

Sidney, Nebraska February 24, 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 February 24, 2026, in the Council Room. Present in person: Mayor Bondegard and Council Members: Kerkman, Kuhns, Radcliffe and Lee. Others present: Interim City Manager Hanson, Attorney Strommen, City Clerk Borchert and Deputy Clerk Phillips. 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 motioned, "To approve the minutes from February 10, 2026." Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Joe McCarn gave a 2025 4th Quarter update on the Cheyenne County Chamber.

Don Dye from MC Schaff presented the Street Improvement Project Bid. Mark Chrisman Trucking was the low bid in the amount of \$1,148,325.00 with a start date of June 2026. Dye recommended the council approve the bid of Mark Chrisman Trucking. Lee motioned, "To approve the Street Improvement Project Bid to Mark Chrisman Trucking in the amount of \$1,148,325.00." Kerkman seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Josh Hanson, Interim City Manager, along with Keenan Johnson from Brickyard Consulting reviewed the Northside park Revitalization. This project is funded by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in the amount of \$562,000 and Community Center Financing Fund in the amount of \$1,620,000. Chase Frerichs, Parks Superintendent, answered questions from the council. Johnson recommended the council to proceed with advertising the project for bids. Lee motioned, "To proceed with putting out the bids for the Northside Park Revitalization." Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Josh Hanson, Interim City Manager, asked Council to consider the appointment of Jennifer Halligan to the Historical Preservation Board. Hanson mentioned Halligan's background along with structure of the Historical Preservation Board. Lee motioned, "To appoint Jennifer Halligan to the Historical Preservation Board." Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Josh Hanson, Interim City Manager, asked the Council to review and consider a one-year extension with the CDBG – Downtown Revitalization. David Welanko, PADD Director, informed the board of the businesses who have and are working with getting funds. The extension will give other businesses a chance to submit and use all funds. Kuhns motioned "To move forward with the extension of the CDBG – Downtown Revitalization Request." Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Kasey Kantor, Transportation Director, presented the Federal Transit Administration Title VI program. The city showed a record year with 38,378 rides and is on track to keep the numbers high. The Title VI program is used with the City Transit Department.

Kegan Carwin, Finance Director, gave an overview to the Council on the Nebraska Advantage Act, Employment and Investment Growth Act – State Sales Tax Refund Program. Two documents from the State notifying the city of upcoming refunds to be deducted from sales tax next fiscal year.

Kim Phillips, Deputy City Clerk submitted Ordinance 1887; Approved Ordinances to American Legal. Phillips recommend that Council approve the codification for Ordinance 1887. Radcliffe motioned "To Designate Ordinance 1887." Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion approved. Deputy Clerk Phillips read by title Ordinance 1887 (*AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT*

THEREWITH.) Kerkman motioned “To Waive the Three Readings of Ordinance 1887.” Lee seconded. Roll call: Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman. Nays: None. Motion approved. Kerkman motioned “To Pass Ordinance 1887.” Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved. Deputy Clerk Phillips read “1887.” Kerkman motion “To Publish Ordinance 1887.” Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Josh Hanson mentioned Lt. Ruiz will be sworn in on Wednesday at 11:30.

Kegan Carwin mentioned 29 views.

Hank Radtke mentioned working on Lodgepole Road.

Chase Frerichs mentioned April 25 is tree give away day handing out 110 trees. 40th year. May 30 swimming pool opening.

Kasey Kantor mentioned the Proclamation for public transit week and board meeting

Jeremy Lee said the search for city manager is still on going with interviews about to start.

Brett Kerkman said community basketball tournament this weekend.

Rob Kuhns said it is sewer rate setting period. Dvorak fundraiser at the Elks.

Brandon Bondegard presented flowers to Lori Borchert on her last council meeting.

Bondegard stated that Council will enter closed session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations for City Clerk and Personnel for City Manager.

Kerkman motioned “To go into Close Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations – City Clerk Kim Phillips.” Radcliffe seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe. Nays: None. Motioned approved.

Closed session started at 6:24 p.m.

Radcliffe motioned “To come out of Close session.” Kerkman seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Closed session ended at 6:36 p.m.

Action taken: Lee Motioned “To advance Kim Phillips as City Clerk at the Pay Scale of \$30.15 an hour.” Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Radcliffe motioned “To go into Close Session for the purpose of Personnel – City Manager.” Kerkman seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Closed session started at 6:46 p.m.

Kerkman motioned “To come out of Close Session.” Kuhns seconded. Roll call: Lee, Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe.

Closed session ended at 6:51 p.m. No Action taken.

Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Lee seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Kerkman, Kuhns, Bondegard, Radcliffe, Lee. Nays: None. Motion approved.

ATTEST: /s/Brandon Bondegard, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Kim Phillips/Deputy City Clerk