

Sidney, Nebraska June 10, 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 June 10, 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.

Vickie Loghry, Member of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB), stated that the HPB needs a line item in the budget, a dedicated staff member and dedicated money for Historic Preservation that are not intertwined with Economic Development. The current funding comes from LB840. Loghry stated that there are no easily accessed files and that history is being destroyed and lost and cannot be recreated. Loghry concluded that it needs constant support and maintenance. It needs accountability.

Sherman asked for a motion to approve the Council minutes. Bondegard moved, Kerkman seconded, "That the Council minutes from May 27, 2025 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Nays: None. Motion approved.

Chief Sam Lovato stated that the existing two-hour parking was implemented with the intention of facilitating customer turnover and ensuring accessibility for businesses and residents in these areas. Lovato said that practical application has presented significant challenges for the Sidney Police Department concerning enforcement. Chalking the tires is a violation of the 4th amendment. Consistent enforcement would demand a substantial commitment of officer time and manpower. The primary benefit of two-hour parking was to support local businesses. Core issues of proving non-movement without physical marking would require consistent monitoring. There is also an increase in residential units above storefronts, which further complicates the effectiveness of fixed-time parking enforcement. Lovato stated he has had discussions with various storefront business owners. City Manager Scott and Lovato came up with four options. 1. Installing parking meters, which would be costly. 2. Enforcement during certain hours, 3. Removal of the two-hour parking limit 4. Maintain status quo. Scott stated that he would come back with a formal proposal at the July 8 Council meeting, once the options were discussed by Council. Sherman asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to speak on this topic. Andrew Holbrook, Andrew's Trains, stated that he and his wife were business owners as well as residents of their building. Holbrook stated that he parks in front of his store to keep an eye on his car and for groceries. Holbrook stated that 24-7, two-hour parking seems unnecessary. Sherman asked what Holbrook would like to see as a solution. Holbrook stated to limit the two-hour parking to weekdays, during business hours or an exemption to property owners that have a residence. Matt Highby and Faith Frye, Highby Outdoors, stated that parking is a challenge and some days there is no parking. Their solution was to limit the two-hour parking to weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and open some spots for residential parking. Vicky Loghry suggested that the tracking resource be used to see what the traffic is like in the areas mentioned. Discussion was held by Council. Kerkman made a motion for option two, enforcement during certain hours. Bondegard seconded, "That a draft for enforcement of the two-hour parking during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and to bring back to Council for possible approval on July 8, 2025." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, presented the May 2025 Budget to Council. Sherman asked for a motion to approve. Kerkman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That the budget for May 2024 be approved." Roll call: Yeas: Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved.

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

That the following claims for May 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, in insurance, re reimbursements, sa salaries, se service, su supplies, tr transfer, tt travel/training, tx tax, ut utilities, ff franchise fees, fu fuel)

21st Century eq 112.98, 582.00; Absolute Solutions se 400.00; Accelerated Receivables se 131.70; Acushnet Co eq 4144.96; Adams Auto se su 997.38; Air Quality se 913.20; Allo se 585.14, 102.38, 184.38; Almost Free Towing se 250.00; ALSCO eq 507.87, 158.71; Altec eq 516.00; Amazon Capital se su 1216.08; American Environmental se 315.00; Arrowhead su 792.90; Baker & Taylor su 818.36; Balandran, Oneida se 425.00; Barker Cleaners se 33.00; Bavco eq 610.30; Bendzel, Matt tt 19.00; Bert Gurney Asso se 42993.00; Bizco Technologies su 415.69; Black Hills Energy tu 269.17, 389.81, 469.66, 66.72, 239.77, 48.79, 115.74, 33.00, 1221.67; Black Rock Material & Supply su 128.96; BOKF, NA ct 8995.63; Bomgaars su 84.75, 1617.90, 237.71, 70.10, 252.65, 287.57, 124.94; Border States eq 6697.25; Capital One su 398.42; Carroll, Dennis re 20.00; Caselle ct 2085.00; Cashwa su 978.80; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 10,000.00; Cheyenne Co Court se 17.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Center ct 25466.24; City of Sidney se ex su tr bd tx 13.87, 750.00, 7862.53, 4.50, 11.43, 5457.94 sa 107682.15, 110528.54, 14641.98, 14667.10, 19952.49, 20987.98, 29844.14, 30542.71, 11356.95, 10664.59, 12382.02, 12274.40 in 3704.61, 47857.86, 964.05, 10558.45, 879.70, 12725.84, 1021.73, 12536.98, 415.25, 4733.85, 430.45, 7306.55 ut 4265.28, 2433.92, 492.46, 19.00, 207.49, 2384.63, 73.71, 863.31, 8996.67, 1638.57, 11284.91, 147.22; Companion su 1768.00; Contractors Materials su 99.00, 224.50; Cranmore Pest se 100.00, 100.00; Croell su 1258.00, 1510.39, 605.24; Cross Canyon Engineering se 2183.95; Crossroad Tech se su 1200.00, 320.00, 320.00, 240.00, 387.00, 320.00; Culligan su 21.45, 19.95, 12.50; Cummins eq 5903.64; Day & Night Plumbing se 310.62; Deaver tire se su 1907.50; Demco su 186.14; Department of Energy ut 22431.71; Design solutions se 9174.72; Diebold Nixdorf se 498.05; Dietrich su 59.00, 231.25; Dreamland Estates se 1600.00; E&S Auto su 1483.54, 428.83, 2095.98, 79.94, 334.16, 393.18; Eakes su 212.54, 15.25, 97.73, 112.74; Elan Financial su 11126.50, 45.00, 846.40, 328.98, 1479.12, 580.36, 535.65, 121.07; Elevation Tumbling su 142.31; Elliott Equipment eq 449.24; Enviro Service se 120.00, 120.00, 37.00; Finney's su 2146.48, 55.98, 499.99, 1131.15, 619.99, 433.07; Five Nines Technology se 2700.00; Food Communications se 800.00; Floyd's Truck Center su 34.63, 354.27; FR Wear su 1506.63; Frenchman Valley fu 1704.07, 5974.57, 206.01, 939.13, 30.00, 763.05, 1099.84, 208.14; Fyrtek eq 2575.00; GLEC su 222.16; Golden West eq 1134.17; Grainger eq 194.86; Great Plains Uniforms su 2095.00; Hach su 301.25; Hamilton se 139.37, 99.90, 49.95; Haupt Landscaping se 373.00; Hawkins Inc eq 4087.77; Heiman Fire Equipment eq 88.00; High Plains su 507.50, 103.25, 46.70, 575.90; Hometown Leasing ct 274.81; Hydrovac su 272.20; Ideal Linen su 307.55, 123.02, 143.56, 71.78, 166.52; Interstate Batteries su 1963.20; J&M Displays su 12000.00; JK Energy Consulting se 1500.00; Johnson, Kris se 322.19; LL Johnson su 7233.35; Landis&Gyr ct 1195.00; League of NE du 395.00, 395.00, 225.00; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Leef Law ct 5000.00; MacQueen eq 3140.37; Mark Chrisman Trucking se 31953.03, 70868.75; Marshall, Tyler re 36.13; Mattoon, Martens & Strommen ct 5000.00; Maverik fu 3554.01, 2542.16; MC Schaff se 7187.75; Midwest Lab se 41.75; MEAN ut 415706.77; Munimetrix se 39.99; NE Dept of Revenue tx 57235.83; NE Law Enforcement Training Center se 24.90; NE Municipal Clerks du 150.00; NE Public Health Environmental se 157.00; NT&T se 1689.39, 246.72, 157.19, 437.83, 296.17; Nexgen su 30.00; NMX eq 282.82, 125.50; Northwest Pipe eq 2071.85, 329.28; Nutrien Ag solutions se 5438.00; One Call se 47.21, 47.20; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Path Point se 73.40, 37.04, 50.19, 541.11; Peetz Coop fu 5338.48; Pepsi su 187.10; Plummer Insurance in 480.51; Powertech se 150000.00; QA Balance Services se 115.00; Quinn, Jeff se 350.00; R&R Products su 189.90; Rapid Fire su 345.00, 131.00; Reams su 2274.14, 531.35; Rood's Tire se su 285.38, 662.09, 17.00; Royal Flush se 770.00; Sauder Auto se su 1927.73, 266.77; Segelke Janitorial ct 975.00; Sherwin Williams su 3357.35; Showcases su 237.60; Sidney Aquatic Center re 600.00; Sidney Glass su 53.56, 600.00, 765.27; Sidney Heavy Truck se su 671.70; Sidney Regional EMS ct 37500.00; Sidney Regional Medical Center se 780.00, 878.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 1064.73, 7.64; Simon Material se 5426.20; Ssonny's su 169.43, 25.47; Splish Splash se 5.22; Spring Creek ct 460.18; Stotz Equipment eq 2107.70; Swim Harmony se 3091.00; Swire Coca Cola su 531.90; T&L Cleaning ct 475.00; Toro eq 220.00; Triple O's su 250.24, 15.05; Tyler Nebraska re 315.00; United Tactical se 549.00; US postal se 352.00; USA Bluebook se 581.81; Verizon se 1776.07, 1158.37, 40.57, 85.88, 42.94, 218.90, 200.58, 42.94, 85.88; Vermeer eq 1018.69, 4119.76; Vessco eq 925.99, 660.45; Viaero se 49.57; Wells, Corey ct 4166.66; Wesco eq 6514.40, 1381.27; Wheatbelt ut 10774.35; Whitebluffs ct 920.00; WPCI se 835.00; Wyoming First Aid su 222.25.

Scott thanked the businesses that extended their hours for the Wood Bat Tournament. Scott reminded the public of upcoming events, Gold Rush Days, June 6-8 and Downtown Sounds, June 20. Scott also thanked those that organized (Keep Sidney Beautiful) and participated in the Great Trash Race.

Clerk Borchert reminded the public that the Farmer's Market begins on June 28. Borchert thanked Sherman for his time on Council and gave condolences to the Sidney Sun Telegraph on the passing of reporter, Mike Motz.

Autumn Rameriz stated there will be a pie contest at the Gold Rush Days, proceeds going to the Oktoberfest. Leadership Cheyenne County is doing a fundraiser for teachers, "Stuff the Bus".

Chief Lovato thanked the Cheyenne County Cert Team for helping with the Cruising Night.

Carwin stated there were 34 total viewers

Marshall Hall stated that construction on O'Reilly's is moving along.

Josh Hanson stated that as of June 3, the Solar project was fully operational.

Bondegard gave condolences to the family of Mike Motz and thanked Sherman for his service.

Radcliffe reiterated Bondegard's sentiments.

Kerkman stated that he would stay in touch with Sherman.

Kuhns reminded the public that there would be a flag ceremony at the Gold Rush Days and thanked Sherman. Sherman read his resignation effective June 10, to the public and thanked everyone for their support.

Sherman asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of 1. Contract Negotiations and 2. Personnel. Radcliffe moved, Bondegard seconded, "That Council goes into closed session." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Sherman, Radcliffe, Bondegard, Nays: None. Motion approved. Sherman asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Kerkman moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Council comes out of closed session." Closed session ended at 7:19 pm. No action was taken on contract negotiations or personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

ATTEST: /s/Brandon Bondegard, Vice Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Lori Borchert, City Clerk