

Sidney, Nebraska July 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 July 23, 2024, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, Radcliffe, 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 a motion to approve the absences of Councilmen Buckner. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the absence of Councilmen Buckner be excused." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None Absent: Buckner. Motion approved.

Sherman asked for approval of the July 9 minutes. Bondegard moved, Sherman seconded, "That the Council minutes from July 9, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Bondegard. Nays: None. Abstain: Radcliffe, Strommen. Absent: Buckner. Motion tabled due to no quorum.

Jason Petik, Board Member of Airport Authority, stated that the Airport has become busier with crop dusting and military for training. Last year there were 1,900 landings. All the money the Airport receives goes to infrastructure. Petik stated that the Airport Authority was requesting \$233,107.00. Petik reported that things are changing with UPS and potentially the morning flight may not be happening. Petik said that they are not sure of the impact of the Airport when the Missile Silo Project kicks off, but both Ron (Meyer) and George (Lapaseotes) are in contact with them. The Airport has three trainings for private pilots and the college has expanded teachers to two, which has doubled the size of the classes. City Manager Scott stated that the funds come from the mil levy and not funded through the City. Sherman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20240704. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That **Resolution 20240704**, allocating \$233,107.00 to the Airport Authority, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Christine Radtke, Oktoberfest Parade Chair, asked for approval to use Highway 30 for the Oktoberfest Parade. Sherman asked for a motion to approve the request. Radcliffe moved, Strommen seconded, "That **Resolution 20240705**, approval to use Highway 30 for the Oktoberfest Parade and submit the request to the State of NE, Department of Roads." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Jason Petik, CEO of Sidney Regional Medical Center (SRMC), reported on the status on the ambulance. After meeting with the City, the County and the Hospital Board of Directors, there is an Inter Local Agreement between the County, City and SRMC, which hits all the marks that have been talked about. Petik reported that SRMC has applied for the licensure, hired a director, hired twelve paramedics and EMT's, ordered equipment and have looked at a new ambulance for 2025. The deadline is September 1, but Petik believes they will be done ahead of time. An LLC and an Advisory Committee will be set up.

Scott thanked SRMS and the County for their support. Scott also commended the staff at SRMC, as being very efficient. Scott stated that there will be an annual cost of \$150,000 annually to be split between the three entities. The amounts will be paid quarterly on March 1, June 1, and December 1. Petik stated the main goal of SRMC is to obtain CMS money to make the ambulance service a cost-based reimbursement department. Sherman asked for a motion to accept the EMS Service Agreement. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That the EMS Service Agreement be accepted." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Scott presented dates to Council for the Budget Workshop. The date for the workshop will be on August 15, at 12:00 pm at City Hall.

Scott updated Council on the project on Forrest Street, the park and trails, and Memorial Gardens. The projects are moving along as expected. Scott reminded the public of the Casa event – August 6, the Night of Hope – August 9, and Guns & Hoses – August 10.

Borchert reported that the Sidney Farmers Market is still getting applications from vendors and so far, the Market seems to be successful, filling both the East and West sides of Hickory Square.

Amanda Eastin, Library Director, reported that the Summer Reading Program is wrapping up with an event this Saturday at

the park. Eastin stated that 150 people completed the program and 663 books were read.

Brandy Stone, Development Director, stated she has an open door to assist the public.

Chief Aikens introduced Tristan Meyer as the newest officer added to the Sidney Police Department.

Strommen encouraged residents to support the Cheyenne County Fair.

Sherman stated that Downtown Sounds was a success despite the inclement weather. Sherman also reiterated the upcoming events and encourages the public to attend. Sherman stated that the Elks would be having their Shrimp Basket specials on Wednesday and reminded the public of the rodeo tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK