

Sidney, Nebraska, November 28, 2017 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 28, 2017 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Arterburn and Council Members: Gallaway, Utley and Olsen. Absent: Gaston. Others present: Assistant City Manager Martin, City Attorney Leef and Deputy City Clerk Heilbrun. 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 Arterburn informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Utley moved, Olsen seconded "That Councilman Gaston be excused from the meeting." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Gallaway moved, Olsen seconded "That the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting be approved as amended." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Discussion was held regarding the council meeting dates in December due to the Christmas holiday. It was noted that in the past there has been only one meeting of the Council when Christmas falls in the same week as a meeting.

Olsen moved, Utley seconded "That there be only one meeting of the City Council in December which will be held on the 12th." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Tom VonSeggern presented an Aquatic Center Report and power point presentation for the Summer of 2017. Kiersten Richards, pool manager, was also present to answer questions regarding the season. Items of discussion included chairs/seating for patrons, budgeted subsidy for the pool expenses, upgrade to sensor for water temperature, etc. VonSeggern noted that the donor plaques are up now and invited everyone to come take a look. Kiersten noted that there is available space for more donor plaques, and can be obtained with a \$100 minimum donation.

City Manager's/Staff Report: Assistant City Manager Martin reported that the painting of parking spaces on Illinois was finished today. The permanent striping on Illinois will begin next spring. Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, reported that she will be attending the Mid America Competitiveness & Site Selector Conference in Chicago on December 3rd – the 5th.

Mayor Arterburn stated that he would entertain a motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss land negotiations. Gallaway moved, Utley seconded "That the Council go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss land negotiations." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston. Mayor Arterburn announced that the City Council will now go into closed session at 7:39 p.m. Upon the Council's return from the closed session, Gallaway moved, Olsen seconded "That the Closed

session end and the Open session be reconvened.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston. Mayor Arterburn announced that the Council has come out of the closed session at 8:14 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

/s/ JOE ARTERBURN, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/ CYNTHIA K. HEILBRUN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

