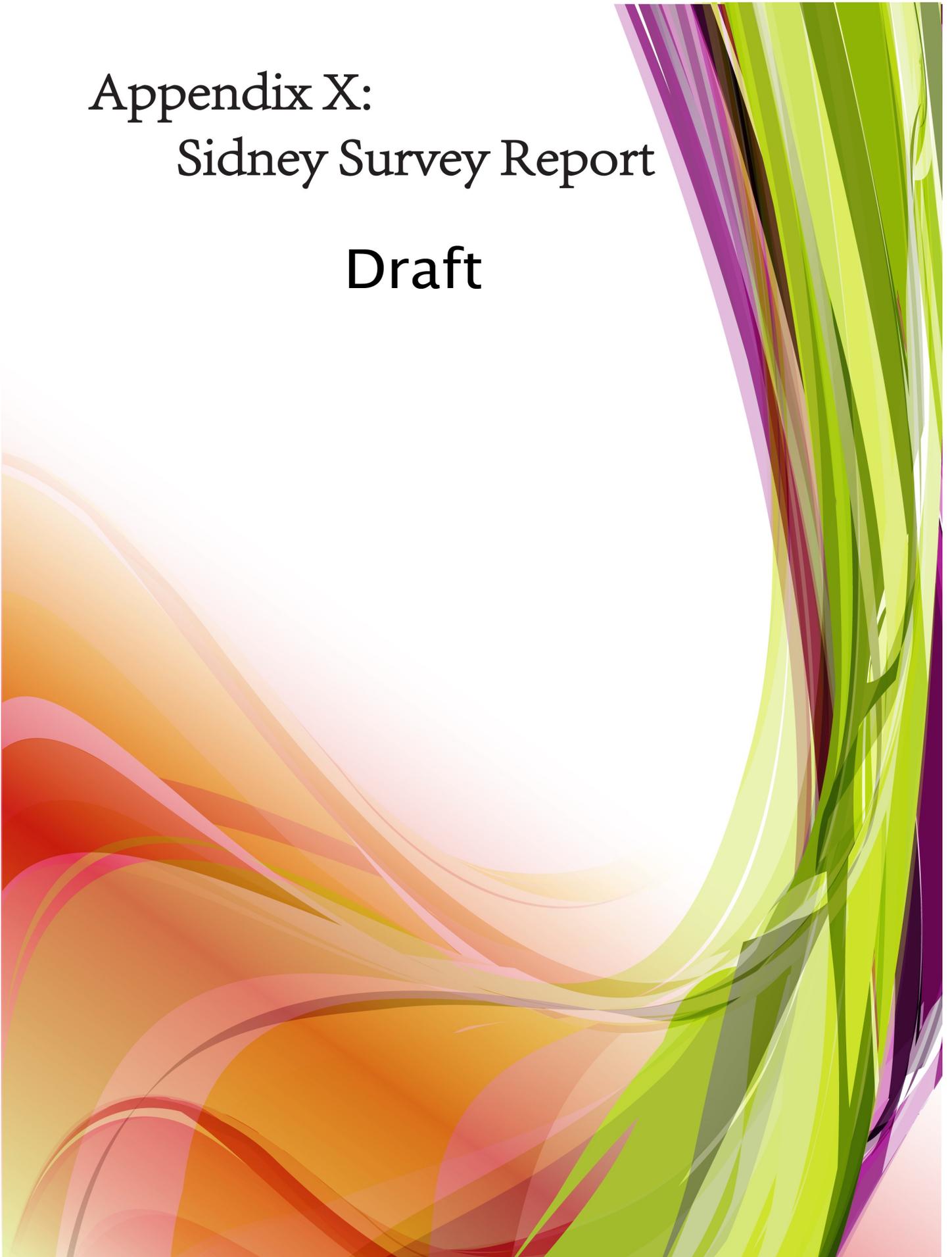


Appendix X:  
Sidney Survey Report

Draft





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*What do you like most about living in Sidney?*

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*Are there any opportunities or improvements that you believe Sidney needs to improve?*

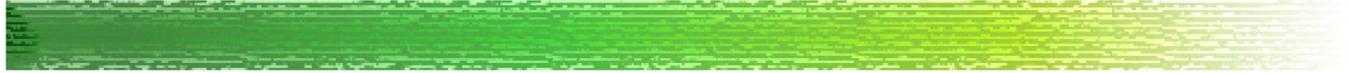
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*If you have children who live outside of Sidney, what do you believe could motivate them to move to Sidney?*

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For an easier way to collect and analyze data at a glance, we have used an information-sorting site called **Wordle** (<http://www.wordle.net/>). Inserting a large group of words, it sorts out the most common themes and then collects them in a collage.

The Sidney 2011 survey report shows that 2899 sent out, 1106 we're received, meaning that 38.2% of residents responded with a margin of error of +/- 2.32%. One of the surveys was rejected because it was a duplicate of another.

Sidney's survey results show compiled information as a whole, but to get a better sense of accuracy of the improvements that can be made, Sidney was then divided into North, Central, and South regions.

The sections on the table that are highlight is a quick indication of high to low rates. Those highlighted in orange indicate the highest rate, while those highlighted in yellow show the lowest. This will be true of all instances through out the survey.







**Recycling Efforts**, of the whole town, received a satisfactory rate of 55.80%. This is below the 2004 survey results that demonstrate a 4.6% decrease in satisfaction rate.

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010	Satisfaction Rate 2004	Change
Recycling Efforts	561	444	101	55.80%	60.40%	-4.6%

The North section has a low satisfaction rate of 55.2%. The South section of Sidney has a high satisfaction rate of 56.6%, which is higher than the rate of the entire town.

	Entire Town	South	Central	North
Recycling Efforts	55.80%	56.6%	55.6%	55.2%

People between the ages of 19-29 have a satisfaction rate of 48.1%, while people of the ages of 65 and beyond have a high satisfaction rate of 64.5% .

	Entire Town	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Recycling Efforts	55.80%	59.2%	49.1%	48.1%	50.6%	53.0%	64.5%

People who have lived in the area between 5-9 years have a satisfaction rate of 41.9%, while people who have lived in the area between 10-19 years have a highest satisfaction rate of 59.6%.

	Entire Town	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
Recycling Efforts	55.80%	46.0%	41.9%	59.6%	59.0%



The most common comment regarding **recycling efforts** is the **availability of home pickup, more options in recycling, and information regarding a better recycling program.**

Comments regarding **recycling efforts** can be found on pages: South 63, Central 100, North 138.





















**City Parks**, of the whole town, received a satisfactory rate of 86.60%. This is above the 2004 survey results that demonstrate a 6.3% increase in satisfaction rate.

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010	Satisfaction Rate 2004	Change
City Parks/ Trails	886	137	83	86.60%	80.30%	+6.3%

The North section of Sidney have a satisfaction rate of 84.4%, while the Central sections have a satisfaction rate of 87.4%.

	Entire Town	South	Central	North
City Parks/Trails	86.60%	86.7%	87.4%	84.4%

People with children in between the ages of 0-4 have a satisfaction rate of 79.6%, while people who are 65 years of age and beyond have a high satisfaction rate of 92.2%.

	Entire Town	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
City Parks/ Trails	86.60%	79.6%	79.7%	87.2%	81.5%	85.9%	92.2%

People who have lived in the area between 5-9 years have a satisfaction rate at 76.8%, while people who have lived in the area 20 years and beyond have a high satisfaction rate of 88.6%.

	Entire Town	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
City Parks/Trails	86.60%	84.9%	76.8%	86.1%	88.6%

The tables listed in the following pages will demonstrate how some of the residents feel about the recreational parks and activities that are already available to them, continuing to tables of how residents feel about the development of potential new uses for other parks, trails, and recreational opportunities.

These tables will demonstrate separately by age, how many years the residents have lived in Sidney, how they would support or oppose new potential usages of parks, etc.

As indicated throughout the tables, the orange highlighted areas represent the highest response or satisfaction rate, while yellow highlighted areas represent the lowest response or satisfaction rate.

This table demonstrates how residents feel of the quality of the recreational activities that Sidney already provides.

Entire Town	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	Excellent/ Good	Fair/Poor
Legion Park	327	565	63	53	9	87.7%	6.1%
Memorial Gardens	366	464	87	38	3	86.6%	4.3%
Greenwood Cemetery	295	453	99	37	4	84.2%	4.6%
Angel of Hope	359	314	120	18	7	82.3%	3.1%
Legion Field	233	469	108	38	6	82.2%	5.2%
Ball Fields	211	514	107	48	13	81.2%	6.8%
Trail System	261	494	115	51	14	80.7%	7.0%
Fishing Pond	294	408	123	68	16	77.2%	9.2%
Community Center	243	417	136	94	37	71.2%	14.1%
Horseshoe Pitching Area	135	253	191	35	8	62.4%	6.9%
Shooting Park	122	200	160	34	16	60.5%	9.4%
Arboretum	86	191	168	29	11	57.1%	8.2%
Swimming Pool	105	352	156	156	87	53.4%	28.4%
Tennis Courts	79	277	196	115	64	48.7%	24.5%
Skateboard Park	75	226	219	87	50	45.8%	20.9%
North Side Park	51	256	165	154	85	43.2%	33.6%
Ice Skating Rink	81	232	175	149	162	39.2%	38.9%

Sections of Sidney	Excellent/ Good	South E/G	Central E/G	North E/G	Fair/ Poor	South F/P	Central F/P	North F/P
Legion Park	87.7%	88.9%	87.9%	84.0%	6.1%	5.2%	6.1%	8.6%
Memorial Gardens	86.6%	85.9%	88.9%	82.5%	4.3%	3.8%	3.4%	7.5%
Greenwood Cemetery	84.2%	85.3%	85.1%	79.9%	4.6%	2.6%	5.7%	6.5%
Angel of Hope	82.3%	82.6%	84.6%	75.6%	3.1%	1.5%	3.8%	5.2%
Legion Field	82.2%	85.9%	82.2%	72.9%	5.2%	3.4%	5.8%	7.9%
Ball Fields	81.2%	83.8%	80.5%	75.7%	6.8%	6.4%	6.9%	7.9%
Trail System	80.7%	81.4%	83.1%	72.4%	7.0%	5.5%	6.7%	11.7%
Fishing Pond	77.2%	78.6%	78.2%	70.9%	9.2%	7.8%	8.1%	16.2%
Community Center	71.2%	73.0%	72.8%	61.6%	14.1 %	13.2%	13.7%	17.8%
Horseshoe Pitching Area	62.4%	64.9%	61.7%	58.2%	6.9%	6.0%	6.9%	9.1%
Shooting Park	60.5%	62.8%	62.1%	51.1%	9.4%	7.4%	11.5%	8.9%
Arboretum	57.1%	55.1%	61.1%	51.9%	8.2%	6.8%	10.3%	6.5%
Swimming Pool	53.4%	52.4%	57.8%	45.1%	28.4 %	29.5%	27.7%	27.1%
Tennis Courts	48.7%	53.0%	48.0%	40.2%	24.5 %	25.5%	23.9%	23.0%
Skateboard Park	45.8%	49.6%	44.6%	39.5%	20.9 %	18.4%	22.5%	22.8%
North Side Park	43.2%	44.5%	46.2%	35.4%	33.6 %	27.9%	28.7%	51.6%
Ice Skating Rink	39.2%	40.6%	39.9%	32.8%	38.9 %	38.6%	39.3%	39.1%

Entire Town by age of residents:

Households with residents of the ages:	Fair/Poor	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Legion Park	6.1%	9.5%	6.7%	7.5%	5.1%	6.2%	6.2%
Memorial Gardens	4.3%	11.4%	5.7%	6.5%	6.1%	3.6%	3.8%
Greenwood Cemetery	4.6%	2.9%	3.8%	4.4%	4.6%	4.1%	5.3%
Angel of Hope	3.1%	6.9%	3.9%	7.0%	3.1%	2.7%	0.9%
Legion Field	5.2%	7.2%	4.5%	6.1%	3.6%	4.5%	4.5%
Ball Fields	6.8%	12.1%	8.3%	9.2%	8.4%	4.8%	3.9%
Trail System	7.0%	5.2%	5.8%	6.7%	6.0%	6.4%	7.0%
Fishing Pond	9.2%	12.6%	9.9%	9.1%	9.3%	10.3%	8.1%
Community Center	14.1%	23.1%	17.0%	19.6%	16.7%	13.7%	11.5%
Horseshoe Pitching Area	6.9%	14.9%	8.4%	11.2%	9.9%	4.1%	6.8%
Shooting Park	9.4%	21.3%	10.8%	13.4%	11.9%	6.1%	7.1%
Arboretum	8.2%	15.0%	6.5%	7.6%	5.8%	7.8%	8.6%
Swimming Pool	28.4%	39.8%	37.3%	29.1%	35.8%	29.3%	22.1%
Tennis Courts	24.5%	39.1%	37.5%	31.9%	31.8%	26.4%	11.9%
Skateboard Park	20.9%	27.6%	30.1%	24.3%	27.9%	22.5%	12.8%
North Side Park	33.6%	52.3%	38.8%	41.1%	40.6%	30.9%	22.5%
Ice Skating Rink	38.9%	45.2%	49.0%	44.1%	46.9%	39.3%	33.7%
Households with residents of the ages:	Excellent/Good	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Legion Park	87.7%	82.1%	86.7%	86.4%	86.2%	88.9%	87.6%
Memorial Gardens	86.6%	69.3%	82.8%	81.2%	80.7%	87.3%	92.5%
Greenwood Cemetery	84.2%	73.9%	78.7%	73.7%	75.3%	82.9%	91.4%
Angel of Hope	82.3%	70.8%	80.3%	73.9%	77.6%	78.3%	92.7%
Legion Field	82.2%	72.3%	81.8%	77.1%	80.2%	83.3%	87.7%
Ball Fields	81.2%	71.4%	79.7%	77.3%	76.5%	84.9%	86.9%
Trail System	80.7%	81.3%	83.0%	80.7%	81.3%	81.8%	80.3%
Fishing Pond	77.2%	74.7%	81.6%	75.5%	77.6%	76.5%	80.1%
Community Center	71.2%	63.7%	67.4%	62.9%	65.3%	70.0%	76.6%
Horseshoe Pitching Area	62.4%	59.6%	55.2%	59.6%	53.0%	64.3%	69.1%
Shooting Park	60.5%	51.1%	55.4%	58.5%	54.8%	62.0%	68.3%
Arboretum	57.1%	42.5%	50.5%	50.0%	51.0%	59.9%	62.5%
Swimming Pool	53.4%	42.0%	46.8%	42.5%	45.4%	54.1%	61.3%
Tennis Courts	48.7%	33.3%	34.8%	42.0%	34.9%	47.9%	63.1%
Skateboard Park	45.8%	36.2%	36.7%	45.2%	37.2%	41.3%	55.8%
North Side Park	43.2%	33.8%	34.7%	35.5%	32.2%	46.2%	54.4%
Ice Skating Rink	39.2%	35.6%	26.8%	32.3%	27.0%	38.7%	48.2%

Years residents lived in the area.	Excellent/ Good	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years	Fair/ Poor	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
Legion Park	87.7%	86.8%	87.2%	89.9%	87.1%	6.1%	7.9%	4.3%	4.7%	6.4%
Memorial Gardens	86.6%	79.8%	77.6%	85.0%	90.1%	4.3%	6.4%	5.9%	6.4%	3.1%
Greenwood Cemetery	84.2%	67.1%	75.4%	79.8%	88.0%	4.6%	2.9%	4.6%	5.6%	4.4%
Angel of Hope	82.3%	72.7%	75.0%	81.7%	84.7%	3.1%	5.2%	2.9%	4.3%	2.3%
Legion Field	82.2%	75.6%	81.3%	85.6%	83.8%	5.2%	5.6%	3.8%	4.8%	5.0%
Ball Fields	81.2%	74.3%	81.0%	80.5%	83.1%	6.8%	9.9%	6.0%	6.3%	5.8%
Trail System	80.7%	77.2%	85.9%	90.2%	78.1%	7.0%	11.4%	4.3%	4.9%	6.8%
Fishing Pond	77.2%	68.8%	76.1%	78.7%	78.0%	9.2%	12.8%	4.5%	11.0%	8.8%
Community Center	71.2%	68.9%	65.9%	73.9%	70.5%	14.1 %	16.0%	13.6%	15.5%	14.0%
Horseshoe Pitching Area	62.4%	43.1%	47.8%	55.1%	67.5%	6.9%	13.7%	6.5%	9.0%	5.8%
Shooting Park	60.5%	43.5%	50.9%	63.9%	63.9%	9.4%	26.1%	13.2%	8.4%	6.4%
Arboretum	57.1%	45.2%	42.5%	59.5%	59.7%	8.2%	7.1%	15.0%	9.5%	7.4%
Swimming Pool	53.4%	46.0%	46.7%	47.4%	56.4%	28.4 %	40.2%	36.0%	39.8%	23.6%
Tennis Courts	48.7%	44.7%	43.1%	39.8%	51.4%	24.5 %	25.0%	29.2%	31.1%	21.9%
Skateboard Park	45.8%	37.5%	39.7%	48.0%	45.8%	20.9 %	27.8%	31.0%	18.4%	18.8%
North Side Park	43.2%	37.3%	26.0%	36.4%	48.8%	33.6 %	29.3%	46.0%	35.4%	30.4%
Ice Skating Rink	39.2%	34.1%	25.7%	33.6%	40.9%	38.9 %	41.8%	50.0%	41.6%	37.4%

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	Do not Know/ No Response	Mean response	Median Response
Angel of Hope	359	314	120	18	7	288	1.78	2
Memorial Gardens	366	464	87	38	3	148	1.80	2
Legion Park	327	565	63	53	9	89	1.87	2
Greenwood Cemetery	295	453	99	37	4	218	1.88	2
Legion Field	233	469	108	38	6	252	1.96	2
Trail System	261	494	115	51	14	171	2.00	2
Fishing Pond	294	408	123	68	16	197	2.01	2
Ball Fields	211	514	107	48	13	213	2.03	2
Community Center	243	417	136	94	37	179	2.21	2
Horseshoe Pitching Area	135	253	191	35	8	484	2.24	2
Shooting Park	122	200	160	34	16	574	2.29	2
Arboretum	86	191	168	29	11	621	2.36	2
Skateboard Park	75	226	219	87	50	449	2.71	3
Swimming Pool	105	352	156	156	87	250	2.73	2
Tennis Courts	79	277	196	115	64	375	2.74	3
North Side Park	51	256	165	154	85	395	2.95	3
Ice Skating Rink	81	232	175	149	162	307	3.10	3

The table below shows what residents would support for potential new park uses. The highlighted orange area indicates the highest responds.

**Potential New Park Uses Entire town**

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Support	Oppose
Indoor Swimming Pool	469	265	119	73	61	74.4%	13.6%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	192	375	208	62	46	64.2%	12.2%
Basketball Courts	145	346	235	84	56	56.7%	16.2%
North Side Extension to Trail System	203	259	194	136	128	50.2%	28.7%
Dog Park	156	222	274	120	123	42.2%	27.2%
Additional Baseball Field for practice and Babe Ruth Leagues	89	218	312	168	90	35.0%	29.4%
Cricket	33	84	287	180	209	14.8%	49.1%

The table below shows what sections of Sidney support/oppose the new potential of parks.

	Support	South	Central	North	Oppose	South	Central	North
Indoor Swimming Pool	74.4%	75.6%	73.5%	73.9%	13.6%	12.6%	14.5%	13.4%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	64.2%	61.3%	67.3%	63.2%	12.2%	11.8%	11.8%	14.7%
Basketball Courts	56.7%	58.3%	52.9%	63.0%	16.2%	11.8%	19.3%	18.5%
North Side Extension to Trail System	50.2%	47.5%	45.8%	67.3%	28.7%	28.1%	31.6%	22.6%
Dog Park	42.2%	41.6%	40.3%	47.9%	27.2%	24.6%	31.0%	24.0%
Additional Baseball Field for practice and Babe Ruth Leagues	35.0%	38.3%	32.5%	32.6%	29.4%	25.7%	30.9%	35.5%
Cricket	14.8%	16.5%	13.1%	14.9%	49.1%	47.3%	51.0%	47.9%

The table below indicates what ages of residents would support the potential new park uses.

**Potential New Park Uses by Age Approve**

Households with residents age	All Sidney	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Indoor Swimming Pool	74.4%	89.1%	87.0%	83.1%	81.3%	67.8%	53.8%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	64.2%	66.3%	69.9%	63.1%	65.7%	53.5%	38.9%
Basketball Courts	56.7%	61.4%	64.0%	60.0%	59.7%	45.8%	31.9%
North Side Extension to Trail System	50.2%	53.5%	54.4%	55.0%	51.9%	46.7%	27.9%
Dog Park	42.2%	33.7%	41.0%	40.0%	44.8%	38.1%	22.6%
Additional Baseball Field for practice and Babe Ruth Leagues	35.0%	36.6%	36.4%	26.9%	34.7%	26.9%	21.3%
Cricket	14.8%	13.9%	17.2%	9.4%	14.6%	11.2%	4.7%

The table below indicates what ages oppose the potential new park uses. Highlighted areas are the highest response.

**Potential New Park Uses by Age Oppose**

Households with residents age	All Sidney	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Indoor Swimming Pool	13.6%	5.9%	5.0%	5.6%	7.5%	13.6%	14.0%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	12.2%	6.9%	6.7%	7.5%	7.5%	11.9%	10.0%
Basketball Courts	16.2%	10.9%	9.2%	13.8%	9.7%	14.3%	12.6%
North Side Extension to Trail System	28.7%	20.8%	12.1%	15.6%	17.5%	23.6%	32.2%
Dog Park	27.2%	22.8%	19.2%	25.0%	20.5%	22.9%	24.6%
Additional Baseball Field for practice and Babe Ruth Leagues	29.4%	22.8%	18.0%	25.6%	25.7%	26.4%	22.9%
Cricket	49.1%	43.6%	28.5%	39.4%	38.8%	37.6%	30.6%

The table below indicates the years that residents that have lived in Sidney and who support the potential new park uses.

**Potential New Park Uses by Years in Sidney Approve**

Residents who have lived in the area	All Sidney	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
Indoor Swimming Pool	74.4%	86.2%	80.9%	76.0%	71.2%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	64.2%	69.5%	68.2%	72.3%	61.1%
Basketball Courts	56.7%	63.9%	61.6%	60.9%	54.5%
North Side Extension to Trail System	50.2%	66.4%	65.5%	46.3%	46.1%
Dog Park	42.2%	52.3%	52.4%	48.9%	38.5%
Additional Baseball Field for practice and Babe Ruth Leagues	35.0%	43.1%	31.8%	39.1%	31.2%
Cricket	14.8%	17.2%	18.4%	19.5%	11.5%

The table below indicates the years that residents that have lived in Sidney and who oppose the potential new park uses.

**Potential New Park Uses by Years in Sidney Oppose**

Residents who have lived in the area	All Sidney	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
Indoor Swimming Pool	13.6%	4.1%	9.6%	11.6%	16.1%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	12.2%	5.7%	6.8%	8.5%	14.9%
Basketball Courts	16.2%	11.1%	9.3%	14.1%	18.7%
North Side Extension to Trail System	28.7%	11.2%	12.6%	29.1%	33.9%
Dog Park	27.2%	19.3%	19.0%	22.2%	32.1%
Additional Baseball Field for practice and Babe Ruth Leagues	29.4%	17.6%	25.0%	29.7%	35.2%
Cricket	49.1%	37.6%	42.1%	44.9%	55.5%



## Comments Regarding Parks and Trails

### Sidney Southside

\*Any good idea needs to be weighed against cost and availability of money. These are luxuries. Infrastructure and general maintenance of the city should come first.

\*Indoor swimming pool was part of the reason people voted for the center and was left out by our famous governing body

\*Dugouts at all ballfields need improvement; better shading and new benches

\*Love the idea of an indoor pool. The improvement of the existing outdoor pool including a more water park feel (slide, water toys) would be good too. Improvements to the soccer field including lighting, restrooms, bleachers, and concessions would be great. Other activities for kids would be good. I believe the community center is good, but overpriced for membership.

\*I really like the idea of increasing the trail length. I also really like the idea of a dog park

\*Legion park playground is for small children, which is good, but there is nothing for 6 and up. The skate park hasn't been improved or adequately maintained. If we got a basketball court would it fall into disrepair like the skatepark and tennis court/

\*The trail system is great, would like to see less dog poop on it

\*We need to maintain existing facilities before we add new

\*It has been years since Sidney had a roller skating rink. I'm not sure if there is enough interest in this, but next survey include it.

\*Some indoor activity for teenagers after school and weekends. (The Dog House was good, too bad we lost that)

\*Indoor skating rink would be good

\*I oppose the extension of the existing trail to the interstate as on a daily basis users of the existing trail, there is no heavy use. I seldom see anyone else. Also, the maintenance of the existing trail is extremely poor, if I was looking at it on a safety only aspect, I would be ashamed of the conditions, broken cement. City vehicle, traffic from all departments on the cement, large patch of ice on sidewalk for over six weeks, etc. Also, I have never met a City Council member or city manager using the trail. If they had they would not build the trail to nowhere out to the interstate if they would walk from Gordon's trailer court to the fairgrounds on a windy day, they could figure out what a waste of money it would be. If they want to impress people and improve life in Sidney, fix the streets. The City has too often went into competition with the private sector needlessly. If there is demand for something the private sector can do it better than maintaining a highly subsidized public sector (community center)

\*Skate park needs new cement, in poor repair, outdated, kids have lost interest because of it, need different larger location?

\*Do not use the text anyway

\*Redo outdoor pool

\*Indoor pool should have an adult area

\*Lodgepole Valley youth camp

\*Rollerskate range

\*Indoor outdoor water park

\*More activities for children

\*Sidney shooting part

\*Get rid of geese in park. Landscape, I do not disagree to new recreational uses, but within the budget and the little at a time

\*Enough sports

\*Opposed issues, may not get used enough to justify expense

## **Legion Park**

\*Full of dog poop

\*Too much poop

\*No alcohol signs are ignored by police

\*Need areas to picnic

## **North Side Park**

\*Needs to be improved

\*forgotten

## **Ball fields**

\*Could expand

\*No alcohol signs totally ignored by police

## **Tennis courts**

\*Practice wall

\*Where?

## **Swimming Pool**

\*Need indoor winter

\*Two small

\*Nice waterpark like sterling

\*Fix this pool up and quit bitching

\*Needs to be covered

\*Need an indoor pool

\*Needs longer hours

## **Trail System**

\*Not needed

\*Need no more, especially to Cabela's

\*Could expand

\*Do not need

\*Tell of dog poop

\*Needs solar lighting contrails

\*Got enough, no further expansion needed

\*It does not need to be extended

\*Do not need anymore

\*Don't need more, well kept up

\*No Interstate 80

- \*Unnecessary to the interchange, waste of money
- \*West of town not maintained like Park/East area
- \*Worthless
- \*Large enough
- \*Longer hours and lights

## **Horseshoe pitching area**

- \*Glad to support

## **Shooting Park**

- \*Appears to be another Cabela only enterprise, funded by my tax dollars. Have never seen any attempt to gain membership or advertising of events to be held. Appears to be an expensive endeavor enjoyed by a small favored group. As an avid shooter and archer, I would like to use these facilities also (as I pay for them) But very few people know how to join this elite group.
- \*Would use if I could find. Can't find.
- \*Need a center. Needs a center building for gathering, meeting and such. Also for training of young shooters, handling guns, safety, pairing. Needs expanding for archery and perhaps scouts boys and girls
- \*You mean the \*\*\* only shooting park, members only
- \*What part?
- \*Lucky to have
- \*Need better hours of operation

## **Community Center**

- \*Need an indoor wall
- \*Need an indoor swimming pool
- \*To high-priced
- \*High-priced membership
- \*Keeps getting higher and \$50,000 taxpayer dollars every year needs to stop
- \*Poorly managed
- \*Need indoor pool
- \*Needs indoor pool
- \*To expense for all
- \*Need steam room
- \*Need pool
- \*Too expensive

## **Arboretum**

- \*(poor) bind weed
- \*Never heard of it
- \*Do not need
- \*Joke
- \*Nice walk way
- \*Did not know we had one

## **Fishing Pond**

- \*Do not need
- \*\*\* thing, what was wrong with the old pond? It could have been improved
- \*Need stocking, trout
- \*You mean the \*\*\* fishing pond, members only
- \*Bad odor
- \*Not child friendly, old when much nicer

## **Skateboard Park**

- \*Could expand
- \*Need a rifle range
- \*Do not need
- \*Cheap
- \*Worthless

## **Ice Skating Rink**

- \*Ridiculous
- \*Very unnecessary
- \*Filled pretty late
- \*Do not need
- \*Needs improving but good
- \*Joke, waste of taxpayer dollars
- \*Is it necessary
- \*Do not need. Extra expenses
- \*Very dumb
- \*Not large enough
- \*What's a bad joke
- \*Need to clean snow off
- \*Sad excuse, why not use all of the
- \*Not needed

## **Cemetery**

- \*Really nice
- \*Excellent
- \*Too much water, eroding stones with lime build a, plant pine trees
- \*Keep mowers off head stones

## **Angel of Hope**

- \*Can care less
- \*Should not be on public property
- \*Did not need this expense
- \*Wonderful



## Legion Field

- \*Lucky so nice

## Dog Park

- \*Not needed
- \*Keep dog waste parts off it
- \*Both sides of town
- \*Can't keep proved off trail. How take care of a park full
- \*Dog part extremely necessary for more recreational facilities to better

