

Sidney, Nebraska, August 17, 2015 A Fair Housing City

A special meeting for the purpose of budget workshops with the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:07 P.M. on August 17, 2015 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Nienhueser & Council Members: Arterburn, Gaston, Gallaway and Gay. Others present: City Manager Person and City Clerk Anthony. 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 also 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 in 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 Nienhueser informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Budget Workshops proceeded as follows:

All department budgets were changed in the salary line item to reflect the results of the comparability study and changes in the insurance premiums.

Swimming Pool Department - \$4,536,409 requested budget which includes \$4,400,000 for a new pool as well as operational costs. No changes made.

Cemetery Department - \$171,451 requested budget. No changes made.

Parks Department - \$1,119,737 requested budget which included \$92,000 for a new building. The \$92,000 was deleted from the request.

Fire Department - \$160,044 requested budget. A new fire truck pumper was a requested item in the amount of \$500,000 that was not in the budget to date. No changes made.

General Administration - \$2,213,148 requested budget. No changes made.

Library - \$504,651 requested budget. No changes made.

Golf Department - \$585,100 requested budget. No changes made.

Police Department - \$1,854,666 requested budget. No changes made.

Economic Development - \$150,000 requested budget. No changes made.

Inspection Department - \$211,143 requested budget. No changes made.

Transportation Department - \$287,621 requested budget. No changes made.

Special Projects - \$3,400,000 requested budget that included Gold Rush Days, Camp Lookout, Public Grants, Sesquicentennial Celebration, Civic Center grant, Hickory Street Parking and General Landscape Study. It was decided that Hickory Street Parking will not be completed this year so the \$100,000 was rebudgeted to the next year.

Street Department was unbalanced by \$607,258. Deductions from the budget were made; i.e. dump truck \$150,000, snow plow \$232,000, signals \$150,000, etc.

Electric Department - \$9,986,099 – No changes.

Water Department - \$6,112,922 – no changes made. Public Service Director reviewed the water debt adjustment to cover the SRF Loan using several scenarios. Will be put on a future agenda to establish this.

Sewer/WWTF Departments - \$1,131,107 – no changes made.

Solid Waste Departments - \$2,032,327 – no changes made.

List of items not in budget: Fire Truck \$500,000; Police Building site \$300,000, health insurance for the employees and the need to balance Street Department. It was the consensus of the Council to add \$150,000 to the health insurance for the employees, leave the levy down, and go forward with the fire truck.

Mayor Nienhueser stated that he would entertain a motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to receive a report from contracted Counsel about an investigation pursuant to NEB. REV. St. 19-618. Gay moved, Arterburn seconded AThat the Council go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to receive a report from contracted Counsel about an investigation pursuant to NEB. REV. St. 19-618.@ Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mayor Nienhueser announced that the City Council will now

go into closed session at 7:38 p.m. Upon the Council=s return from the closed session, Gallaway moved, Gay seconded AThat the Closed session end and the Open session be reconvened.@ Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mayor Nienhueser announced that the Council has come out of the closed session at 10:14 p.m.

There being nothing to report, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Mark Nienhueser Mayor

ATTEST: _____
G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK

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