

## Sidney, Nebraska October 14, 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 October 14, 2025, in the Council Room. Present in person were: Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe, Lee. Others present: Interim City Manager Hanson, 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 Bondegard informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Kerkman moved, "That the minutes from September 23, 2025 – Budget Hearing, September 23, 2025 – Council Meeting and October 6, 2025 Economic Development Corporation, be approved. Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Megan DeNardo, resident, came before Council to present further information allowing chickens in City limits. Included in DeNardo's information packet were ordinances, permit information and regulations from other cities that have allowed chickens in their communities. Radcliffe asked DeNardo if she wanted to see ducks approved. DeNardo stated that this would be up to Council, but she was requesting chickens. DeNardo addressed lot size, coups, number of chickens, waste disposal and permit fees. Sierra Nickel, Code Enforcement, also shared data in opposition as well as code enforcement concerns surrounding the proposal. Concerns were disease, rodents, coyotes, raccoons as well as lack of time to enforce the ordinance from both Nickel and the Chief Building Official. There were residents that were proponents and residents that opposed allowing chickens that addressed Council. Nickel also mentioned other ordinances (618.02, 618.19, 618.20, 618.26) that would need to be addressed if ordinance 618.04 was changed. Kerkman moved, "That the ordinances be reviewed and melted together with the current proposal." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Radcliffe, Kerkman. Nays: Bondegard, Lee. Motion passed 3-2. The proposal will be brought back to Council for review.

Tayna Lewis, Library Board President, called to attention that the Board was not included in the 2025-2026 budget process. According to Lewis, the Sidney Finance Director, Kegan Carwin, initially compiled the budget and additional adjustments were made by the previous City Manager. The total reduction was \$15,500. Lewis requested an amendment to the budget. Jimie Ridnour, Library Director, stated that she spoke with Carwin and Interim City Manager, Josh Hanson, and was told that the Library could move funds around and it would be okay if they went over budget. Kristin Breining, Office Manager, stated that she questioned the budget on August 21 but was told by the previous City Manager that it was too late to change the budget. Radcliffe proposed that the Library use the \$6,000 in equipment reserves for books and magazines. Next budget year, \$12,000 could be given to the Library budget and Council could orally give permission to go over budget by \$7,000. Lewis stated that that would be acceptable. Hanson stated that he and Carwin are welcome to have open conversation with Ridnour. Hanson stated the three of them (Hanson, Carwin, Ridnour) had a meeting where this was discussed. Hanson said that they would review line item by line item on how the budget can be reconstructed and how we can help to be satisfied with the budget. Lewis wanted the concerns to be on record. Strommen suggested than Hanson, Carwin and Ridnour work it out and bring it before Council for approval.

Hanson stated that Joe Talich, Water Superintendent, was approached by the Lodgepole Community to explore the possibility of temporary assistance as they no longer have a certified water operator on staff. A draft interlocal agreement was developed, which was approved by the Attorney Strommen and presented to the Village of Lodgepole Board for approval. Lee stated that he would like to have included in the contract that if something happens that goes over the 12 hours that the City would get reimbursed. Kerkman moved, "That **Resolution 20251001**, an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Lodgepole be approved." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Hanson stated that Price Cream has submitted a request for reimbursement for new drywall. With the 75% reimbursement that the Downtown Revitalization covers, the payment to Price Cream is \$4,908.75. Lee asked if these funds were different than LB840. Hanson stated, yes, that these funds are given out through PADD, which is the pass through for CDGB. Lee asked if these funds are public record. Hanson responded, yes. Lee moved, "That the Price Cream Revitalization Grant reimbursement be approved." Kerkman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays:

None. Motion passed.

Carwin presented the 2025 Budget Report to Council. Carwin stated that he was happy with how the fiscal year ended. Property tax, DMV, State, Federal and County were up. Sales, occupation tax, fees for service as well as franchise and admin fees were down. Lee moved, "That the 2025 Budget Report be approved." Kerkman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Kerkman stated he would like to see more information on the purchase orders when he reviewed the claims for September. Lee moved, "That the September 2025 claims be approved." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion passed.

"That the following claims for September 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)

21 Century eq 422.30, 5856.32, 32.95, 22.66, 87.12; 4 M Construction se 18000.00; Accelerated Receivables se 275.98; Acushnet Company su 4208.85; Air Regulations Consulting se 1500.00; Allo se 400.74, 184.38, 216.76, 184.38; ALSCO se 183.25, 280.56; Amazon su 4538.98; American Environmental Consult se 3530.38; American Legal se 550.00; Arnold Pool Company su 240.12; B&C Steel su 261.31; Baker & Taylor su 781.93; Balandran, Oneida ct 425.00; Barkers Cleaners se 33.00; Bayne, Blake tt 63.00; Benchmark se 505.30; Black Hills ut 115.96, 281.84, 231.83, 24.88, 49.45, 53.16, 197.69, 12.44, 136.17; BOKR, NA bd 9095.63; Bomgaars su 582.65, 229.93, 236.53, 32.01, 417.03; Border States su 6201.31, 520.30; Breining, Kristen tr 154.00; Brickyard Consulting se 12000.00; Busted Knuckle se 2800.00; Capital One se 12.84, 354.65; Caselle se 2338.00; Cash-Wa su 2945.40; Cengage Learning tr 265.50; Cheyenne Co Community Center se 10000.00; Cheyenne Co Court se 17.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Center 67704.18, 30159.94; City of Sidney ex 120.00, 170.00, 3414.07, 129.61, 31940.00, 119210.25, 31125.00, 21265.00, 17252.00; sa 123442.95, 111372.83, 60093.05, 16227.86, 16706.97, 20.053.28 20576.06, 31661.79, 32861.06, 11495.94, 11618.32, 10475.33, 11039.16, ins 3891.52, 1037.89, 13364.77, 726.64, 11674.49, 1021.73, 1731.21, 352.95, 5528.77, 358.91, 6428.72, ut 8244.60, 2664.68, 616.06, 19.00, 171.68, 1399.00, 69.73, 537.45, 14909.08, 865.45, 11094.49, 124.19; Civic Plus se 6356.07; Contractors Materials su 1159.00; Cornhusker Int'l Trucks su 25.14; Cottrell, Sara tr 154.00; Country Printer su 160.00; CPS HR Consulting se 418.00; Cranmore Fire se 293.00; Cranmore Lawn se 28263.00; Cranmore Pests se 400.00, 100.00, 100.00; Croell Redi-Mix su 2270.00, 2226.00; Cross Canyon Engineering se 2817.50; Crossroads Tech Services se 1920.00, 80.62, 480.00, 240.00, 387.00, 552.55, 320.00, 1034.99; Culligan se 37.95, 19.95, 15.00; Custom Products su 1050.58; Danko eq 261.87; Day & Night se 403.59, 240.00; Deaver Tire se 325.93, 576.00; Department of Energy se 24176.04; Design Solutions se 2742.00; DHHS re 227.00; Dietrich su 225.50, 412.85; Dreamland Estates ct 1600.00; E&S Auto su 632.74, 64.04, 200.87, 323.68, 901.05, 1577.95, 2253.76, 42.73, 206.03, 317.11; Eakes su 221.43, 249.40, 140.72, 12946.09, 1927.03, 25.00, 1434.71, 277.09, 2788.86, 700.54; EMC in 740.00; Emergency Lawn Care se 6143.50; Enviro Service se 120.00, 150.00, 37.00; Everclear Window Cleaning se 455.0; Fastenal se 116.65; Finneys su 116.65, 966.66, 36.02, 45.98, 156.40, 738.67, 431.13, 496.23, 281.23; Five Nines se 2700.00; Flood Communications se 1500.00; Floyd's Truck Center se 2667.64, 8.56; Foremost Promotions se 2179.32; FR Wear su 559.41; Frenchman Valley fu 8156.90, 1315.28, 1367.22, 838.67, 1199.38; Frerichs, Chase tt 63.00; Gering Valley Plumbing se 6014.00; Gordon's Body Shop se 434.00; Grainger su 162.68, 121.30, 1700.87; Gurley Diesel & Auto Repair se 9560.93; GWorks se 763.00, 16143.00; Hamilton se 160.40, 70.50, 99.90, 49.95; Harper Industries su 193.95; Haupt Landscaping se 1045.00; Heiman Fire su 2230.00; High Plains su 147.70, 433.20, 253.75, 46.70, 340.85, 649.95; Holliday Inn tt - 637.92; Holloway, Larry se 1050.00; Hometown Leasing ct 274.81; Horn Lock Co se 35.00; Huber Technology se 10753.30; Hume, Russ su 1147.25; Ideal se 191.88, 127.92, 71.78, 71.78, 166.52, 166.52; IRBY su 50382.12; Jackson, Rob tt 761.49; JK Energy Consulting se 2000.00; John Frederick Construction se 11220.00; Kampfe, Paul se 1890.00; KVAR se 800.00; LL Johnson su 1202.05; Landis & Gyr ct; League of NE du 22191.00; 1050.00; Leal, Ron ct 450.00; Light and Siren su 1503.03; Living Memorials Gardens se 3094.00; Lyle Signs su 942.37; MacQueen eq 3371.85; Mattoon, Martens & Strommen se 20000.00, 10000.00; Maverik fu 3429.38, 550.39, 1844.12; MC Schaff se 54073.50, 38148.50, 52603.15; Michael Todd & Co se 269.40; Midwest Laboratories se 112.90; Midwest Mechanical se 422750.00; MEAN ut 462119.68; Municipal Graphics se 360.72; Municipal Supply su 752.50, 20824.14; Munimetrix se 39.99; Murphy Tractor eq 15125.00; NE Department of Environment & Energy su 690.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab su 285.00; NE State Treasurer se 195.63; NE Technology & Telecomm se 768.80, 258.81, 157.06, 263.28, 437.49, 295.84; NE Waste Reduction se 25.00; Nexgen Outfitters su 2084.87; NMC su 305.42, 51499.76; NSpire su 20.00; Nutrien Ag su 1110.00; NWEE se 7750.00; ODB su 1252.89; One Call se 61.81, 61.81; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Palmer, Mike se 1171.84; Path Point se 163.43, 59.36, 134.68, 57.25; Peetz Farmers Coop fu 5013.49, 1034.71; Pens.com su 169.57; Pepsi su 406.44; Perfection Door su 8036.00; Pins & Needles su 788.00, 1377.94, 227.95; Powertech se 5500.00; Prairie States se 1292.00; Quadient Finance se 750.00; RCIS in 1171.00; Rick's Painting se 2522.50; Ridnour, Jimie tt; Rinder Printing su 55.88; Rohm, Heather tt 362.60; Rood's su 29.53, 195.91, 39.95; Roseberry, Mike tt 47.96;

Royal Flush se 1260.00; Sauder's se 356.71; Saylor Screenprinting su 111.00; SD Myers se 1118.00; SE Municipal Solar se 10929.81; Segelke Janitorial se 2030.00; Sherwin Williams su 466.74; Shirt Tales su 360.00; Sidney Floral su 56.00; Sidney Glass su 3631.89, 195.23; Sidney Regional EMS ct 37500.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 826.43, 16.70, 1025.43; Sidney Volunteer Fire re 2400.00; Simon Materials su 2214.30; Smart Parts Auto Glass su 4030.00; Sonny's su 649.22; Southwestern Equipment eq 1299.71; Splish Splash se 36.32; Spring Creek ct 460.18; T&L Cleaning ct 75.00; Technology Inspections se 3510.00; The Cleaner Bros se 1464.75; Toro se 220.00; Triple O's su 4530.81, 151.79, 3.99, 46.59; United Tactical su 3873.02; Valley Repair se 362.23; Verizon se 600.58, 1119.24, 80.30, 78.82, 39.91, 199.75, 120.51, 39.91, 79.82; Viaero se 49.47; Wells, Corey ct 4166.66; Wesco eq 6148.12, 40954.55; Wheat Belt ut 10479.63; White Bluffs se 1227.50; WPCI se 122.00; Wyoming First Aid su 59.21.

Hanson gave a shout out to the volunteers for the Oktoberfest. Hanson also thanked E3, local business leaders and members of the public who attended the October 6 special meeting for the EDC proposal. Hanson reported that the Historic Preservation Board discontinued their role in reviewing and approving rental assistance applications. Chamber President, Joe McCarn has agreed to take responsibility going forward. Hanson said that we have approximately \$250,000 remaining to allocate before the May 2026 deadline. Integrity Development has achieved 40% completion of two single family homes in the Ranch subdivision. A payment for the final drawdown in the amount of \$10,000 was issued.

Carwin stated that there were 57 views.

Tom Mathine stated that Loves, Pizza Hut and Applebees are looking to install electrical stations.

Kerkman stated that E3 is working with two companies for the Industrial Park. Kerkman also reminded the public of the Fox Theatre fundraiser.

Bondegard stated that Council will go into closed session for the purpose of personnel, purpose of golf audit and purpose of personnel, City Manager search.

Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Council go into closed session for the purpose of personnel." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Closed session begins at 7:11 pm.

Lee moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Council come out of closed session." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Closed session ends at 7:27pm. No action taken.

Kerkman moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Council go into closed session for the purpose of Golf Audit." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Closed session begins at 7:28 pm.

Radcliffe moved, Kerkman seconded, "That Council come out of closed session." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Closed session ends at 7:55 pm. No action taken.

Radcliffe moved, Lee seconded, "That Council goes into closed session for the purpose of City Manager Search." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Closed session begins at 7:59 pm.

Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, "That Council comes out of closed session." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Closed session ends at 8:14 pm. Action taken as follows:

Radcliffe moved, Kerkman seconded, "That a selection committee be formed comprising of 2 members from City Council, the HR director, the city clerk, the city attorney, and 3 outside community members." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee.

Radcliffe moved, Kuhns, seconded, "That Brandon Bondegard and Jeremy Lee will represent the City Council on the selection committee." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee.

Kuhns moved, Kerkman seconded, "That Council will receive applications from the Public with in a 2 week period of time for participation on the selection committee. **Applications** will be reviewed and participants chosen by City Council." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee.

Radcliffe moved, Kuhns seconded, "The the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 pm." Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee.

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ATTEST: /s/Brandon Bondegard, Mayor

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ATTEST: /s/Lori Borchert, City Clerk