

Sidney, Nebraska November 26, 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 November 26, 2024, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Buckner, Radcliffe. 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 Strommen and Bondegard from the meeting. Buckner moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Strommen and Buckner be excused." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen, Bondegard. Motion approved.

Sherman asked for approval of the Council minutes from November 12 and November 15, 2024 meetings. Buckner moved Radcliffe seconded, "That the Council Minutes from November 12 and November 15, 2024 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Buckner. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen, Bondegard. Motion approved.

Fred Wiedeberg, Veterans Service Officer and sponsor for Grady Kendall's Eagle Scout project, came before Council to present Kendall's Retired Flag box project. Kendall gave the background on what an Eagle Scout is and the importance of an Eagle Scout project. Kendall took on the project after he saw a card board box for flag retirement and thought the flags needed better. The project was short \$300 on Kendall's budget and asked if Council would donate to the project. David Scott, City Manager, stated there was a fund set up for projects like this. Kendall stated that he needed to fill out the final paper work to complete his Eagle Scout status. Sherman closed with his appreciation for Veterans and people that have served our county and was proud of Kendall's accomplishment. Sherman approved the \$300 request by Kendall to finish the project.

Heidi Gillespie, Director of Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center (CCECC), gave an annual report for Cheyenne and Deuel County public safety entities for communication and dispatching services, with the exception of the State Patrol. Currently the Communication Center has created 18,920 service calls. Calls were for the Police Department, Sheriff's Department Deuel County, Ambulance, Fire Department and 911. Equipment, software and different platforms are used to provide the best possible service for residents and the community. Rapid SOS and Prepared Live are interfacing programs that allow tracking and send hyperlinks to share photos and live stream. Sherman thanked Gillespie for everything that the CCECC does for the community to keep us safe. Gillespie also stated that the CCECC is currently looking for two dispatchers for hire.

Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent, stated that bids were received for the 13th Avenue Underpass Repair Project. Mark Chrisman Trucking came in with the lowest bid at \$89,765.00 with a proposed starting date of March 15, 2025. Don Dye, MC Schaff & Associates stated that it is expected to take 60 calendar days to complete the project. Both Radtke and Dye stated they recommend waiting until the March date to begin the project to be cost effective due to the winter months causing additional expense for cold weather protection. Sherman asked for a motion. Buckner moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Mark Chrisman Trucking be awarded the project in the amount of \$89,765.00 with the start date of March 15, 2025." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Buckner, Sherman. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen, Bondegard. Motion approved.

Chase Frerichs, Parks Superintendent, stated that the Parks Department is seeking Council approval to move forward with the resurfacing the tennis courts and adding pickle ball courts in Legion Park. Frerichs reported that our tennis court surface is in need of repair, due to flaking, bubbling and removal of surface material. Frerichs said he has received a bid from Renner Sports to resurface one tennis court and install four pickle ball courts for \$43,000. Pickle ball posts and nets would be an additional \$2,000.00. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Buckner seconded, "That the tennis court and pickle ball renovation be approved for \$43,000, the pickle ball posts and nets be approved for \$2000.00 and approval of a safety divider." Roll call: Yeas: Buckner, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen, Bondegard. Motion approved.

Scott recommended that the second Council meeting in December be moved to December 17, due to the Christmas holiday. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Buckner seconded, "That the second Council meeting in December be moved to December 17, 2024." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Buckner. Nays: None. Absent: Strommen, Bondegard. Motion approved.

Scott stated that he attended a NE City Manager Association meeting as well as a meeting for the League of NE. Scott reminded the public that Holiday in Hickory is on December 7. The Employee Recognition Banquet will be held on January 10. Scott also congratulated Todd Sukup, Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, on his recent Hatfield Award by the Water Environment Federation, for outstanding performance and professionalism.

Autumn Ramirez, HR Director, reported that there were 15 viewers.

Sam Lovato, Interim Police Chief stated that the flag pole at the Police Station has been installed. Lovato also reported that the Joint Active Shooter Training was held on Saturday at North Elementary, involving surrounding law

enforcement agencies and first responders.

Amanda Easton, Library Director, reported that the bookmobile was undergoing maintenance. Eastin stated the Friends of the Library will be crafting ornaments. Eastin invited the public to attend the Merry Grinchmas and Holiday Open House on December 18.

Sherman stated that he loved small city doing big city stuff, people working together. Sherman reiterated the Holiday in Hickory event. Sherman also encouraged residents to support the Fire Department with a donation. Sherman congratulated Sukup for his award.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

ATTEST: /s/BRAD SHERMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK