

Sidney, Nebraska, April 24, 2018 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 April 24, 2018 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Arterburn and Council Members: Gallaway, Gaston, and Olsen. Absent: Utley. Others present: City Manager Sadler, City Attorney Leef 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 Arterburn informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act. Members of Boy Scout Troop #87 were present to earn one of their merit badges.

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

Gallaway moved, Olsen seconded "That the minutes of the April 20, 2018 meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Utley. Abstain: Arterburn.

City Manager Ed Sadler explained the proposed updated Interlocal agreement for the Communication Center (911) that addresses several issues including budget submissions and the inclusion of Keith County into the agreement (paying 5% of the approved budget for the first two years and will have an advisory member of the Board). After two years the agreement will be re-visited to adjust the amounts each member pays to more accurately reflect the actual usage, and when Deuel County pays a larger share of the costs they will become a voting member of the Board. This gives Deuel County time to adjust their budgets. The Communications Center Board has approved the updated agreement. If Sidney approves the agreement, then it will be referred to the County. Population is a pretty good indicator of the calls made to 911 and if this remains the case, the result in the future should show Deuel paying 16%, Cheyenne County 27% and the City of Sidney 57%, as long as the population stays about the same. Gaston moved, Gallaway seconded "That the Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as updated be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Utley.

Jeff Kelley of the Panhandle Area Development District presented an update on what PADD is offering; i.e. including a new Brownfield benefit in addition to the current offerings.

City Manager Ed Sadler explained the City of Sidney Pavement Management Study and Plan. AVI Engineering Planning & Surveying group met with staff to discuss the scope of said Plan and to tour the streets to evaluate existing conditions, pavement types and current maintenance activities in use. AVI provided a plan to consider.

Gaston moved, Gallaway seconded "That Tas Uhrig be re-appointed to the Sidney Tree Board." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Utley. The Tree Give-away will be Saturday, April 28th at Lodgepole Valley Youth Camp.

City Manager Ed Sadler presented the Street Department's request to purchase a five to seven yard dump

truck as per the approved budget of \$165,000. State Bids are running approximately \$164,677. Gallaway moved, Olsen seconded "That the Street Department be authorized to proceed with the bid process." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Utley.

David Scott, Finance Director, presented the March, 2018 Budget Reports for all departments. Gaston moved, Gallaway seconded "That the March, 2018 Budget Reports for all departments be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Utley.

City Manager's/Staff Report: City Manager Sadler reminded the Council of the work session that will be on 4/25/2018 at 10:00 a.m.; that Saturday is the Tree Giveaway; and that Walk at Lunch is on 4/26. Ed introduced Kurt Hoye who is the new Sidney GIS/Zoning Administrator. The Governor will be in Sidney on May 10th to acknowledge all the people and different entities that helped with the stranded travelers during the recent snow storm. Melissa reported on the 4/24/18 Job Fair (20 employers and 165 job seekers were present) and that the Chamber had received the grant for Hickory Square.

City Council Remarks: Gallaway thanked all of our departments for their efforts during the snow storm. Gaston thanked the Scouts for coming. He also told about one trucker who was stuck in the storm with cattle and was talking about what great help he received to rescue his load. He said if he had to be stranded in a storm, Sidney was the place he would want it to happen because of all the great people. He also thanked the school for bringing out a bus to transport the stranded travelers into safety. All council members complemented the efforts of the entire community during the storm; the Scouts being at the meeting; and a UNL presentation re: helping Sidney.

Mayor Arterburn stated that he would entertain a motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss possible real estate negotiations. Gaston moved, Olsen seconded "That the Council go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss possible real estate negotiations." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Utley. Mayor Arterburn announced that the City Council will now go into closed session at 8:06 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: Utley. Mayor Arterburn announced that the Council has come out of the closed session at 8:36 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

/s/ JOE ARTERBURN, MAYOR

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

