

Sidney, Nebraska September 24, 2024

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session immediately following the Budget Hearing, 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 asked for approval of the September 10, 2024 minutes. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the Council minutes from September 10, 2024, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, asked Council to approve Resolution 20240901, property tax different than last year. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That setting the property tax different than last fiscal year be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Carwin asked Council for approval to increase the restricted funds limit by 1%. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That approval be given to increase the restricted funds limit by 1%." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Carwin asked Council for approval to adopt the budget, Ordinance 1865. Sherman asked for a motion to designate Ordinance 1865. Bondegard moved, Strommen seconded, "That Ordinance 1865 be designated." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Sherman asked Clerk Borchert to read the title. Borchert read: "*AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL, TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALL-PURPOSE LEVY FOR ALL OBJECTS OR PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR FILING OF COPIES OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND THE CHEYENNE COUNTY CLERK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.*" Sherman asked for a motion to waive the readings. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the readings be waived." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Sherman asked for a motion to pass the ordinance. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Ordinance 1865 be passed." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Sherman asked Borchert to read by number. Borchert read: "1865." Sherman asked for a motion to publish. Radcliffe moved, Strommen seconded, "That Ordinance 1865 be published." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

Carwin asked Council to approve Resolution 20240902, an annual designation of depositories for 2024-2025. Sherman asked for a motion. Strommen moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the annual designation of depositories for 2024-2025 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Strommen, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed.

City Manager Scott stated that item 5 on the agenda has been withdrawn by the E3 Group.

Dean Sterling, Solid Waste Superintendent, updated Council on his findings of roll-off trucks. Sterling stated that he found a used one with a lot of miles on it and found quite a few new ones. In order for the city to get government pricing, they have to be a SourceWell Member. This forces the City to go out for bids. Sterling was hopeful that he could still have something put together by the end of the year.

Scott reported that he and the Mayor attended the Legislative Session. Scott along with Brandy Stone, Development Director, will meet with the Economic Development Advisory Committee to help expand the Day Care. Scott will be out part of next week with the League of Municipalities.

Borchert reported that the Farmers Market will have their last market this Saturday.

Carwin reported there were 16 viewers.

Sherman stated that he can be contacted at 308-249-2321 at any time. Sherman commended the people at the League of Municipalities. Sherman encouraged residents to do the survey for Safe Streets 4-All. The Elks will have Brisket sandwiches on Wednesday, Bingo on Thursday and the Cajun Boil on Saturday.

Sherman asked for a motion to go into closed session for personnel reviews. Radcliffe moved, Strommen seconded, "That Council moves to closed session for the purpose of personnel reviews." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Closed session began at 6:14 pm.

Sherman asked for a motion to come out of closed session for personnel reviews. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That closed session ends for the purpose of personnel reviews." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Closed session ended at 7:10 pm. Sherman stated that action was taken to give the City Clerk a 5% increase in salary. Action was taken to give the City Manager a 4.29% increase in salary.

Sherman asked for a motion to go into closed session for contract negotiations. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Council moves to closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Closed session began at 7:13 pm. Sherman asked for a motion to come out of closed session for contract negotiations. Strommen moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That closed session ends for the purpose of contract negotiations." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Strommen. Nays: None. Absent: Buckner. Motion passed. Closed session ended at 7:24 pm. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK