

## Sidney, Nebraska September 24, 2024 BUDGET HEARING

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 September 24, 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 excuse the absence of Councilman Buckner. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Councilman Buckner be excused." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Sherman announced that a public hearing would now be held at 5:31 p.m., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations relating to the 2024-2025 proposed budget statement for all City departments.

City Manager Scott came before Council on the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget. Scott stated that the last few fiscal year's budget cycles have been challenging and the City has had its obstacles. Most recently we have been hit with the out-of-control inflation with lagging supply chains, increase in legal expenses, building repairs, health insurance increases and several State of Nebraska unfunded mandates. Scott stated that we do have a balanced budget. The City's full value determination from the County Assessor went from \$491,400,799 to \$493,079,623. Council proposes that the City overall levy be reduced from .05446 to .04999. This is also a reduction in the dollar amount requested by \$211,244. Scott stated that spending was kept to a minimum. Sales tax continues to increase, but some charge back's due to the success of grants. Scott stated that the City will be applying for some large grants for projects in the future. Scott shared the highlights of departments and special projects with Council before moving into the budget presentation.

Carwin gave a PowerPoint presentation for the upcoming 2024-2025 budget. Carwin went over the expenses and revenues of the departments, which were recently updated from the previous budget workshop in August. The 2024-2025 budget shows revenues of \$32,791,862 and expenses of \$37,255,595.

There were no further comments, Sherman closed the public hearing at 5:53 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK