

Sidney, Nebraska April 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 April 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. 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. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the Council minutes from March 26, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Abstain: Strommen. Motion approved.

Tom VonSeggern, Parks Superintendent, stated part of the criteria to apply for Tree City USA is to have a proclamation read and signed by the Mayor. April 26, 2024, is Arbor Day in Nebraska. An annual Arbor Day Celebration with the City Tree Give-Away will be April 20 at the Legion Park Shelter House. Registration will begin at 7:00 am. The proclamation was read and Mayor Sherman signed the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, stated that National Library Week is April 7-13, 2024. Sherman read the National Library Week 2024 Proclamation.

Eastin asked Council for consideration to appoint Marva Ellwanger to the Library Board to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Jennifer Ramsey. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Marva Ellwanger be appointed to fill the term that expires in January 2025." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Manager Scott stated that as part of the City's Master Plan an upgrade of the north side park has been identified as a priority by the City Council. Scott asked Council if he could start applying for grants through the Nebraska Game and Parks to help facilitate the cost of the project. A design will need to be prepared and bids will need to be sent out. Scott said that there would be several public input sessions regarding the project before construction would begin. Scott reported that the maximum the City can ask for in one grant cycle is \$600,000 with a 50/50 match and a resolution would need to be prepared stating that the City would participate in the program. Scott would begin preparing the bid packet if Council approves. The Council gave Scott approval to move forward.

Sherman asked for a motion to approve the claims. Buckner moved, Strommen seconded, "That the claims for March 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Motion approved.

That the following claims for February 2024, 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 2228.81, 29.57, 678.82; 3E Electrical eq 6591.68; Accelerated Receivables se 20.49; Adamson Police Products 195.07; Adden, Chris tt 15.00; Allo se 204.66; ALSCO su 218.59; American Environmental se 11322.90; American Legal se 1039.88, 65.00; Aqua Aerobic se su 15442.00; Baker & Taylor su 1337.29; Barker Cleaners se 49.50; Bayne, Blake tt 15.00; Beans & Steams se 107.34, 107.34; Black Hills ut 504.64, 1897.66, 645.40, 1036.08, 43.23, 1283.84, 322.69, 2119.84, 3300.91; BOKF ct 9299.79; Brown, Craig tt 15.00; Busted Knuckle se su 456.19; Cabela, Mary Estate re 16588.45; Callaway Golf se 521.88; Capital One su 538.30; Caselle ct 1896.00; Cengage Learning su 415.84; Charter se 109.98; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 9500.00; City of Sidney bd ex tt ff 161.18, 1993.60, 3456.00, 10500.00, 29000.00, 12400.00, 8500.00, 250.00, 3000.00, 190.76, 274.14, 95563.00, 455369.00, 73869.00, 63020.00, sa 97701.55, 218.74, 15601.68, 20238.64, 27833.00, 11072.79, 9972.10, 27,684.16, 10924.23, 9958.31, 15678.54, 100079.09, 20261.40, in 3970.10, 921.34, 849.67, 1345.77, 362.94, 312.74, 11846.44, 2855.55, 3623.22, 7924.33, 43756.45, 9987.41, ut 2680.51, 2987.58, 21.60, 194.38, 1693.97, 75.24, 2043.53, 9330.70, 2345.39, 12773.04, 195.68; CPS HR Consulting se 462.00; Cranmore Fire se 50.00; Cross Canyon Engineering se 716.00; Crossroad Tech se 928.38, 40.00; Culligan se 51.40, 7.50, 29.95; Danko su 195.24; Deaver Tire se su 13818.00; Demco eq 906.18; Department of Energy ut 18238.84; DP Electronics se 1039.79, 79.98; E&S Auto se 69.99, 1690.03, 205.05, 160.63, 1128.85, 1082.94, 1222.51, 81.52, 273.92; Eads, Lee re 41.03; Eakes su 1675.95, 1634.94, 390.20; Elan su 3702.01, 478.19, 254.20, 1724.92, 2896.15, 441.92, 1207.80, 926.72; Elliott Equipment eq 115180.00; Embroidery Xpress se 359.62; Enviro se 100.00, 100.00; Finney's su 356.17, 24.57, 884.59, 248.46, 765.09, 104.45; Flagship publishing se 1300.00; Floyd's Truck se su 706.68, 10303.98; Frenchman Valley se 101.06, 5047.43, 3095.86, 1503.21, 475.10, 674.91, 869.28; Frerichs, Chase tt 15.00; Frontier Access se 3833.29; Frontier Overhead Door se eq 4845.42; Fyrteck eq 5322.09; GCSAA du 465.00; Gordon's Body Shop se su 987.50; Grainger su 27.07, 208.70, 90.04; Hall, Marshall tt 178.50; Hamilton se 117.69, 99.90, 49.95; High Plains su 788.85; Hometown Leasing ct 274.81, 137.39; Horn Lock Co se 85.00; Huber & Associates se 264.99; Ideal se 295.60, 494.90, 165.12; Interstate Batteries su 133.95; LL Johnson eq 1112.88; Lawson Products su 374.92; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Maverik su 2369.52, 936.97; MCK Photography se 4000.00; Miller, Bryan re 204.96; Mizuno su 482.87; Municipal Chemical su 4550.00; MEAN ut 467692.60; Municipal Supply eq 31996.74; Munimetrix su 39.99; Murphy Tractor su 20.00; NE Dept of Energy du 80.00, 150.00; NE Dept of Revenue tx 59551.03; NE law Enforcement du 20.00; NE Public Health se 478.00; NT&T se 1595.70, 134.79, 238.26, 388.90, 143.96, 112.77, 17.24; Nelke, Jason se 1000.00; NMC eq 5355.86; Norgard, Melissa ct 600.00; Northwest Pipe su 1125.44, 4393.24; NE Salt & Grain su 7870.03; Palmer, Mike tt 69.00, 97.00; Path Point se 36.94, 44.08, 65.07, 42.97; Pay Tech se 30.00, 30.00; Peetz Coop su 7720.70; Plummer in 5518.76; Quadiant Leasing su 5500.00, 5500.00, 5500.00; R&R su 293.40; Rauner & Associates se 51984.00; Reams Sprinkler

su 2322.27; Rinder Printing su 892.88, 2678.69, 1785.77, 595.25; Rood's Tire se su 583.22, 45.00, 36.95; Royal Flush se 630.00; Sandberg implement su 92.70; Schwing Bioset su 273.02; Segelke Janitorial se 825.00; SRMC se 342.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 109.16, 648.17, 10.98; Sidney Volunteer Fire Dept re 1494.50; Simon Materials su 253.44; Sirchie Acquisition Co su 437.91; Smart Sights se 800.00; Sonny's su 591.38, 350.09, 7.95; Spic & Span su 2447.00; Splish Spash se 52.00; Spring Creek Cleaning se 447.45; Srixon eq 3614.90; Steffens, Jerry re 26.88; T&L Cleaning ct 275.00; Talich, Joe tt 15.00; Titan Machinery su 130.74; Triple O's su 55.81, 503.08, 31.76; UNL 2024 CEC du 1000.00; USA Bluebook su 265.02; Verizon se 120.13, 1203.42, 85.76, 42.88, 178.65, 42.88, 85.76; Viaero se 34.61; Waller, Steven tt 15.00; Weathercraft su 1482.00; Wesco su 59017.50; Western NE Tourism du 125.00; Wheatbelt ut 12998.86; Whitebluffs ct 637.00; Wieser Const se 800.00; WNCC se 60.00; Woodis Welding su 123.00; WPCI ct 307.00; Wyoming First Aid su 1036.81, 401.11, 67.50.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, presented the March 2024 budget reports. Sherman asked for a motion to approve the budget. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That the March 2024 budget be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott stated he will be attending an Innovation and Housing Expo next week. Scott reminded the public of the Spring Exp this weekend. Scott thanked the Electric Department and First Responders for their efforts during the storm over the weekend. Scott reminded Council it is time to review the Cheyenne County Community Center's contract in May.

Carwin stated there were 12 viewers for the Council Meeting on YouTube.

Eastin reminded the public to stop by the Library during Library week to tell the staff that they are appreciated.

VonSeggern stated that he will be reaching out to Council to see if one or more Council members could make it to the tree giveaway. VonSeggern also thanked the Landfill for helping remove a tree that went down during the storm. VonSeggern thanked the Jeffers family for donating playground equipment for the North Park in memory of Brent Jeffers.

Greg Jenkins, Interim Electric Superintendent, reported that the City made it through the storm, taking a few hard hits, mainly due to the overhead lines.

Bondegard thanked the departments that worked during the storm. Bondegard also reminded the public to vote for Brad for the "Pie in the Face".

Radcliffe echoed Bondegard's comments.

Strommen thanked the departments. Strommen stated that there were an astonishing number of poles down throughout the area.

Buckner stated there was great communication during the storm. Buckner gave an atta boy to the Chief of Police. Buckner gave a shout-out to the "Legally Blonde" performance by the Sidney High School and encouraged the public to support the kids. Buckner reminded the public to drive cautiously during the street work that is about to begin. Buckner stated the Great Trash Race will be held on June 1st.

Sherman thanked the Electric Department for their service during the worst of times during the storm. Sherman stated that never in the history of Nebraska has a female high jumper jumped six feet. Sidney has a student (Karsyn Leeding) who jumped six feet and then the next week jumped six one. Dude's Steakhouse will be featured in America's Best Restaurants the week of July 8. Sherman reminded the public about the Keep Sidney Beautiful money raiser (Pie In the Face). Elks will have burgers on Wednesday night, BINGO on Thursday, and breakfast on Sunday. Sidney Expo will be this Saturday and Sunday. The Sidney Shooting Park will have their annual fundraiser. Sherman stated he has been stopping at local businesses thanking them for what they do. Sherman promises to stop by all businesses and he can be contacted at 308-249-2321.

Sherman called for a closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations. Radcliffe moved, Strommen seconded, "That Council goes into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations." Roll call vote: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved. Closed session begins at 6:25 pm.

Sherman asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Strommen moved, Buckner seconded, "That closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations ends." Roll call vote: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved. Closed session ended at 6:46 pm.

No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK