

Sidney, Nebraska June 25, 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 June 25, 2024, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, 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. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the Council minutes from June 11, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Tom VonSeggern, Parks Superintendent and Tree Board Chairman, stated that Chase Frerichs, will be named Interim Park Superintendent in August of 2024, upon his retirement. The Parks Superintendent is a permanent member of the Tree Board as per ordinance. VonSeggern recommends that Council approve the appointment of Chase Frerichs to the City of Sidney Tree Board. Sherman asked for a motion. Buckner moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the appointment of Chase Frerichs to the Tree Board be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Motion approved.

VonSeggern notified Council of increased maintenance expenses for the Sidney Outdoor Aquatic Center (SOAC). VonSeggern stated that the lap pool has a leak in the return water plumbing line. Prestige Polls submitted a bid for repair that starts at \$12,5000. Total cost of actual completion would come in at \$16,000.

Scott reported on several ongoing projects. The 17th and 19th Avenues on Forrest Street are complete. The parking lot of the Aquatic Center and the trails are completed. The road work on 14th and Jackson is finished. The Memorial Gardens and the Golf Course parking lots are next to be worked on. Scott stated that Downtown Sounds had a great turnout. Scott attended the 6 Region 1 NE meeting in Gering. Sidney had a good representation. Scott reminded Council of the Strategic Planning Session on July 2.

Borchert reported that the Sidney Farmers Market will begin this Saturday with 26 vendors currently signed up.

VonSeggern reported that mosquito spraying will begin on July 2. Anyone wanting a "no spray" can contact the City office.

Strommen also attended the 6 Region 1 NE meeting. Strommen appreciates the attention given to the Panhandle.

Sherman stated that people came together for the common good at the 6 Region 1 NE meeting in Gering. It was a great experience and showed what is great about Western Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK