

A special meeting for the purpose of a Work Session with the Mayor & Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open & public session at 10:00 A.M. on April 25, 2018 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 1115 13th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Arterburn and Council Members: Gaston, Gallaway, Utley & Olsen. Others present: City Manager Sadler, Assistant City Manager Martin, City Attorney Leef, Deputy City Clerk Heilbrun, Economic Development Director Norgard, Finance Director Scott, and Solid Waste Superintendent Sterling. 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.

City Manager Sadler and Economic Development Director Norgard explained the proposal for a Job Creation Fund which would help provide incentives to both startup and existing companies looking to expand in Sidney.

Norgard noted that there is not enough LB 840 money to fund all the projects on the slate now, and the list is growing. Money, along with the available buildings and people Sidney currently offers, is needed to incentivize companies to come. The purpose of the fund would be to attract good paying jobs to Sidney. She further noted that participation in this type of funding would not exclude the City from receiving LB 840 funding.

Sadler explained that the marketing of the fund to investors would initially be done by the City, City Council and other key members of the community. Key investors will be identified and contacted to make the initial contributions to the job creation investment fund. The total investment goal is \$5-\$10 million dollars of which 60% will go towards startup and investment type opportunities and 40% towards attracting existing businesses to Sidney. It is estimated that these funds will attract a minimum of 150-200 new jobs to Sidney. The investors in the fund will establish a board of directors, who will then be responsible for all final application and funding approvals. He noted that while the City needs to be the facilitator of this project, they should distance themselves to some extent once the board of directors is established, i.e., operating in an advisory capacity. Councilman Gallaway compared this type of arrangement to the Housing Authority where although they operate autonomous of the City there is a City representative on their board.

City Attorney Leef noted that we need to look at how to do this within the confines of the State Statutes. She will research the legalities and report her findings to Council and staff. Council agreed that this was the first step, after which they will schedule another meeting to nail down the general structure of organization, start-up costs, etc.

City Manager Sadler stressed the urgency of the project, noting that if we wait till a year from now it will be too late. He urged the Council to bring their concerns and suggestions to him so they can be included in the design template.

Council was in favor of taking the next step in this process. City Attorney Leef was instructed to draft a proposal for a Job Creation Fund for consideration at a future meeting.

City Manager Sadler presented four options for purchase of solid waste equipment for operations at the City of Sidney Landfill: Option A: New Baler; Option B: Compactor; Option C: Shredder; and Option D: Shredder/Compactor Combination. Three videos were presented showing the various forms of equipment used for operations. City Manager Sadler explained that the current equipment, i.e. baler is 24

years old and considered obsolete, so the City is currently working on a transition plan to replace the current system with a more economical and cost effective system.

The various scenarios were discussed. Staff's recommendation was to change the solid waste operations from baling to the shredding/compacting combination as stated in Option D. It would extend the life of the current cells, as well as saving on effort-hours and equipment maintenance.

City Manager Sadler addressed Council concerns regarding the cost of the transition, explaining that the City is currently working on a transition plan where all residential customers would use a 95 gallon container, eliminating alley containers. This would allow for recycling of trucks as they age, eventually eliminating two types of trucks and costs associated with them. He also noted that a restructuring of landfill rates is underway. Both of these steps will result in cost savings to the City which can be used to offset operation/equipment costs.

It was the consensus of the Council that the City should pursue Option D at a future Council meeting. Staff was instructed to bring information on the restructured rate schedule and transition plan for waste pickup to offset costs of the proposed equipment purchase to the next meeting.

Mayor Arterburn adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

/s/ JOE ARTERBURN/MAYOR

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

