

**Sidney, Nebraska February 25, 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 February 25, 2025, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Vice-Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kuhns, Radcliffe. Others present: City Clerk Borchert, City Attorney Strommen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in The Sidney-Sun Telegraph, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication 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 public's attendance.

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

Bondegard asked for a motion to excuse Mayor Sherman and Councilman Kerkman. Kuhns moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Mayor Sherman and Councilman Kerkman be excused from the meeting." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None Absent: Sherman, Kerkman. Motion approved.

Bondegard asked for a motion to approve the Council minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting. Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, "That the Council Minutes from February 11, 2025 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kuhns. Nays: None. Absent: Sherman, Kerkman. Motion approved.

Trevor Schuessler, Rauner & Associates, presented a PowerPoint on the audited financials of the City of Sidney for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Also present were Julie Peetz and Jeff Jung from Rauner & Associates. Schuessler said that the first component is issuing an opinion and the financial statement. The audit did go smoothly. The number of adjustments was down from the prior year. The second component is related to internal controls. There were no deficiencies or compliance issues to report on. Schuessler stated that he would like to see the city do a year end post process of journal entries performed. Schuessler reported that the city's self-insurance decreased by \$300,000, but it didn't seem concerning, however, it should be monitored. Schuessler stated that upon approval, the audit needs to be submitted to the State Auditor's office by the deadline of March 31, 2025. Bondegard asked for a motion to approve the audit. Kuhns moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the 2023-2024 audit by Rauner & Associates, be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Kuhns, Radcliffe. Nays: None Absent: Sherman, Kerkman. Motion approved.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, thanked the auditors. Carwin reported 18 views for the council meeting. There were no further reports.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/BRANDON BONDEGARD, VICE-MAYOR

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK