

## Sidney, Nebraska September 23, 2025 BUDGET HEARING

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 September 23, 2025, in the Council Room. Present in person: Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe, Lee. Others present: Interim City Manager Hanson, City Clerk Borchert, 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.

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

There were no public comments.

Bondegard asked for a motion to enter a public hearing for the purpose of the 2025-2026 budget summary for all city funds including tax levy and unused budget. Kerkman motioned, "That Council enters into a Public Hearing." Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion passed. Public hearing began at 5:31 pm.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, gave a Power Point presentation to Council. Carwin stated that this budget 2025-2026 forecasts expenditures that exceed the forecasted revenues. General is expected to spend almost \$14,000,000.00. Big projects include Northside Park and Safe Streets 4 All program. Non-general expenses are expected at \$24,254,366.00. Projects that are expected - repaving downtown streets and industrial park; electric projects include continuing underground conversion; water will have a couple equipment upgrades to include a chlorinator; and sewer plant upgrade. Expected revenues for the general fund are \$13,578,624.00, taking a hit due to state sales tax charge backs. Those chargebacks will come back to about \$400,000.00 as refunds from the state that they will take from our local option sales tax. Non-general funds being set at \$17,791,486.00. Total revenues come in at \$33,418,643.00. Carwin also touched on the revenues over expenses and budgeted projects for the 2025-2026 budget. The general fund mill levy saw a decrease 0.475645 from 2025-2026 compared to 0.499925 from 2024-2025. There was an increase in the property tax at 2.44%. Included in Carwin's presentation was the state budget report.

Bondegard asked for a motion to exit the public hearing. Kerkman motioned, "That Council exits the public hearing." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion passed. Public hearing ends at 5:43 pm.

Bondegard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee motioned, "That the meeting be adjourned." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

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ATTEST: /s/ Brandon Bondegard, Mayor

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ATTEST: /s/ Lori Borchert/City Clerk