

Sidney, Nebraska April 23, 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 23, 2024, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, 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 the absence of Councilman Buckner to be approved. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That Buckner's absence be excused." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion approved.

Sherman asked for approval of the minutes. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the Council minutes from April 23, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion approved.

Heather Shaw, the Exalted Ruler of the Elks, came before Council to ask Sherman to proclaim the week of May 1-7, as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments. Others present to represent were Cindy Bartling and three students of the Way Out West Club (WOW). Shaw stated that the Elks does the WOW Spring program, the Hoop Shoot, Soccer Event, Home School Prom and the Entrepreneur Craft Fair as well as other projects and events throughout the year. Mayor Sherman read the Proclamation to honor the Junior Citizens.

Tom VonSeggern, Park Superintendent, asked Council for approval to appoint Alecia Heidemann to serve on the Tree Board to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Tanasia Goodrich. This term will expire on April 24, 2025. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Alecia Heidemann be appointed to serve on the Tree Board until April 2025." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion approved.

Autumn Rameriz, Representing the Sidney St. Patrick's Catholic Church, stated that the church is doing a Eucharistic Pilgrimage that goes from California to Indianapolis, to be held on June 13, 2024. Ramirez requests Council to approve Resolution 20240401 to allow a procession going from 13th Avenue to Illinois to Nebraska Land Tire. Rameriz is also requesting a Police escort for safety precautions. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Resolution 20240401 for the Eucharistic Pilgrimage procession be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman, Radcliff. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion approved.

Scott stated that the Housing Innovation Expo was successful and a huge benefit to the Panhandle. There will be a Breakfast on the Boss on Wednesday.

Borchert stated that the Farmers Market will begin the last Saturday in June and applications are coming in.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, said there were 12 viewers for the Council meeting.

Marshall Hall, Chief Building Official, reported that there were 5 building permits issued and there are five holes in the ground at Prairie Winds.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, stated that the Sidney Public Library is fundraising for a new bookmobile. There will be a free-will donation being accepted at the Spring Vendor Fair.

Dean Sterling, Solid Waste Supervisor, stated that the landfill is now open the third Saturday of each month.

VonSeggern stated that the concrete work has started at the Aquatic Center. Youth soccer, T-Ball, and baseball is underway and the fish pond will be restocked.

Bondegard thanked VonSeggern for the work done on the tree giveaway.

Sherman thanked the Electric Lineman from 15 different organizations for putting up over 1,100 poles. Karsyn Leeling is leading the state and the nation for the female high jump at over 6.1 feet. There will be a Council Community debate on May 1 at the Sidney High School at 6:00 pm. The primary will be on May 14.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK