

## Sidney, Nebraska January 14, 2025 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 January 14, 2025, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Vice Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe. Others present: City Manager Scott, City Clerk Borchert, City Attorney Strommen. 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.

Vice Mayor Bondegard informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Bondegard asked for a motion to approve the absence of Mayor Sherman. Kuhns moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the absence of Mayor Sherman be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved.

Bondegard asked for approval of the Council minutes from the December 17, 2024 meeting. Kuhns moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the Council Minutes from December 17, 2024 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Kuhns. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, presented the 2024 December Budget to Council. Bondegard asked for a motion to approve. Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, "That the budget for December 2024 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved.

Bondegard asked for a motion to approve the December 2024 Claims. Kuhns moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the Claims from December 2024 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved.

"That the following claims for December 2024, are hereby approved and should be paid as provided by law out of the respective funds in the city treasury." (Abbreviation for claims: bd bond, ct contract, du dues, eq equipment, ex expenses, fu fuel, in insurance, re reimbursements, sa salaries, se service, su supplies, tt travel/training, tr transfers, tx tax, ut utilities)

21<sup>st</sup> Century eq 1062.97, 1135.43, 51.97; Allo se 392.12, 184.28, 177.38; Amazon Capital se 681.94; American Environmental se 1769.72; Atlas Automation eq 2029.97; Axon eq 6339.12; B&C Steel eq 22.31; Baker & Taylor su 1308.76; Barker Cleaners se 50.00; Black Hills Energy ut 1906.59, 304.89, 196.63, 152.44, 976.85, 152.45; Blue Line Embroidery se 450.00; BOKF ct 8995.63; Bomgaars su 312.57, 54.79; Border States Industries su 2555.33; Caselle ct 2085.00; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 10000.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Center ct 26861.02; City of Sidney ct du eq ex re tr tx 519.62, 250.00, 3000.00, 271.51, 21.38, 60.00, 31940.00, 128275.40, 31125.00, 21265.00, 76.17 sa 105883.88, 114122.14, 14719.65, 14674.39, 22041.90, 18132.16, 32050.54, 31945.62, 11589.50, 11469.42, 12346.43, 12028.83, 19098.92, 5321.39, 4649.28, 7205.21, 2344.11, 3446.25, in 4097.67, 53108.92, 921.37, 10515.77, 775.86, 11742.96, 1160.18, 16245.13, 411.41, 4792.31, 430.45, 7306.55, ut 5055.17, 180.90, 1643.15, 1535.95, 10945.30, 11327.66; Colorado Golf & Turf eq 721.45; Comfort Inn tt 249.90; Contractor Materials su 508.00; Cornhusker Int'l eq 273.15; CPS HR Consulting se 110.00; Cranmore Lawn ct 5000.00; Cranmore Pest se 100.00; Crossroad Tech se 115.00, 123.62, 80.62; Culligan su 19.95, 42.90, 5.00, 359.40; Davis, Madeline tt 59.00; Deaver Tire se 62.68; Demco su 53.94; Dept of Energy ut 17645.42; Design Solutions se 145.00; E&S Auto se 1300.95, 438.17, 484.41, 90.16, 958.87, 57.21, 305.20, 1732.64; Eakes su 262.99, 449.47, 205.28, 16.26, 562.98; Elan Financial su 8811.23, 194.91, 552.64, 2416.13, 682.42, 16.44, 560.00; Enviro Service se 100.00, 100.00; Equip Reserve Transfers tr 200000.00, 70000.00, 150000.00, 25000.00, 25000.00, 50000.00; Everclear Window se 415.00; Finney's su 19.98, 552.03, 6.09, 244.44, 34.57; Five Nines ct 2500.00; Flex Express se 426.00; FR Wear su 1625.24; Frenchman fu 3810.88, 2349.54, 837.20, 32.25, 485.63, 832.61; Fyrtek eq 592.00, 221.00; Golf & Sport Solutions eq 1963.82; GPM Environmental se 8923.30; Hamilton se 160.10, 99.90, 49.95; Happy Days Yard Cards se 20.00; Hometown Leasing se 274.81, 138.69; Ideal se 165.12; KORF Motors eq 1123.04; Landie & Gyr ct 476.90; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Leef Law se 10000.00; Logan Contractors su 1724.62, 124.32; M&L Creation se 35.00; MacQueen Equipment eq 215024.23, 2609.81; Maverik fu 4325.87, 1877.81; McMillen, Michelle re 50.00; Midwest labs se 665.50; MEAN ut 406946.98; Municipal supply su 1895.39; Munimetrix se 39.99; NE Dept of Revenue tx 49288.10; NE Golf Asso du 3998.90; NE Safety/Fire eq 100.00; NT&T se 1508.71, 142.54, 240.11, 404.91, 150.53, 118.58, 221.94; NE Library Asso du 230.00; Nexgen Outfitters se 681.46; Northwest Pipe eq 3251.71; One Call se 26.57, 26.57; Oneida Balandran se 425.00; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Palmer, Mike ct 2063.59; Panhandle Auto eq 553.33, 45651.00; Path Point se 50.73, 27.67, 36.19, 91.67; Peetz Coop fu 8273.80; Plummer Insurance in 71202.75, 22865.75, 44058.59, 31742.75, 24884.50, 34159.25; Prairie States se 35.00; Quadient Leasing ct 750.00; Reams su 7244.13; Rood's se su 79.40, 50.00, 18.00; Royal Flush se 630.00; Sauder Auto se su 1356.17; AD Myers su 10004.00; Segelke Janitorial ct 975.00; Sidney Glass se 819.38; Sidney Heavy Truck se 782.86; Sidney Public Schools re 362.50; SRMS ct 366.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 262.02, 79.59; Simon Material su 650.92, 1027.71; Simplot re 4798.91; Smart Sights se 1450.00; Sonny's su 54.44, 55.33; South Platte NRD se 62.50; Splish Splash se 22.00, 14.18; Spring Creek Cleaning ct 424.36; Stone, Brandy tt 386.06; SWANA du 255.00; Systemview se 670.00; T&L Cleaning ct 275.00; Triple O's su 15.93, 1998, 83.67; US Postal se 352.00; USA Bluebook su 324.39; Verizon se 40.21, 507.65, 85.88, 42.94, 219.00, 42.94, 85.88; Vermeer High Plains eq 150.41; Vrbks, Shawn re 229.00; Wesco eq 7030.50, 9384.75; Wheatbelt ut 11138.42; Whitebluffs ct 1020.00; Woods & Aitken ct 700.00; WPCI ct 150.00; Baker & Taylor su 1150.56; Elan Visa su 118.01; Frenchman Valley fu 54.05; NT&T se 224.38; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 55.68; Verizon se 40.19; City of Sidney ut 1063.02; Oneida Balandran ct 425.00; Amazon su 420.26; Eakes su 407.73; Sonny's su 38.11; Demco su 55.24; Showcases su 854.50.

Bondegard stated, that on behalf of Mayor Sherman, recommendation was made to have Brett Kerkman fill the vacant seat for City Council. Bondegard asked for a motion to approve. Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Brett Kerkman be

approved to fill the vacant seat for City Council.” Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Kuhns. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved. Attorney Strommen installed Brett Kerkman for City Council and he moved into the vacant seat. Kerkman gave a brief synopsis of himself, his family and living in Sidney.

Melissa Hass, Environmental Health Coordinator, asked Vice Mayor Bondegard to proclaim January as National Radon Action Month. Bondegard read and signed the proclamation declaring January to be National Radon Month. Radon kits are available free of cost to the public.

Brandy Stone, Development Director, asked Council to determine which project they choose to use the Civic & Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) for, either the Hickory Square Project or the Northside Park Project. Scott gave an overview of both projects. Stone stated that there is a 100% percent match dollar for dollar. Bondegard asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, “That a letter of intent be sent to the CCCFF for the Northside Project.” Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved.

Stone stated that this is a grant coming from the Bureau of Land Management offers the Recreation and Visitor Services areas which would also be used for the Northside Park Project. Kuhns moved, Radcliffe seconded, “That approval be given to apply for the grant from the Bureau of Land Management for the Northside Park Project.” Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman. Motion approved.

City Manager Scott presented Council with a three-hour training session by NASBC Leadership for new and current Councils. Council decided to move forward with the training to be held on February 12, 2025, time to be determined.

Scott stated that the Fire Department Banquet will be on February 1. The old police department will be posted for auction later this month. Scott thanked Bondegard and Kuhns for attending the City Awards Banquet. Scott introduced the new city attorney, Kendra Strommen.

Sam Lovato, Interim Chief, stated that there will be an upcoming Law Enforcement Training in Sidney. The PD has a new officer start and there will be upcoming testing for new officers.

Stone stated that her office has received a lot of calls since the publication of the upcoming auction of the Cabela’s/Bass Pro buildings. Stone says she will be giving an update on projects to Council in the near future.

Carwin stated that there were 42 YouTube views and 22 currently viewing.

Kuhns welcomed Kerkman to Council.

Bondegard welcomed Kerkman. Bondegard stated that Governor Pillen was going to be in Sidney.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/BRANDON BONDEGARD, VICE-MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK