

## **Sidney, Nebraska January 13, 2026, 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 January 13, 2026, in the Council Room. Present in person: Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe, 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.

Joe McCarn, Chamber Director, gave thanks to those that attended the Annual Chamber Banquet. McCarn stated that there would be a ribbon cutting for Iris and Palm.

Lee motioned to approve the minutes from December 23, 2025, Kerkman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Lee. Nays: None. Abstain: Radcliffe. Motion approved.

Mark Onstott, Chief for Potter Volunteer Fire & Rescue, awarded Matt Butts, Sidney Fire Chief, the Save Award. Onstott stated that had it not been for Chief Butt's quick thinking and willingness to respond, the individual from potentially going into cardiac arrest. Butts responded that he was honored to receive the award, but it also reflects the many people that are involved with EMS, dispatchers, law enforcement, fire fighters and others. Butts reminded the public that the fire department is always in need of volunteers.

Josh Hanson, Interim City Manager, asked Council to consider the appointment of City employee, Kim Phillips, as Deputy Clerk/Office Manager. If appointed, Phillips would complete a probationary period, where a second recommendation to Council would be made to appoint Phillips as Clerk/Treasurer. Phillips would work alongside Clerk Borchert, assuming the responsibilities of City Clerk/Treasurer upon Borchert's retirement on March 2. Phillip's second recommendation would be at the February 24, 2026, Council meeting. Kerkman asked Phillips what she was most looking forward to in 2026. Phillips responded with progression, learning the job. Kerkman motioned, "To appoint Phillips as the Deputy Clerk/Office Manager." Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Hanson asked Council to consider the re-appointment of Scott McDaniels to the Board of Adjustment. There will be one additional vacancy and one alternate position vacancy that will need to be filled. Kerkman motioned, "That Scott McDaniels be re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Hanson asked Council to consider the re-appointment of Victoria Loghry to the Historic Board. There will be one additional vacancy with the re-appointment of Loghry. Kuhns motioned, "That Victoria Loghry be re-appointed to the Historic Board for a three-year term." Kerkman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, gave the December 2025 Budget Report. Carwin stated that the property tax was up and motor vehicles were flat. Sales & Occupation tax was down. No sales tax was collected due to state Economic Development reimbursement under the Advantage Act. Fees for service were up, mainly due to golf memberships. State/Federal/County fees were up. Franchise and admin fees were down, main cause being that admin fees will be paid out in January. Carwin briefed Council on the revenues and expenditure for the month of December 2025. Bondegard asked if the Advantage Act would happen again. Carwin stated that he thought that this was something the State would continue to move forward with. Kerkman asked if it was known what timetable this was from. Carwin stated that they (the State) give you the dollar amount and what month they would pull it. The letter Carwin received was for November of next year. Kerkman asked, on all departments, if it was possible to get it in a format where it would show in relations to budgets. Carwin stated that he could add that. Radcliffe motioned, "To approve the December 2025 Budget Reports." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kuhns moved, "To approve the December 2025 claims." Kerkman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion approved.

"That the following claims for December 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<sup>st</sup> Century eq 302.73, 134.08, 180.18, 5.31; Adams se 1024.17; Allo se 406.16, 109.38, 179.00, 184.38; Amazon su 3238.96; American Environmental Consult se 2631.00; Bailey, Tyler 100.00; Baird Holm 1542.50; Bank Wire Fees se 25.00; Benchmark Government Solutions se 115.55; Black Hills se 1415.56, 118.01, 362.83, 160.64, 59.00, 181.40, 1450.33, 1993.85; BOKF bd 9095.62; Bomgaars su 379.10, 267.42, 457.44, 298.57, 22.98, 9.99; Brenntag Great Lakes eq 4765.23; Capital Counseling se 950.00; Caselle se 2338.00; Cash-Wa su 603.05; Cengage su 57.58; Cheyenne Co Community Center ct 10000.00; Cheyenne Co Emergency Comm Cnt se 31146.90; Cheyenne Co Treasurer se 1910.06, 12893.70; City of Sidney tx 367.70, 648.03; ex 5517.23; sa 103597.85, 30914.94, 10975.84, 20797.53, 31967.22, 11605.11, 104758.01. 136227.12, 16498.56, 22468.09, 20641.85, 26041.38, 29804.03, 37154.88, 11617.38, 14366.14, 10760.78, 14398.22, in 3227.94, 615.36, 700.75, 860.75, 310.76, 346.91, 3827.41, 59222.33, 1035.58, 12522.58, 773.56, 13686.84, 961.29, 15119.42, 392.18, 5582.61, 358.91, 6428.72; ut 2255.24, 2504.55, 949.58, 19.00, 165.65, 1051.47, 78.61, 1419.23, 6743.37, 2132.37, 11452.76, 126.4; Colorado Water Well se 8300.66; ConServ Flag se 31.00; Contractor Materials su 93.60; Country Printer su 200.00; Cranmore Fire se 100.00; Cranmore Pest se 200.00; Croell Su 1529.00; 405.00; Cross Canyon Engineering se 1430.00, 5853.05; Crossroads Tech Services se 2781.95, 240.00, 387.00, 240.00, 400.00; Culligan se 19.95, 19.95, 5.00, 359.40; Davis, Shirley re 34.09, Day & Night se 389.19, DDHS se 475.89, Deaver Tire se 208.00, 232.93; Deere Credit eq 15830.94; Demco su 49.83; Dept of Energy ut 19192.17; Dival Safety eq 299.58; Dreamland Estates ct 1600.00; E&S Auto su 459.87, 356.52, 537.73, 505.74, 189.37, 103.38, 144.00; Eakes su 370.62, 612.96, 208.29, 180.21, 148.75; Elan su 12097.85, 833.72, 284.47, 255.00, 841.28, 1149.58, 765.66; Enchanted Snowflake su 47.21; Engineering Unlimited su 294.98; Enviro Service se 120.00, 150.00; Exchange Banking eq 1032.52; Filanowski, Peter re 75.00; Finneys su 1615.86, 605.23, 278.56; Five Nines se 2500.00; Flood Communications se 350.00; Floyds se 123.03; Fraser Stryker se 188.00; FVC fu 4018.57, 1572.74, 30.00, 549.64, 898.97; Fyr-Tek su 1629.38; Gonzalez, Jorge se 3375.00; Government Professional Solutions se 12500.00; Grainger eq 120.74, 199.925; Hamilton se 67.90, 99.90, 55.50, 49.95; Henderson su 30; Holloway , Larry se 862.50; Hometown Leasing se 274.81; Huber & Associates se 582.00; Hydrovac Supply su 50.00; Ideal se 191.88, 191.88, 107.67, 35.89, 166.52, 57.35; Ingram Library Services se 635.09; Jefferson Co Public Library su; JPS Interoperability Solutions se 85.00; Kansas Municipal Utilities tt 500.00; LL Johnson su 4671.20; Laclede Equipment eq 597.60; Landis+Gyr se 1425.00; Lawson Products su 47.45, 252.86; Leal, Ron se 450.00; MacQueen eq 11696.76; Maddox Motors eq 85687.00; Mattoon, Martens and Strommen se 1026.23; Maverik fu 3389.35, 1708.16; MC Schaff se 10550.00; Mckenzie, Ivie re 50.00; Mellen & Assoc eq 1037.11, 333.06; Midwest Connect su 390.00; Midwest Laboratories se 588.50; Midwest Mechanical se 22250.00; Municipal Chemical Supply su 4860.00; MEAN ut 414165.77; Municipal Supply su 5670.18; Munimetrix Systems se 39.99; Murphy Tractor & Equip eq 268.12, 268.12; NE Depart of Environment & Energy se 515.00; NE Dept of Revenue tx 46464.36; NE Law Enforcement Training Center tt 8159.00; NT&T se 1175.80, 163.69, 272.50, 452.42, 172.19, 137.84; Nebraskaland Tire se 91.82; Nexgen su 30.00; NMC su 35222.79; Offroad Alliance eq 4629.99; One Call se 30.67, 30.67; OPTK Networks se 36.00; Oriental Trading su 73.90; Palmore Masonry & Concrete se 125.00; Panhandle Auto eq 58.86; Path Point se 63.67, 28.69, 138.45, 36.95; Peetz Farmers Coop fu 8890.80; Phipps, Randall re 37.27; Pins & Needles su 282.38; Pittam Body Shop 721.87; Police Officers of NE duv270.00; R&R Products su 3617.73; Rood's se 293.38, 76.00, 99.38, 694.28, 282.50, 30.00; Royal Flush se 853.26; Sapp Bros se 461.75; Sauder's se 3088.75; SE Municipal Solar ct 6831.92; Segelke Janitorial se 1015.00; Sheaman, Paul re 10.00; Sherwin Williams su 540.66; Showcases su 922.06; Sidney Public Schools ex 150.00; SRMC se 447.00; Sidney Sun Telegraph se 1195.40, 10.98, 17.66; Simplot se 1409.50; Sonny's su 34.60; SpeedTech Lights su 1740.62; Splish Splash se 133.28, 27.00; Spring Creek Cleaning se 160.18; T & L Cleaning se 275.00; The Reading Warehouse su 436.58; Tompkins, Christeena re 540.00; Toro Company eq 220.00; Triple O's su 43.97, 60.50; United Tactical su 3873.02; Uribe, Brett re 100.00; USPS ex 368.00; USA Bluebook se 269.84, 734.29; USGA su 175.00; Verizon se 520.76, 79.88, 39.94, 199.84, 120.11, 39.94, 79.88, 49.55; WESCO su 1403.87, 812.70; Wheat Belt ut 10228.73; White Bluffs se 1940.00; Wolf Auto se 147.34; Woodis Welding se 30.00; WPCI se 215.00; Wyoming First Aid su 104.97, 250.99, 39.45, 95.88, DDHS re 300.00; Martin, Brett re 33.61; Estate of Dan Unverzagt re 35.00; Phipps, Randal re 85.86; Davis, Shirley re 85.22.

Hanson congratulated Matt Butts and gave kudos to the department. Hanson stated in regard to the Northside Park, the City has received the 90% design plans and are working on scheduling a meeting with Brickyard Consulting. Construction and site improvements are scheduled to begin on April 15, 2026, and continue through December 2026. Hanson said that there is an EDCAC meeting scheduled for January 21. Hanson reported that the City will be doing a review of the LB840 contract with the Cheyenne County community Center for job creation and a review of Integrity Homes' request for \$212,264 in Rural Workforce Housing Funds through PADD for the construction of town houses.

Carwin thanked Matt Butts. Carwin reported 37 views.

Kerkman encouraged public input on the Housing Authority. Kerkman is staying up to date with Legislation and keeping Hanson up to speed with things that he has noticed.

Bondegard echoed thanks to Matt Butts and the SVFD. Bondegard also thanked the Chamber for the Dancing with the Stars event as well as the Chamber Banquet.

Radcliff motioned, "To move to closed session for the purpose of personnel, Police Lieutenant." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved to go into closed session at 6:07 pm.

Radcliffe motioned, "To come out of closed session." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kuhns, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved to come out of closed session at 6:40 pm.

Kuhns motioned, "To start Officer Ruiz at step 23AA, \$38.85 per hour and moving Chief Lovato to a step 26E, \$41.59 per hour. Staff will create a onetime waiver allowing the hiring of a law enforcement officer outside of county limits." Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Lee, Kuhns, Kerkman, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved

Kerkman moved to adjourn at 6:42. Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

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ATTEST: /s/Brandon Bondegard, Mayor

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ATTEST: /s/Lori Borchert/City Clerk