

Sidney, Nebraska May 13, 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 May 13, 2025, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Sherman and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Others present: City Manager Scott, 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.

Mayor Sherman informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Krista Bruns informed Council of an opportunity presented by Banister to families to have free after school day care, with no restrictions by income. Banister also has opportunities for local job creation, which they have currently hired their lead director, Carrie Cristino. Banister is currently looking for a building that would be free with a two-year commitment. There are currently two large donors that are interested in helping the Panhandle. It would be on a first come first serve basis for 35 to 50 children to start. Bruns stated that if you live outside the area, you can still apply.

Becky Probst thanked Council for the new Solar Project.

Sherman asked for a motion to approve the Council minutes. Kerkman moved, Bondegard seconded, "That the Council Minutes from the April 22, 2025 meeting be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Nays: None. Motion approved.

Chief Sam Lovato, stated that this would be the second reading for the Ordinance. Lovato asked Council for consideration of Ordinance 1870, revising the hours for all the parks, the Legion Park and the Legion Park Pond. The current hours are closing from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am. Lovato stated that the revision would close the parks from dusk until dawn but wouldn't stop events. If the lights are on and you can still see, game on. Lovato said that this was the best solution the Police Department could come up with. Lovato stated that he believes this change would improve safety in areas that are difficult to patrol and reduce costs associated with property destruction. Kuhns asked is this was sunrise to sunset or when the street lights come on, you go home. Lovato stated that as long as you can see, you can still be in the park. Sherman asked about the trails. Lovato said that is people are using it for early morning runs, they will not balk at that. Mike Motz, Sidney Sun Telegraph, asked if there are going to be fines implemented. Lovato replied that they will ask the person to leave, if there are problems the Police will go down that trespassing route. Sherman asked for a motion to designate. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Ordinance 1870 be designated." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman. Nays: None.

Motion approved. Sherman asked Borchert to read the title. Borchert read: "*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES; TITLE SIX - OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES; CHAPTER 1062.02 - CLOSING HOURS; CHAPTER 1062.03 - PARK REGULATIONS; OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES OR PART OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.*" Sherman asked for a motion to waive the readings. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the third reading be waived." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved. Sherman asked for a motion to pass the Ordinance. Kerkman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Ordinance 1870 be passed." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion approved. Sherman asked Borchert to read by number. Borchert read, "1870." Sherman asked for a motion to publish. Kerkman moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Ordinance 1870 be published." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kasey Kantor, Transportation Director, stated that Council previously approved the purchase of a new bus at the last meeting. Kantor reiterated that the current bus was in need of significant repairs and requested approval to start the purchase process of a new bus. Kantor asked for approval of Resolution 20250501, accepting federal 80% federal funds, 10% state funds with a local match of 10% to purchase one vehicle for the Sidney Public Transportation operations. Sherman asked for a motion. Kerkman moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Resolution 20250501 be approved to purchase a new transportation bus costing \$125,000, using the federal, state and local match." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Temple D. Juelfs requested Council approval to be the new manager at CF Altitude, LLC, 440 East Illinois Street. Juelfs stated that she was replacing the previous manager, Carolyn Mc Elhaney. Resolution 20250502 approvals Juelfs to be the new manager and recommendation be made to the NE Liquor Control Commission. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Resolution 20250502, approves Temple D. Juelfs to be the manager at CF Altitude and recommendation be made to the NE Liquor Control Commission." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Donovan Borgmann, Sidney resident, asked Council for permission to paint a mural on the Legion Park Pump House recognizing Suicide Prevention. Borgmann stated that many people are affected by suicide. Borgmann has raised \$2,000 of the \$6,500 needed. Jonathan Judge from Sterling, Colorado, will be painting the mural. Borgmann is partnered with "Be Here" for this fundraising project. Kuhns stated he has a problem with the building as it is a municipal well, regulated by the state. It has to be inspected every three years with regulations being on the outside. Kuhns suggested a canvas to be attached to the building. Kuhns also suggested the wall of the old swimming pool, which is not regulated. Sherman asked Borgmann if this location would work. Borgmann stated he thought it was a good idea. Sherman stated that Borgmann did an awesome job presenting. Chase Frerichs, Park Superintendent, had no issues using this location. Borgmann stated he was inspired by his mother with the Suicide Prevention Walk and that it just stuck with him. Sherman gave out his number 308-249-2321 if anyone

would like to donate to help this cause. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Kerkman seconded, "That approval is given to Donovan Borgmann to have a mural, for Suicide Prevention, on the old pool building in the Legion Park." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Chase Frerichs, Park/Cemetery Superintendent, stated that Greenwood Cemetery is in the process of reclaiming lots in Block A of the cemetery. State Statute 3-906 allows municipal cemeteries to reclaim unused lots after a three-year period. The lots in question have been vacant since the 1920's. The City has published Notice of Abandonment of cemetery lots in the Sidney Sun Telegraph for four consecutive weeks beginning March 13. The notice was posted on the City website as well as the City Facebook page. If no person appears, the City will change the records to reflect the City of Sidney as the current owners. As of March 7, 2026 the City will consider the lots as available for sale by the City at current prices. Kim Phillips, City Bookkeeper and Chad Radtke, Cemetery Sexton, were also present. Phillips stated that there were two contacts made since the postings.

City Manager Scott stated that the City of Sidney was awarded \$435,000 in CDBG funds for Downtown Revitalization in 2023. This award ends in May of 2026. Spring Creek Cleaning submitted their application for the replacement of garage doors in 2025 and were approved to move forward with their project by the Historic Preservation Board. Spring Creek is still completing work, so there will be another drawdown request as the work gets completed. Scott reported that with the 75% reimbursement that the Downtown Revitalization covers, the payment to Spring Creek Cleaning will be \$12,906.45. This Grant requires Council approval for every drawdown submitted. Scott recommends approving payment to Spring Creek Cleaning in the amount of \$12,906.45. Megan DeNardo, owner of Spring Creek Cleaning, was present. Sherman asked for a motion. Radcliffe moved, Kerkman seconded, "That payment of \$12,906.45 be made to Spring Creek Cleaning." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Scott reported that the Northside Park Design was identified as a priority of the City Council during meetings and the strategic planning sessions. The Nebraska Game and Parks Grant, the grant through the Bureau of Land Management and the CCCFF Grant were all grants that the City applied for. The City was awarded both the Game and Parks Grant and the CCCFF Grant in addition to a donation of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor, totaling \$1,262,000. The City also has Parks Department sales tax money to put towards this project. Brickyard has completed 30% of the design of the Northside Park. The City needs a 100% design to move forward and get it out to bid for construction. The total cost of the 100% design is \$135,000. Sherman asked for a motion. Bondegard moved, Kuhns seconded, "That the expense is approved and the City is allowed to proceed with planning out the rest of the Northside Park Project." Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kegan Carwin presented Council with the Budget Reports for April 2025. Carwin stated that property tax was up and sales & occupation tax was down from last year. Fees for service was up, golf course was the big win. State, federal and county revenues were up from last year, while franchise and administration fees were down. Radcliffe asked about insurance reimbursement for the damage done on the underpass. Attorney Strommen said she would check on it and get back to Council. Kerman asked if there were any issues with revenues verses expenditures. Carwin stated that health insurance was an issue last year and could affect the City this year as the insurance reserves are being ate away. Carwin continued that as we go into budget preparations with our health insurance, it will affect City funds and what employees are putting in. That is one of the biggest challenges that Carwin sees. Sherman asked for a motion. Kerkman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the budget reports for April 2025 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Sherman asked for a motion to approve the April 2025 claims. Bondegard moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the claims for April 2025 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

"That the following claims for April 2025, 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)

21st Century eq 115.17, Accelerated Receivables se 415.19, Acushnet Company su 5685.19, Allo se 406.13, 102.38, 184.38, ALSCO su 245.34, Amazon Capital su 1663.00, Anderson Ford eq 53537.00, Aqua Aerobic System su 1936.12, Arnold Pool Company su 1030.68, Arrowhead su 336.80, Baker & Taylor su 1043.18, Balandran, Oneida ct 425.00, Barker Cleaners se 33.00, Bendzel, Matt tt 19.00, Black Hills ut 993.63, 2155.22, 168.26, 342.49, 8.88, 115.71, 84.13, 2190.85, 1657.56, Board of Police Commissioners du 1488.00, BOKF bd 8995.62, Bomgaars su 983.33, 321.91, 15.48, 65.50, 118.14, Brenntag Great Lakes eq 5268.08, Bug Off Pest Control se 403.13, Butts, Michael tt 300.00, Capital One su 119.00, Carolina Software se 200.00, Caselle se 2085.00, Cash-Wa su 1612.26, Cheyenne Co Chamber ct 1700.00, 6250.00, 850.00, 850.00, Cheyenne Co Clerk se 900.47, Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 10000.00, Cheyenne Co Emergency Center ct 26133.28, Cheyenne Co Treasurer se 3674.93, City of Sidney eq bd ex ff sa in ut 20.00, 35000.00, 750.00, 3000.00, 179.16, 175.16, 101521.03, 1270.13, 109714.08, 14641.42, 14636.62, 21368.01, 20797.50, 26277.30, 16861.77, 11197.81, 11462.66, 12026.44, 12181.30, 3778.45, 48847.40, 964.05, 10558.45, 879.70, 14450.80, 1021.73, 12536.88, 415.25, 4796.15, 430.45, 7306.55, 2686.12, 2282.50, 938.18, 19.00, 235.15, 1035.26, 74.63, 1381.36, 7930.28, 2157.93, 10223.94, 161.14, CNN Electrical se 112.50, Coffman, Angel tt 300.00, Contractors Materials su 1099.00, 33.00, Country Printer su 170.00, Cranmore Fire Protection se 72.00, Cranmore Pest Control se 100.00, Cross Canyon Engineering ct 19286.10, Crossroad Tech Services se 1880.00, 320.00, 240.00, 387.00, 116.10, 320.00, Culligan se 39.45, 19.95, 5.00, Cummins eq 1132.43, Darin's Auto se 1132.43, Day & Night se 1237.97, 699.15, 408.60, 410.00, Department of Energy ut 18611.56, Dreamland Estates, ct 1600.00, E & S Auto su 299.21, 5.49, 672.04, 3213.04, 4384.00, 138.63, 21.39, 216.32, Eakes su 968.66, 1281.77, Elan Financial su 11799.62, 617.84, 1411.16, 628.09, 4314.83, 1770.73, 144.49, Elmshaeuser, Jessie tt 300.00, Enviro Services se 120.00, 120.00, Finneys su 251.87, 1149.04, 4.59, 12.35, 1255.27, 108.68, Five Nines ct 2900.00, Flyover su 190.00, 220.00, Fraser Stryker se 705.00, Frenchman Valley fu 2579.52, 97.01, 2290.25, 1094.50, 614.94, 1597.10, Frontier Door se 3100.00, Golf & Sport Solutions su 1999.28, Hach Co su 143.03, 92.49, Hamilton se 137.40, 99.90, 49.95, High Plains su 292.75, 160.10, 26.35, 56.85, 239.80, 686.25, Holloway, Larry se 2775.00, Hometown Leasing ct 549.62, 138.69, Ideal su 184.53, 107.67, 35.89, 319.66, Int'l Institute of Municipal Clerks du 195.00, JA Traffic Products su 2840.00, Kansas Municipal Utilities ut 800.00, 300.00, Landis+Gyr se 1195.00, Law Enforcement Systems su 213.00, Leal, Ron se 450.00,

Leef Law se 15000.00, Logan Contractors su 25308.43, Lubrication Engineers su535.56, MacQueen eq 3350.0, 2119.13, Mark Crisman Trucking se 17883.75, Mattoon, Martens & Strommen ct 5000.00, Maverik fu 4642.97, 1305.36, MC Shaff se 139323.39, 3743.45, MEAN ut 418491.48, Municipal Supply su 250.93, 1933.00, Munimetrix Systems se 79.98, NAPA su 34.19, Nationwide in 505.00, NDEE se 5039.60, NE Department of Revenue ex 51601.62, NE Library Commission se 385.80, NE Public Health se 241.00, NT&T se 1686.67, 243.91, 156.59, 436.52, 164.25, 130.67, Nexgen su 1321.04, NMC su 4570.25, 121.56, Norgard, Melissa ct 605.88, Northwest Pipe Fittings su 512.65, 1091.87, NSG Logistics su 3832.76, Nutrien Ag Solutions se 2655.00, ODB su 1773.68, One Call se 37.17, 37.17, OPTIK se 36.00, Path Point se 56.08, 133.51, 47.89, 97.98, Pepsi su 363.84, Plummer Insurance in 1112.17, 41.50, 513.51, Power Tech eq 170000.00 , Prairie States se 470.00, Quadient se 6000.00, 10000.00, 6000.00, 6000.00, 750.00, Radar Shop su 448.00, Rapid Fire se 280.00, Roderick, Charles tt 300.00, Rood's se 1108.98, 883.80, 17.00, 20.95, Royal Flush se 770.00, Sandberg eq 571.23, Scott, David tt 325.10, Segelke Janitorial ct 975.00, Sidney Glass, se 109.10, Sidney Heavy Truck & Auto se 937.51, Sidney Public Schools tx 3750.00, SRMC se 540.00, Sidney Sun Telegraph se 617.55, 7.64, 23.17, 912.00, Simon Materials su 830.98, Sonny's su 94.14, South Platte Natural Resources se 3006.14, 137.44, Southwestern Equipment eq 524.33, Splish Splash se 109.29, Spring Creek ct 460.18, SymbolArts su 1856.50, T&L Cleaning ct 275.00, Toro NSN su 220.00, Triple O's su 503.09, 40.91, 43.62, 103.88, Tuma, Kirsten tt 300.00, Tuma, Stephen tt 300.00, US Bank su 3500.00, USA Bluebook, se 152.42, Verizon se 1776.35, 40.55, 85.88, 42.94, 218.92, 120.61, 42.94, 85.88, Vermeer su 672.94, Viaero se 49.51, Wells, Korey ct 4166.66, Wesco eq 94252.71, 15406.74, Wheatbelt ut 9880.35, White Bluffs se 2940.25, Wolever, John tt 300.00, Woods & Aitken se 3559.80, WPCI se 505.00.

City Manager Scott stated that Safe Streets Action Plan will be at the Elks from 5pm to 7pm on May 14. This will be the last time for public input. Scott said he attended a conference in Lincoln last week, which he made some good contacts. There will be a Strategic Planning Session, Thursday, May 15 at noon.

Marshall Hall, Chief Building Official, stated that O'Reilly is on target for their opening date. The Ranch subdivision is digging holes and forming up, getting ready to pour. Progress is being made in the John Borm area.

Josh Hanson, Assistant City Manager, said he is visiting all the departments and learning all the ins and outs.

Chief Sam Lovato said they have been busy at the Police Department receiving over 500 calls since the last Council meeting. The SPD has been working with the school system using their facility for training.

Kegan Carwin, Finance, said there were 23 views.

Chase Frerichs, Parks, thanked everyone that came out to the Tree City USA. The pool opens on May 24.

Chad Radtke, Cemetery, said they are getting ready for Memorial Day.

Kasey Kantor, Transportation, gave a shout out to his crew.

Brett Kerkman stated he is looking forward to the Strategic Planning Session.

Lori Borchert, City Clerk, stated that there will be a Farmers Market meeting on May 19, 2:30 pm at City Hall.

Kendra Strommen, Attorney, reported that she will be attending a seminar for City Attorneys on May 29.

Rob Kuhns said Safe Streets for all will be at the Elks on Wednesday. Food will be available.

Brad Sherman thanked everyone for coming and participating in the meeting. You can contact him at 308-249-2321.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

ATTEST: /s/Brad Sherman, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Lori Borchert, City Clerk