.00; NE Safety/Fire su 241.47; NE Salt & Grain su 8248.05; NT&T se 1541.19, 129.02, 231.57, 378.60, 137.39, 107.00, 441.55; NE Tire se 470.94; NMC su 36.98; Norgard, Melissa se 760.00; Northeast Community College se 136.00; OBD su 1342.62; Once Call se 53.86, 53.86; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Palmer, Mike re 69.00; Panhandle Auto su 62.83; Path Point Fees se 24.26, 45.18, 84.78, 20.18; Payment Tech Fees se 30.00; PCAN du 100.00; Peetz Coop su 5457.72; Quadiant Leasing ct 750.00; Resco su 5237.04; RNCD su 551.00; Rood's su se 296.53, 101.00, 45.00, 70.95; Royal Flush se 560.00; Sandry fire su 2474.05; Segelke Janitorial se 825.00; Shirt Tales se 780.00; Sidney Foundry se 1461.00; Sidney Glass su 221.32; SRMC se 312.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 66.84, 522.92; Sonny's su 159.91; Southern Glazers 5550.20; Splish Splash se 160.85; Spring Creek ct 412.00, 434.42; SWANA du 245.00; T&L cleaning se 275.00; Tait's Electric se 720.00; Titan Machinery eq 137.27; TK Elevator se 2375.33, 204.00; Triple O's su 32.75, 87.98, 63.38, 753.17; United Labs se 288.00; US Postal se 348.00; USA Bluebook se 103.29; USGA du 150.00; Verizon se 377.36, 85.74, 42.87, 178.62, 42.87, 85.74; Viaero se 34.60; Wesco su 80.63; Wheatbelt se 9647.09; White Bluffs ct 670.00; Winter Equipment eq 7883.85; Woodis Welding se 743.00; Woods & Aitken se 84.00; WPCI ct 276.00.

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

Scott reported that the City will be having their Employee Appreciation Banquet this Friday. The Chamber Banquet will be January 20 and the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department's banquet will be held on January 27.

Radtke encourages Councilman Radcliffe and Buckner to file for re-election. And wished Councilman Strommen luck on the State level.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, said that story time begins tomorrow. The winter reading program is going now until March. Eastin stated they have a new employee starting at the library and the bookmobile is still in the shop.

VonSeggern reported that pruning will begin on January 16 throughout the City.

McKailie Conger asked the public to follow the City and the Economic Development Facebook pages to keep informed.

Buckner appreciates that the City Manager is helping stay the course in the budget sessions and the public will be seeing their dollars at work. Buckner stated the City is on the right path.

Sherman stated that what went on downtown during Christmas with the parade, the lights, the chili feed, Santa as well as the lighting at the Fair Grounds was a marvelous example of what Sidney is all about.

Buckner reported that there are so many different boards and organizations that the public can take part in. Buckner recommended the public attend the Open Mic Night. Find out what different organizations are doing, get out of the house and enjoy the company of others. It makes Sidney different.

Sherman said to get involved. Volunteer. The Elks is doing the Hoop Shoot on January 14. Sidney Gold Rush days is having a meeting on January 11. You can call Sherman at 308-249-2321 to help partner you with an organization.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK