

Sidney, Nebraska August 27, 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 August 27, 2024, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Strommen, Buckner, 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 approval of the August 13 minutes. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the Council minutes from August 13, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Abstain: Buckner. Motion passed. Sherman asked for approval of the August 15, Budget Workshop minutes. Radcliffe moved, Strommen seconded, "That the Budget Workshop minutes from August 15, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Abstain: Buckner. Motion passed.

Glenda Gay Condon, representing the Fort Sidney Chapter NSDAR, presented a Proclamation for Constitution Day and Constitution Week which will be observed from September 17–23, 2024. Mayor Sherman read, approved and signed the Proclamation.

City Manager Scott asked Council for approval to name a ballfield after former Parks Superintendent, Tom VonSeggern, as requested by the Parks staff. Scott stated he could not find any policies concerning this. Brad Sherman stated he was in favor of this and asked for a motion. Buckner moved, Bondegard seconded, "To move forward with naming a ballfield after VonSeggern." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Sherman called a public hearing at 5:41 pm for **Resolution 20240801**, Class C Liquor License for Savor and Grace and manager application for Jillana Sauder. Jill Sauder, stated that with the expansion and new location of Savor and Grace they are seeking approval and recommendation to the state for a liquor license. There were no further comments. Sherman closed the hearing at 5:43 pm. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That **Resolution 20240801**, Class C Liquor License for Savor and Grace and manager application for Jillana Sauder be approved and recommendation made to the State." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Clerk Borchert asked Council for consideration of **Resolution 20240802**, a manager application for Catrina Hernandez for the RAJ Motel, DBA Fairfield Inn & Suites. Hernandez stated that she has been the manager at the Fairfield for one year. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That **Resolution 20240802**, Manager application for RAJ Motel, DBA Fairfield Inn & Suites, Catrina Hernandez, be approved and recommendation made to the State." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, requested approval of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Radtke noted that this is an annual requirement, in resolution form, that proves we comply with our 1 & 6 plans, annual reporting, hearings, audits, and expenses. Mayor Sherman asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 20240803**. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That **Resolution 20240803**, the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Scott stated that the Forrest Street project is completed. Radtke stated that the company did a great job. Scott said they are about done with the trails and Memorial Gardens and will begin on the golf course. Scott asked Council to approve his appointment to the Municipal League Board of Directors. Council gave Scott approval to accept. Scott stated that the EMS Advisory meeting went well. Staff has been hired and Scott praised the Hospital staff. Scott said there will be a Safe Streets for All meeting for public input on September 28 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Boss City Brewing.

Borchert stated that the Farmers Market is still going on and encourages everyone to attend on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm until the last Saturday of September.

Radtke stated that the street department is replacing the crosswalk lines with squares which is highly visible to the public.

Sam Lovato, Sidney Police Department, stated that three officers will be attending the Academy.

Brandy Stone, Development Director, said that Lodgepole and Potter will be celebrating their towns this weekend.

Buckner reminded the public to give their input on the North Park. Buckner thanked everyone who sent him well wishes.

Sherman stated he had people reach out to him about the Northside Park. Scott stated that there have been 60-70 inputs on the Northside Park. Stone stated that they would keep on working for the park. Sherman reminded the public that he can always be reached at 249-2321.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK