

## Sidney, Nebraska March 26, 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 March 26, 2024, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Buckner, Radcliffe, and Bondegard. Others present: 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 the absence of Councilman Strommen to be approved. Bondegard move, Buckner seconded, "That Strommen's absence be excused." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Nays: None. Absent: Strommen. Motion approved.

Sherman asked for approval of the minutes. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the Council minutes from March 12, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Buckner. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen. Motion approved.

Tom VonSeggern, Parks Superintendent, asked Council for approval to move forward with the removal of sediment from the flood ditch between the bridges on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Bids were received from local and regional contractors, Chrisman Trucking of Gering, NE having the lowest bid of \$24750.00. VonSeggern stated that the ongoing maintenance of the flood ditch is the City of Sidney's responsibility. During recent inspections, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers stated that the sediment issue needs addressed. Chrisman Trucking can start as early as Thursday, March 28. Sherman asked about the time frame. VonSeggern replied that there would be a 21-day working window if the weather cooperates. The sediment will be deposited in the dirt pile on Fort Sidney Road. Chrisman will provide flagging and cones to guide and provide traffic control. Sherman asked for a motion. Buckner moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the Sediment project be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen. Motion approved. The bid was awarded to Chrisman Trucking.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, stated that crack sealing is done on an annual basis for pavement preservation. The City has \$75000.00 budgeted per Council approval. Only one bid was submitted, from Hein Construction, coming in at .38 per linear foot. Projected start date is April 14. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the 2024 Crack Sealing be approved, awarded to Hein Construction for .38 per linear foot." Roll call: Bondegard, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen. Motion approved.

Todd Sukup, WWTF Superintendent, stated that the equipment at the plant is nearing end of life. Sukup is asking Council's approval to purchase the equipment. Three bids were received for various portions of the equipment, but all were represented through one supplier. Only one supplier submitted a bid. M.C. Schaff has worked with Gurney on Similar projects and does not have any reservations in terms of their capability of supplying the equipment. Sukup recommended that the contract be awarded to Huber Technology, Inc for \$215066.00 for the Bar Screen and wash press; Fluidyne Corporation for \$89,950.00, for the grit classifier; and Gurney in the amount of \$141663.00 for the channel slide gate and immersible influent pumps, for a total procurement cost of \$446679.00. The engineer will complete drawing submittals, submit to NDEE what is needed, and move toward bid documents for hiring for the final construction phase of the project. Radcliffe asked if ARPA funds would be used. Sukup replied that part of the funds would come from ARPA, but not all of the funds. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That approval is given to purchase the equipment for the WWTF." Roll call: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen. Motion approved.

Borchert stated that she attended the annual 2024 NCMA conference in Columbus.

Radtke stated that he will be attending a Bridge conference next week. Crack sealing begins April 14. Construction on Forrest Street will start in mid-April. There will be an open house for the public next Thursday, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm to inform the public of the upcoming construction. There will be a pre-construction meeting next Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Council room. The project on Forrest will begin from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Flyers will be placed on doors to inform the public.

Marshall Hall stated that he gave out around 15 building permits this week.

VonSeggern stated that soccer is getting started. The Plummer Easter Egg Hunt was a success despite the weather. The Arbor Day proclamation will be read at the next Council meeting.

Greg Jenkins, Electric Interim, stated that the Electric Department will be working on the conversion program again.

Buckner stated the City keeps finding ways to utilize the ½ cent sales tax and the community will see their dollars at work with the upcoming projects.

Sherman stated that the city continues to work together to get things done. Residents can call Sherman at 308-249-2321.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK