

Sidney, Nebraska September 12, 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 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2025 in the Council Room. Present in person: Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe. Others present: City Clerk Borchert, Attorney Strommen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance there of 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 Bondegard informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Bondegard asked for a motion to excuse Councilman Lee's absence. Kerkman moved, Radcliffe seconded, "That Lee's absence be excused." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Motion approved.

There were no comments by the public.

City Manager David Scott thanked City Council for allowing him to reflect on his past 8 ½ years. Scott came at a time when Bass Pro just bought Cabela's as the City's Finance Director. Scott stated that within his first two years with the City, Sidney lost 25 percent of its total assessed value. Scott reported that the City streamlined processes and thought outside the box economically. The City was among the first in the State to embrace innovative ideas like E3, Creative District and the Safe Streets for All program. Scott thanked the dedicated City staff. With a heavy heart, Scott asked Council to accept his resignation. Bondegard asked for a motion to accept the resignation of David Scott our current City Manager. Kerkman moved, "That the resignation of David Scott, current City Manager, be accepted." Kuhns seconded." Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Kerkman. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Motion approved.

Bondegard stated that Council will consider the appointment of an Interim City Manager. Bondegard asked for a motion to accept Joshua Hanson as the interim City Manager with a 90 day review period." Kerkman moved, "That Joshua Hanson be accepted as the Interim City Manager with a 90 day review period. Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Motion approved.

Bondegard stated that the City has a contract in his possession for the Interim City Manager, and asked if there was any discussion on it. Bondegard asked for a motion to enter into this Interim City Manager contract taking into consideration a 90-day review period. Kerman moved, "That the City enters into this Interim City Manager contract taking into consideration a 90-day review period." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Motion approved.

Bondegard stated that Council had a request to add the City Attorney's name to the Credit Card accounts after David Scott's name is removed. Bondegard asked for a motion to direct the City Attorney to work with the City Clerk to remove David Scott's name from the credit card accounts and replace with the City Attorney's name until a new City Manger is hired. Kerkman moved, "That the City Attorney is directed to work with the City Clerk to remove David Scott's name from the credit card accounts and replace with the City Attorney's name until a new City Manager is hired." Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

ATTEST: /s/ Brandon Bondegard, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Lori Borchert/City Clerk