

Sidney, Nebraska, November 24, 2015, A Fair Housing City

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:15 P.M. on November 24, 2015 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Nienhueser and Council Members: Gallaway, Gaston, Gay, and Arterburn. Others Present: Interim City Manager/City Clerk Anthony and City Attorney Leef. 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.

Gay moved, Arterburn seconded "That the minutes of November 10, 2015 meetings be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Andrew Ross, Director of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, was present to present the Sidney, NE Cost of Service/Rate Design Update – Electric Financial Performa for year-end September options. This included a recommended Cash Reserve Policy, growth scenarios and rate suggestions. After the discussion, the Council asked for further information as follows: 1) Historical Retail Sales for the last 5-10 year trends, and 2) Reduce the cash reserves \$1,000,000 over the next five year period.

City Attorney Leef presented a second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with South Platte Natural Resources District in regards to the NDEQ Loan Contract for the East Watershed Project. Dates added to the amendment were requested. Gaston moved, Gallaway seconded "That the second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with South Platte Natural Resources District in regards to the NDEQ Loan Contract for the East Watershed Project be approved as amended." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Gay moved, Gallaway seconded "That the Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, REGULATING THE OPERATION AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY, PROVIDING FOR A POSTING OF SIGNS ON EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL, IMPOUNDING AND RETURN OF VEHICLES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTIONS 466.09(d) AND 466.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION." be designated as Ordinance No. 1772." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Gaston moved, Gay seconded "That the Statutory requirement requiring the ordinance to be read by title three different days be suspended." Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallaway, Gaston, Nienhueser and Gay. Nays: Arterburn. The motion having been concurred in by three-fourths of the Council be declared passed and adopted and said statutory requirement suspended. The Clerk then read the Ordinance by number. Gallaway moved, Gay seconded "That Ordinance No. 1772 be finally passed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council was declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and affixed his signature thereto. Gay moved, Gaston seconded "That Ordinance No. 1772 be published in The Sidney Sun Telegraph." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

The Clerk read Ordinance 1771 by Title for the third time as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 1042.21A TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA RELATING TO THE 2004 WATER PROJECT DEBT ASSESSMENT TO ADD THE 2015 WATER PROJECT DEBT ASSESSMENT; EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ASSESSMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCE." Gay moved, Gaston seconded "That Ordinance No. 1771 be finally passed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council was declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and affixed his signature thereto. Gallaway moved, Arterburn seconded "That Ordinance No. 1771 be published in The Sidney Sun Telegraph." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Gallaway moved, Arterburn second "That the Budget Reports for all City Departments for the month of October, 2015 be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Economic Development Director Tina Hochwender reported on Economic Development meetings and the schedule of events on Hickory Square. Mayor Nienhueser thanked everyone involved in the Hickory Square events for the holidays.

City Council comments included Happy and safe Thanksgiving wishes to all.

Mayor Nienhueser reminded everyone of the donation drive for the Aquatic Center and that the project is \$270,000 short of its goal. The tax year is coming to a close and it would be a good time to have a nonprofit write off.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

/s/MARK NIENHUESER, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK

