

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

Kuhns motioned, "That Burke Radcliffe be excused from the meeting." Kerman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved.

Kerkman motioned to approve the minutes from December 9, 2025, Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Lee, Kerkman. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved.

Joe Talich, Water Superintendent, requested Council approval to move forward with the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup which was in the 2025/2026 budget. This purchase will come from the water equipment reserve fund. Gregg Young Automotive has the best price, \$49,932 with state bid assistance. Kerkman motioned, "That the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup be approved." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved.

Josh Hanson, Interim City Manager, thanked Fire Chief Butts and Police Chief Lovato for the joint exercise training for school shooters.

Kerkman mentioned two events that will be held in January for the Fire Department.

Clerk Borchert stated that City Council Candidate filing begins on January 5, 2026. Incumbents need to file by February 17, 2026 and non-incumbents need to file by March 2, 2026.

Kegan Carwin reported 11 viewers.

Kerman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bondegard wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Bondegard stated that Council would enter closed session for the purpose of Personnel, Deputy Clerk and Contract Negotiations, Interim City Manager. Kerkman motioned, "To enter into closed session for the purpose of Personnel, Deputy Clerk." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved. Council entered closed session at 5:37 pm. Kerkman motioned, "To come out of closed session." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved. Council came out of closed session at 5:54 pm. No action taken.

Lee motioned, "To enter into closed session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations, Interim City Manager." Kuhns seconded the motion. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved. Council entered closed session at 5:54 pm. Kerkman motioned, "To come out of closed session." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved. Council came out of closed session at 6:00 pm. Kerkman motioned, "To extend Interim City Manager contract until the City Manager is hired." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved.

Kuhns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Lee. Nays: None. Absent: Radcliffe. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

ATTEST: /s/Brandon Bondegard, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Lori Borchert/City Clerk