

Planning Commission Meeting

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 p.m., on December 15, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, located at 1115 13th Avenue. Present were: Chairman Schmitt and Commissioners Beitel, England, Glenn, Jones, Loghry, Spiker. Others present: City Clerk Borchert, Chief Building Official Hall. 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 Chairman and all members of the Commission, 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 Planning Commission of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Schmitt announced that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review at the rear of the room.

Schmitt asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 20, 2025. England moved, Spiker seconded, "That the minutes for October 20, 2025 be approved." Roll call: Beitel, England, Jones, Loghry, Schmitt, Spiker. Nays: None. Abstain: Glenn. Absent: Benzel, Sweetser. Motion approved.

Schmitt opened a public hearing at 5:31 pm for the application for Valarie Grilli for a waiver for truck parking in a residential R2 zone located at 1742 Osage Street and recommendation to City Council regarding the same. Present was Valarie Grilli and Mike Goen. Grilli stated that she was requesting the waiver to be able to park when she was home. An alternate ride is not always available to give her a ride home. Glenn asked Grilli where she currently parks. Grilli responded that she normally parks at Cabela's. Glenn asked where she was requesting to park. Grilli stated that she would park on 18th Avenue, where there is plenty of room. Schmitt asked if it was for just one truck. Grilli said that there may be times when there would be two trucks. Chief Building Official Hall stated that other waivers have been issued for off street parking. Goen reported that there was very little traffic on 18th Avenue. Schmitt asked if this was for tractor parking only. Goen responded that it could be tractor and trailer. Goen also stated that with the new trucks there is no idling time. Hall stated that he did not have any concerns other than possibly the standing weight. Goen stated in the last year there were only two times that they brought their truck and trailer home and they always take the truck routes to get to their home. Glenn stated that his concern was the weight of the trucks for the road. Goen responded that his tractor was no heavier than the trash trucks. Schmitt stated that he was leaning towards one truck at a time and the tractor only. Glenn asked if the parking would create blind spots. Goen stated that they park about 15 feet back to avoid blind spots. Clerk Borchert stated that all residents within a 300 foot radius were sent notification. There were no responses. Schmitt closed the meeting at 5:50 pm. Schmitt asked for a motion. England moved, "To approve the parking wavier for one truck and trailer or two tractors at 1742 Osage Street." Loghry seconded. Roll call: Yeas: England, Loghry, Spiker. Nays: Glenn, Jones, Schmitt, Beitel. Motion failed. England amended the motion, "To limit the waiver to two-tractor parking spaces with no trailers." Roll call: Yeas: Glenn, Jones, Loghry, Schmitt, Spiker, England. Nays: Beitel. Motion approved. Schmitt instructed Clerk Borchert to put the terms on the application.

Clerk Borchert stated that the waiver request would move to City Council for the January Council Meeting. Grilli stated as soon as she gets a date, she would call to get it scheduled for the January meeting.

There were no further comments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Ben Schmitt, Chairman

Lori Borchert, City Clerk