

Sidney, Nebraska, May 22, 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 May 22, 2018 in the Council Room. Present were: Vice-Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Gaston, Utley and Olsen. Absent: Mayor Arterburn. 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.

Vice-Mayor Gallaway informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Olson moved, Gaston seconded "That the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Arterburn.

Audrey Matthes, EMT presented the EMS Week Proclamation and Vice-Mayor Gallaway proclaimed same for May 20-26, 2018.

Gaston moved, Utley seconded "That RESOLUTION NO. 20180502 be passed and adopted." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Arterburn.

RESOLUTION NO 20180502

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska hereby recommends approval of the manager application of Judy L. Morrison for the Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at 655 Cabela Drive, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska; and

That the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission be notified of said recommendation.

Utley moved, Gaston seconded "That RESOLUTION NO. 20180504 be passed and adopted." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Arterburn.

RESOLUTION NO 20180504

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska hereby recommends approval of the manager application of Shawna D. Knott for Walmart #5170 at 3001 Silverberg Drive, Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska; and

That the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission be notified of said recommendation.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, gave an update on the City's website which had been redesigned, updated and launched on May 14th. The collaboration and effort of Jo Houser and Lori Borchert

helped shape the new look and feel of the website. The process started in November 2017 after the city was approached by a different government website hosting company offering a new website and services. After going back to our current host, Civic Plus, we were able to negotiate a lower annual rate and the redesign of the website at no cost to the city. The city is saving money on the annual contract moving forward.

Dean Sterling, Solid Waste Superintendent, appeared to ask for the City Council's approval to move forward with the purchase of a shredder/compactor combination for the continued Landfill operations. In August 2017, the City applied for a NDEQ Solid Waste Reduction Grant. We received notification that we were not awarded the money for the grant. Currently our City's baler is 24 years old and considered obsolete and parts and support are limited. Prices for a shredder/compactor combination as of last fall ranged from \$651,00 to \$799,000. The current financial information was also discussed. There is compactor available now and a shredder wouldn't be available in September, 2018 or later. Therefore, it is recommended that Council approve the purchase of the 2018 Terminator 6000S Shredder, and the 2018 Tana E380 Compactor with intent to enter into purchase agreements for both items. Discussion was had on the proposals for a residential trash can, dumpsters and truck conversions

City Manager Sadler presented a report regarding landfill rates and financing options. If Council chooses to proceed with the purchase of equipment for the landfill, rates will need to be adjusted to allow for debt payments. The current estimated balance for the Landfill Fund is around \$400,000. Should Council also choose to consolidate the types of containers currently used and therefore reduce the number and type of trucks required to pick up these containers, thereby reducing daily trips, getting our trash trucks out of alleys, reducing annual mileage and staff time, new rates need to be able to address those startup costs in either the short term or long term. Current debt for the last disposal cell still has 8 years left with a current balance of about \$960,000. For the last several years the City has been collecting about \$1,100,000 in monthly trash fees for the landfill, with total revenues approaching \$1,500,000. The existing debt appears to have been slowly eating away at the cash balance during that time. Numerous options have been examined to not only look at funding this new debt, but also to possibly consolidate the new debt with the existing debt to look at saving money and have a consistent debt payment that the new fees are able cover. The recommendation is to leave the existing debt in place and finance the new debt for 10 years. Once the existing debt for the landfill cell is paid in 2026 and the change out is underway for the container/vehicle consolidation, the landfill fees should stabilize, and the fund can start accumulating a cash balance which can reduce or eliminate future debt. The increased revenue can go towards the new debt payments of about \$165,000/yr., keep us from spending down our minimal cash reserves and allow us to slowly but concisely change out our collection system. The debt for the cell is then paid off in 2026, the equipment debt in 2028 and we can begin saving for a new cell that will be needed in about 2038, or about 27 years after the current one was opened and when replacement equipment is expected to need replacement (20 years).

City Manager Sadler's recommendation was to approve the rates as presented and have staff draft the appropriate ordinance to put these rates into effect by September or October 1, 2018. He also recommend that if you move forward on the purchase of the two main pieces of equipment that we fund this debt on its own through the Sidney Area Solid Waste Authority (formed by an interlocal agreement with the County) with fees from the landfill operations and if necessary any local taxing authority necessary to meet payments. Gaston moved, Utley seconded "That staff proceeds with entering purchase agreements for the needed equipment as well as proceeding with putting the financing in place." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Arterburn.

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

Information provided to Council was a report re: Joint East Sidney Watershed Authority's (JESWA) intent to award the lowest bid received on May 11, 2018 at the bid opening for the JESWA project to Peltz Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$1,034,293.25 and that they will continue the process to maintain a responsible budget and to lower the cost whenever prudent. Explanation of the Interlocal agreement with Cheyenne County to be continued joint participants in the landfill's future. The City Council had no objections to JESWA's intentions and plans.

**City Manager's/Staff Report:** City Manager Sadler reported on the upcoming Downtown Sounds on June 8 which is also the beginning date of Gold Rush Days. He received thank you notes from the third graders who participated in Government Day. Work on the underpass has begun; i.e. new lights over the road portion, still working on the walkway lights, and the paths have been pressure sprayed to clean out the drains, etc.

**City Council Remarks:** Bob appreciated what had been done on the underpass and also commented that Governor Rickett's visit had gone well. Kelly asked if there had been any flooding in the recent storms. Answer was no. Wendall congratulated the graduates and suggested that the recent sewer rates be re-visited to find another option. Roger reminded everyone that school will be out soon and to please drive with care. Wendall commented on high school graduations coming soon and what a great group of young people that the graduations included. City Manager Sadler reviewed the sewer rates subject also.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

/s/ ROGER GALLAWAY, VICE-MAYOR

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