## North Side Extension of Trails System

- \*Not needed
- \*Benefits everyone
- \*No trail extension, but support his own non-connective

## Lighting and restrooms at soccer field

- \*Could plant the flag football games there
- \*Use port o' potties, too expensive to build

## Basketball Courts

- \*My kids would still go to the center
- \*Have plenty, few schools
- \*Need one or two for all to use

## Indoor Swimming Pool

- \*Needed
- \*Enclose current wall and build outdoor water park
- \*This was promised years ago with
- \*Needs lifeguards. Outdoor fine but it is limited to only summer time. We all need to exercise all year and swimming and biking are two main ones especially for the adults and seniors with arthritis etc.
- \*Sidney needs this
- \*But too expensive to operate
- \*I think an indoor swimming pool would greatly enhance the fitness opportunities in the city

## Additional baseball field

- \*Not familiar with outfield
- \*Practice into now, learn to share

## Cricket Field

- \*Oppose unless combined with another field
- \*Use soccer fields
- \*Maybe some nice polo fields to, lots of cricket players here
- \*Do we need them
- \*Do not know what this is
- \*You have to be kidding
- \*Yawn

## Central of Sidney

- \* Unable to participate
- \*Use the money to fix the streets
- \*No complaints here
- \*City is currently having budget issues like all of us. How could we afford to do these things?
- \*We need more for kids to do
- \*When current pool is no longer functional
- \*Why couldn't you use the canal as soccer fields, sides become seating, good use of land
- \*Get someone who knows something about ballfields and not put gravel on infield
- \*Hot tub and sauna/steam room at CCCC needed
- \*To whom it may concern, I just recently moved to Sydney, I have not seen of us and of the following
- \*Selling my house and moving to Windsor Colorado \*\*\* \*\*\*\*
- \*There are good projects if you can afford them
- \*Golf core sneeze more restrooms on course and refreshment on course, very expensive

## Legion Park

- \* Tom and his crew are the best
- \*Upkeep grades, Canal ruined badly, use of Park
- \*When we travel outside of town you go to their parks and they are maintained in show a pride in the upkeep. Ours has a lot of terrible grass, edges are rough, lots of holes, just overall looks terrible

## Bellfield's

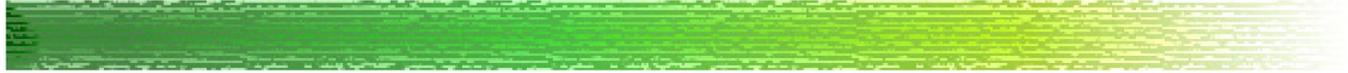
- \* More seating
- \*Fiberglass and old rusty benches are terrible. You cannot sit and watch in a safe and comfortable way. Fields are not level and to be dangerous. Layout does not have much room and can be dangerous behind the concession stand. Lots of people use it and it would be great to invest in the upkeep
- \*Ballfields have too many rocks, hurts to slide to base

## Tennis courts

- \*Much more popular now, we need more courts
- \* I only see skateboarders using them
- \*Need upkeep
- \*Need more
- \*Tennis court is breaking up

## Swimming Pool

- \*Need indoor
- \*Should be indoor pool
- \* Open it earlier in the year and close later
- \*Need to check out the pool a month ahead of opening
- \*Need indoor
- \*Should be open after school, starts in August to September, late PM
- \*Do we have one? Decent size?
- \*but needs to be bigger
- \*need indoor pool



## Trail System

- \*Too isolated, but a poop station at each end
- \*No need
- \*Increased length
- \*Would like distance markers
- \*Extended longer
- \*Put sidewalks around the park not more trails
- \*No more
- \*Do not need any more additions
- \*With extension
- \*Upkeep good, enough to not need more
- \*Go forward with extending it
- \*Do not like it, do not use it
- \*Enough now
- \*Do not need more
- \*Waste of money
- \*Needs expanded
- \*Need some landscaping, where possible. Also, would like for it to be extended. Get on with the expansion to Interstate 80 already. Extending to Northside would be great, there are no amenities over there. Kids walking to school etc.
- \*Trail system needs to be longer

## Horseshoe pitching

- \*Way too much alcohol in Park
- \*Glad available
- \*Has Roof drainage problem

## Shooting Park

- \*Where is it?
- \*Never opened, should be called \*\*\*shooting club only
- \*Glad we have one
- \*Is it used?
- \*Need place for rifle shooting
- \*Neat pistol and rifle range

## Community Center

- \*Cost is a little high
- \*Cost too much
- \*Poor design and therefore noise level high
- \*The center needs more cardio machines there are our long waits to get on and people stay on much longer than 30 minutes that rule should be enforced
- \*Need a pool
- \*Too much buddy system, too many taxes spent on it that should not be
- \*Need more room for machines
- \*Need swimming pool
- \*Too much tax to pay to keep open
- \*Best money the city can spend
- \*Do not need one
- \*It would be nice to have a pool here
- \*Dated, needs pool, pave the entire parking area

## Arboretum

- \*Need citizen involvement and expanded
- \*It is a joke too
- \*Not sure of purpose, use resources elsewhere in Park
- \*nice

## Fishing pond

- \*Overspent
- \*Geese make surrounding walks filthy by their droppings
- \*Do not like for the children!
- \*Should be called \*\*\* Lake number two, members only
- \*Old one better
- \*let \*\*\* take care of it
- \*smells
- \*nice

## Skateboard Park

- \*Do not need, they do not know how to keep it nice
- \*The facilities look great but there are many not very nice people who hang out at the skate park. I see in here fights there all the time. Swearing and yelling at all times of day and night. Reckless driving by the people who hang out there, peeling in and out, very dangerous for runners, walkers, and the kids around the skate park area.
- \* Who cares, it is a joke, with big liabilities
- \*Glad we have one
- \*Do not care
- \*Do not feel these are needed
- \*Skate park needs a lot of work



## Ice Skating Rink

- \*Two small
- \*Are you kidding
- \*Two small
- \*Waste of time
- \*Two small
- \*Disaster
- \*Waste of time and money, and lights on all the time
- \*Two small
- \*Not family-friendly, a joke
- \*Joke
- \*Never saw anybody on the
- \*Too small to use
- \*Sad we lost the creek
- \*Waste of money
- \*A waste of funds
- \*needs to be kept up though
- \*do not feel these are needed
- \*not worth money
- \*too small
- \*too small
- \*we have tried this for two years and I believe it is a failure and please spend our tax dollars on something else above (proposed new facilities)
- \*need to provide rentals, education, lighting, seating, music, events, etc. more than just a frozen slab

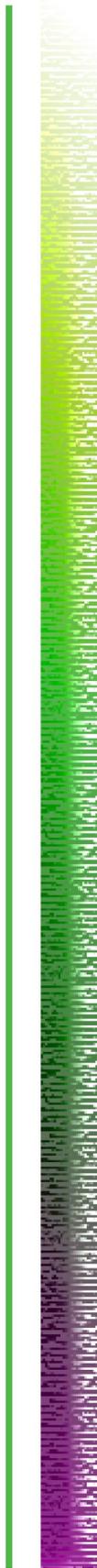
## Greenwood Cemetery

- \*James and crew are best
- \*Needs more pine trees
- \*Lots of bad grass areas
- \*Needs map updated
- \*Needs to be separate from parks
- \*nice

## Memorial Gardens

- \*Proud of workers, lovely

## Angel of Hope

- \*Tacky
  - \*Private, should not be in Park
  - \*Beautiful
  - \*Think a waste of money
  - \*Big joke, too costly
  - \*wonderful
- 

## **Legion Field**

- \*Bigger/better bleachers
- \*Great, trees?
- \*Thanks to private monies

## **Dog Park**

- \*Isn't the whole town a park
- \*Let's just get rid of the dogs and cats
- \*It won't be kept clean
- \*As long as people pick up the poop
- \*= more wasted tax dollars
- \*Need more doggy waste stations, just need more pickup of poop stations
- \*Good if they would use it
- \*Who is going to clean it up?
- \*yes!.
- \*animals can be exercised on current/expanded trail system. Dog park unnecessary. Northside Trail extension
- \*expand the trail system North and South to unify all of Sydney
- \*much needed for dog socialization and off leash activity

## **North Side Extension of Trails System**

- \*Fix their roads
- \*Wasted tax dollars
- \*How about a track trail around Park plus sidewalks

## **Lighting/restrooms at soccer field**

- \*Can City afford this? Enough soccer played to do so?
- \*Porta potties fine
- \*Ballfield ones are not maintained, do not add more
- \*What about downtown
- \*This is necessary due to heavy use in restricted daylight spring/fall
- \*Need this but take disc golf course into account. Do not mess up disc golf course layout

## **Basketball courts**

- \*Do a lot of people play it?
- \*Indoor
- \*Need one outside
- \*Go to center our use any of the schools
- \*Go to the center
- \*No more courts are necessary, encourage utilization and maintenance of existing courts, central

## **Indoor swimming pool**

- \*Indoor /outdoor
- \*Should have enclosed current pool with community center was built
- \*Good luck with the

- \*Would be nice, too costly
- \*Was supposed to be that way from start
- \*Support, but expensive
- \*Yes!
- \*Funding?
- \*Excellent opportunity to expand recreation opportunities to citizens, create a high school swim team, provide water-based rehabilitation services for citizens in conjunction with the hospital, earn revenue from swim parties, etc.

## **Additional baseball ballfield**

- \*Support if needed
- \*Can City afford it and do we really need it
- \*Wasted tax dollars
- \*Why? Share
- \*No particular opinion one way or the other

## **Cricket field**

- \*What!
- \*Who plays cricket?
- \*Lots of cricket players here in Sydney, right, not
- \*Yes I play with this group and I heard they were promised one
- \*Who plays cricket?

## **Sidney North Side**

- \*Do not raise property taxes to build (new uses)
- \*All this once again calls for more money (new uses)
- \*Children's bowling leagues, even five years and up
- \*Don't use these
- \*Do not use, no clue
- \*Please quit wasting our tax money on sending out these survey letters. When you have not taken care of last year's needs
- \*Try taking a drive all the way around North elementary school. The jagged street chews up your car tires. On fourth Street, the one and a half blocks that did get worked on was the part they did not need fixed. The rest is shameful
- \*Park needs more activity stuff for the kids
- \*Do not charge for kids to play ball. Need something for kids to do

## **Legion Park**

- \*Great
- \*Two small

## **North side Park**

- \* Why did we need to spend money on that shelter? Next in the bathrooms. How deep is that cement?

## **Ball Fields**

- \* Poorer roads

## **Tennis courts**

- \*Where?
- \*Need maintenance
- \*We need some

## **Swimming pool**

- \* Need a year-round

## **Trail System**

- \*A waste of money
- \*Do not need
- \*Go to Interstate 80 and Northside
- \* Who cares
- \*Do not need more
- \*Needed on North

## **Horseshoe pitching area**

- \*Who cares
- \*?

## **Shooting Park**

- \*One here but you have to be long to club
- \*Who cares
- \*Get rid of snakes

## **Community center**

- \*Too expensive to go
- \*Too expensive
- \*Two high people cannot afford it

## **Arboretum**

- \*Who cares
- \*Have no idea what this is

## **Ice skating rink**

- \*Not needed, season not long enough
- \*A joke, are you serious?
- \*Two small
- \*Do not feel it is necessary, not cold enough



## **Greenwood Cemetery**

- \* Do not forget other city owned cemetery east of Sidney

## **Angel of Hope**

- \*Too costly for some

## **Dog Park**

- \* Away from main areas

## **North Side Extension of Trails System**

- \*Waste
- \*As long as it does not affect personal property

## **Basketball courts**

- \* Park area

## **Indoor swimming pool**

- \*Also to allow water aerobics
- \*But too expensive
- \*Only if school has teamed



**Town Appearance**, of the whole town, received a satisfactory rate of 46.80%. This is below the 2004 survey results that demonstrate a 12.0% decrease in satisfaction rate.

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010	Satisfaction Rate 2004	Change
Town Appearance	487	553	66	46.80%	58.80%	-12.0%

The Central section of Sidney have a satisfaction rate of 44.1%, while the South section has a high satisfaction rate of 52.6%.

	Entire Town	South	Central	North
Town Appearance	46.80%	52.6%	44.1%	51.4%

People of the ages between the ages of 45-64 have a satisfaction rate of 40.5%, while people between the ages of 19-29 have a high satisfaction rate of 57.3%.

	Entire Town	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Town Appearance	46.80%	60.6%	47.8%	57.3%	49.0%	40.5%	47.1%

People who have lived in the area between 5-9 years have a satisfaction rate of 42.9%, while people who have lived in the area less than 5 years have a high satisfaction rate of 54.0%.

	Entire Town	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
Town Appearance	46.80%	54.0%	42.9%	49.0%	45.4%

The most common comment regarding **town appearance** are that most residents throughout the town have **too much junk in others yards and throughout the town.**

Comments regarding **town appearance** can be found on pages: South 83, Central 122, North 158.











## Appendix I: Result Tables

### Entire Community

Please rate the following services and facilities: Entire Town 2010 vs 2004

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010	Satisfaction Rate 2004	Change
Fire Protection	1028	23	55	97.80%	97.10%	+0.7
Library	981	56	69	94.60%	85.00%	+9.6
Golf Course	837	75	194	91.80%	Na	Na
Street Lighting	919	133	54	87.40%	88.00%	-0.6
Electricity Service	912	138	56	86.90%	88.30%	-1.4
City Parks/Trails	886	137	83	86.60%	80.30%	+6.3
Traffic Signs	907	143	56	86.40%	84.40%	+2.0
Law Enforcement	880	152	74	85.30%	78.60%	+6.7
Garbage Collection	899	157	50	85.10%	73.40%	+11.7
Water Service	876	163	67	84.30%	72.70%	+11.6
Animal Control	701	333	72	67.80%	64.20%	+3.6
Downtown Area	696	338	72	67.30%	Na	Na
Housing Market	572	395	139	59.20%	Na	Na
Recreational Opportunities	570	430	106	57.00%	Na	Na
Sidewalks	574	451	81	56.00%	Na	Na
Recycling Efforts	561	444	101	55.80%	60.40%	-4.6
Storm Water Drainage	559	469	78	54.40%	37.40%	+17.0
Rail Crossings	561	476	69	54.10%	53.10%	+1.0
Economic Opportunities	522	448	136	53.80%	68.10%	-14.3
Town Appearance	487	553	66	46.80%	58.80%	-12.0
Street Maintenance	136	923	47	12.80%	41.90%	-29.1

2004, Economic Opportunities was Business Climate

Orange indicates significant improvement in sentiment between 2004 and 2010, red is a significant decline

**Mailed** 2899

**Received** 1106 (1 rejected as it was an exact replica of another)

**Percent Returned** 38.2%

**Margin of Error** +/- 2.32% (that is very good)

**Please rate the following services and facilities: Satisfaction Rate by Area of Town**

The orange highlighted areas are the highest satisfaction, the yellow corresponds to the lowest satisfaction

Areas of Sidney	Entire Town	South	Central	North
Fire Protection	97.80%	98.8%	97.3%	96.6%
Library	94.60%	94.1%	94.5%	96.0%
Golf Course	91.80%	93.1%	91.4%	89.0%
Street Lighting	87.40%	88.4%	87.8%	84.3%
Electricity Service	86.90%	86.3%	86.9%	88.1%
City Parks/Trails	86.60%	86.7%	87.4%	84.4%
Traffic Signs	86.40%	86.2%	86.2%	87.0%
Law Enforcement	85.30%	86.5%	85.7%	81.0%
Garbage Collection	85.10%	87.5%	83.9%	83.4%
Water Service	84.30%	83.6%	87.7%	77.3%
Animal Control	67.80%	72.4%	68.6%	54.3%
Downtown Area	67.30%	67.8%	68.4%	63.1%
Housing Market	59.20%	60.3%	60.4%	53.4%
Recreational Opportunities	57.00%	60.9%	58.4%	44.0%
Sidewalks	56.00%	62.9%	53.7%	44.8%
Recycling Efforts	55.80%	56.6%	55.6%	55.2%
Storm Water Drainage	54.40%	55.2%	51.6%	59.2%
Rail Crossings	54.10%	56.8%	51.7%	52.9%
Economic Opportunities	53.80%	57.6%	53.2%	46.0%
Town Appearance	46.80%	52.6%	44.1%	51.4%
Street Maintenance	12.80%	10.4%	15.8%	10.2%

**Please rate the following services and facilities: Satisfaction Rate by Age**

Ages of residents	Entire Town	Has 0-4	Has 5-18	Has 19-29	Has 30-44	Has 45-64	Has 65+
Fire Protection	97.80%	94.9%	96.5%	99.4%	97.3%	98.5%	98.2%
Library	94.60%	91.8%	93.8%	94.8%	92.5%	94.6%	96.8%
Golf Course	91.80%	97.9%	93.4%	91.6%	91.9%	89.6%	94.1%
Street Lighting	87.40%	81.0%	85.7%	83.0%	86.6%	87.3%	89.7%
Electricity Service	86.90%	86.9%	87.0%	86.6%	86.5%	84.4%	88.5%
City Parks/Trails	86.60%	79.6%	79.7%	87.2%	81.5%	85.9%	92.2%
Traffic Signs	86.40%	84.0%	85.6%	85.4%	85.1%	85.7%	89.3%
Law Enforcement	85.30%	90.5%	86.6%	85.1%	86.6%	80.5%	88.9%
Garbage Collection	85.10%	85.0%	87.8%	86.8%	84.2%	85.1%	86.0%
Water Service	84.30%	85.7%	86.3%	81.8%	82.9%	82.8%	85.9%
Animal Control	67.80%	75.0%	75.3%	71.4%	74.3%	67.2%	58.8%
Downtown Area	67.30%	74.5%	65.6%	70.3%	68.0%	62.6%	68.6%
Housing Market	59.20%	57.9%	46.8%	58.8%	52.4%	58.7%	66.3%
Recreational Opportunities	57.00%	48.4%	47.6%	47.1%	50.2%	52.5%	69.6%
Sidewalks	56.00%	71.0%	59.6%	63.0%	63.8%	53.4%	46.0%
Recycling Efforts	55.80%	59.2%	49.1%	48.1%	50.6%	53.0%	64.5%
Storm Water Drainage	54.40%	69.7%	53.9%	60.9%	57.3%	51.4%	48.4%
Rail Crossings	54.10%	65.6%	63.7%	62.4%	62.0%	51.1%	47.7%
Economic Opportunities	53.80%	58.9%	55.0%	61.5%	55.7%	50.1%	54.9%
Town Appearance	46.80%	60.6%	47.8%	57.3%	49.0%	40.5%	47.1%
Street Maintenance	12.80%	17.2%	12.8%	10.2%	9.8%	9.9%	13.9%
Total		101	239	160	268	428	301

**Please rate the following services and facilities:** Satisfaction Rate by Years Lived in Sidney

The orange highlighted areas indicate the highest satisfaction, while the yellow show s the lowest satisfaction.

**Note:** 123 no responses

Year that residents have lived in Sidney	Entire Town	Less 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20+ years
Fire Protection	97.80%	99.2%	96.9%	98.0%	97.9%
Library	94.60%	92.6%	90.5%	94.2%	96.3%
Golf Course	91.80%	95.7%	91.0%	92.0%	91.6%
Street Lighting	87.40%	87.5%	80.8%	89.6%	88.1%
Electricity Service	86.90%	93.8%	79.4%	90.9%	85.2%
City Parks/Trails	86.60%	84.9%	76.8%	86.1%	88.6%
Traffic Signs	86.40%	81.0%	74.7%	86.9%	90.4%
Law Enforcement	85.30%	91.3%	87.5%	87.2%	82.4%
Garbage Collection	85.10%	86.7%	85.6%	90.2%	83.5%
Water Service	84.30%	85.3%	80.2%	86.0%	83.9%
Animal Control	67.80%	71.5%	72.9%	79.9%	62.6%
Downtown Area	67.30%	63.5%	61.5%	71.4%	67.0%
Housing Market	59.20%	52.1%	51.1%	56.4%	62.5%
Recreational Opportunities	57.00%	54.0%	45.2%	55.2%	59.6%
Sidewalks	56.00%	60.3%	57.9%	59.7%	51.8%
Recycling Efforts	55.80%	46.0%	41.9%	59.6%	59.0%
Storm Water Drainage	54.40%	62.4%	54.0%	62.7%	49.5%
Rail Crossings	54.10%	64.5%	61.6%	56.7%	50.3%
Economic Opportunities	53.80%	51.3%	51.7%	53.7%	55.3%
Town Appearance	46.80%	54.0%	42.9%	49.0%	45.4%
Street Maintenance	12.80%	16.2%	9.3%	11.6%	11.4%
Total		131	103	159	590

## Southside Neighborhood

Please rate the following services and facilities: South

The orange highlighted area shows the highest satisfaction response.

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010
Water Service	356	70	21	83.6%
Electricity Service	371	59	17	86.3%
Garbage Collection	378	54	15	87.5%
Recycling Efforts	236	181	30	56.6%
Street Maintenance	45	386	16	10.4%
Rail Crossings	241	183	23	56.8%
Traffic Signs	369	59	19	86.2%
Street Lighting	380	50	17	88.4%
Storm Water Drainage	232	188	27	55.2%
Sidewalks	261	154	32	62.9%
Fire Protection	424	5	18	98.8%
Law Enforcement	365	57	25	86.5%
Animal Control	304	116	27	72.4%
Library	402	25	20	94.1%
City Parks/Trails	365	56	26	86.7%
Golf Course	365	27	55	93.1%
Town Appearance	225	203	19	52.6%
Downtown Area	287	136	24	67.8%
Economic Opportunities	230	169	48	57.6%
Recreational Opportunities	246	158	43	60.9%
Housing Market	237	156	54	60.3%

**Mailed 1130**

**Received 447**

**Percent Returned 39.6%**

**Margin of Error +/- 3.61%**

**Please rate the following services and facilities: Southside**

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	Excellent/ Good	Fair/ Poor	No Opin- ion/No Re- ply
Legion Park	128	249	25	20	2	88.9%	5.2%	23
North Side Park	13	97	68	41	28	44.5%	27.9%	200
Ball Fields	84	231	37	20	4	83.8%	6.4%	71
Tennis Courts	33	127	65	55	22	53.0%	25.5%	145
Swimming Pool	38	147	64	67	37	52.4%	29.5%	94
Trail System	116	208	52	17	5	81.4%	5.5%	49
Horseshoe Pitching Area	53	110	73	12	3	64.9%	6.0%	196
Shooting Park	48	87	64	10	6	62.8%	7.4%	232
Community Center	104	177	53	35	16	73.0%	13.2%	62
Arboretum	38	75	78	11	3	55.1%	6.8%	242
Fishing Pond	138	166	53	25	5	78.6%	7.8%	60
Skateboard Park	33	102	87	32	18	49.6%	18.4%	175
Ice Skating Rink	39	102	72	66	68	40.6%	38.6%	100
Greenwood Cemetery	112	183	42	9	0	85.3%	2.6%	101
Memorial Gardens	142	194	40	13	2	85.9%	3.8%	56
Angel of Hope	146	134	54	4	1	82.6%	1.5%	108
Legion Field	99	200	37	10	2	85.9%	3.4%	99

**Potential New Park Uses: Southside**

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	No Opinion/ No Reply	Support	Oppose
Dog Park	61	93	125	47	44	77	41.6%	24.6%
North Side Extension to Trail System	72	102	89	55	48	81	47.5%	28.1%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	75	153	100	25	19	75	61.3%	11.8%
Basketball Courts	66	145	108	28	15	85	58.3%	11.9%
Indoor Swimming Pool	199	107	48	34	17	41	75.6%	12.6%
Additional Baseball Field	42	98	132	60	34	81	38.3%	25.7%
Cricket	13	41	119	77	78	119	16.5%	47.3%

## Central Neighborhood of Sidney

Please rate the following services and facilities: Central

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010
Water Service	385	54	33	87.7%
Electricity Service	384	58	30	86.9%
Garbage Collection	375	72	25	83.9%
Recycling Efforts	235	188	49	55.6%
Street Maintenance	71	379	22	15.8%
Rail Crossings	226	211	35	51.7%
Traffic Signs	382	61	29	86.2%
Street Lighting	388	54	30	87.8%
Storm Water Drainage	223	209	40	51.6%
Sidewalks	233	201	38	53.7%
Fire Protection	432	12	28	97.3%
Law Enforcement	372	62	38	85.7%
Animal Control	301	138	33	68.6%
Library	409	24	39	94.5%
City Parks/Trails	373	54	45	87.4%
Golf Course	341	32	99	91.4%
Town Appearance	192	243	37	44.1%
Downtown Area	296	137	39	68.4%
Economic Opportunities	216	190	66	53.2%
Recreational Opportunities	250	178	44	58.4%
Housing Market	247	162	63	60.4%

Mailed 1209 Received 472

Percent Returned 39.0% Margin of Error +/- 3.52%

**Please rate the following services and facilities: Central**

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	Excellent/ Good	Fair/Poor	No Opin- ion/No Re- ply
Legion Park	152	224	26	22	4	87.9%	6.1%	44
North Side Park	32	108	76	70	17	46.2%	28.7%	169
Ball Fields	101	201	47	18	8	80.5%	6.9%	97
Tennis Courts	37	110	86	42	31	48.0%	23.9%	166
Swimming Pool	51	156	52	68	31	57.8%	27.7%	114
Trail System	121	203	40	21	5	83.1%	6.7%	82
Horseshoe Pitching Area	67	94	82	15	3	61.7%	6.9%	211
Shooting Park	60	81	60	19	7	62.1%	11.5%	245
Community Center	115	172	53	40	14	72.8%	13.7%	78
Arboretum	41	83	58	15	6	61.1%	10.3%	269
Fishing Pond	125	166	51	24	6	78.2%	8.1%	100
Skateboard Park	35	86	89	39	22	44.6%	22.5%	201
Ice Skating Rink	33	96	67	61	66	39.9%	39.3%	149
Greenwood Cemetery	141	189	36	20	2	85.1%	5.7%	84
Memorial Gardens	172	190	31	14	0	88.9%	3.4%	65
Angel of Hope	170	121	40	10	3	84.6%	3.8%	128
Legion Field	108	192	44	19	2	82.2%	5.8%	107

**Potential New Park Uses: Central**

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	No Opinion/ No Reply	Support	Oppose
Dog Park	59	93	108	53	64	95	40.3%	31.0%
North Side Extension to Trail System	73	107	89	63	61	79	45.8%	31.6%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	76	175	78	24	20	99	67.3%	11.8%
Basketball Courts	55	139	102	42	29	105	52.9%	19.3%
Indoor Swimming Pool	192	118	51	27	34	50	73.5%	14.5%
Additional Baseball Field	35	86	136	78	37	100	32.5%	30.9%
Cricket	12	33	123	74	101	129	13.1%	51.0%

## North Side Neighborhood

Please rate the following services and facilities: North

	Satisfied	Needs Improvement	No reply	Satisfaction Rate 2010
Water Service	133	39	13	77.3%
Electricity Service	155	21	9	88.1%
Garbage Collection	146	29	10	83.4%
Recycling Efforts	90	73	22	55.2%
Street Maintenance	18	158	9	10.2%
Rail Crossings	92	82	11	52.9%
Traffic Signs	154	23	8	87.0%
Street Lighting	150	28	7	84.3%
Storm Water Drainage	103	71	11	59.2%
Sidewalks	78	96	11	44.8%
Fire Protection	170	6	9	96.6%
Law Enforcement	141	33	11	81.0%
Animal Control	94	79	2	54.3%
Library	168	7	10	96.0%
City Parks/Trails	146	27	2	84.4%
Golf Course	129	16	40	89.0%
Town Appearance	90	85	10	51.4%
Downtown Area	111	65	9	63.1%
Economic Opportunities	75	88	22	46.0%
Recreational Opportunities	73	93	19	44.0%
Housing Market	87	76	22	53.4%

**Mailed 560 Received 185**

**Percent Returned 33.0% Margin of Error +/- 5.9%**

**Please rate the following services and facilities: North Side**

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	Excellent/ Good	Fair/ Poor	No Opin- ion/No Re- ply
Legion Park	47	90	12	11	3	84.0%	8.6%	22
North Side Park	6	51	21	43	40	35.4%	51.6%	24
Ball Fields	26	80	23	10	1	75.7%	7.9%	45
Tennis Courts	9	40	45	18	10	40.2%	23.0%	63
Swimming Pool	16	49	40	20	19	45.1%	27.1%	41
Trail System	24	81	23	13	4	72.4%	11.7%	40
Horseshoe Pitching Area	15	49	36	8	2	58.2%	9.1%	75
Shooting Park	14	32	36	5	3	51.1%	8.9%	95
Community Center	23	67	30	19	7	61.6%	17.8%	39
Arboretum	7	33	32	3	2	51.9%	6.5%	108
Fishing Pond	31	74	19	19	5	70.9%	16.2%	37
Skateboard Park	7	38	43	16	10	39.5%	22.8%	71
Ice Skating Rink	9	33	36	22	28	32.8%	39.1%	57
Greenwood Cemetery	42	81	21	8	2	79.9%	6.5%	31
Memorial Gardens	52	80	16	11	1	82.5%	7.5%	25
Angel of Hope	43	59	26	4	3	75.6%	5.2%	50
Legion Field	26	76	27	9	2	72.9%	7.9%	45

**Potential New Park Uses: North Side**

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	No Opinion/ No Reply	Support	Oppose
Dog Park	35	35	41	20	15	39	47.9%	24.0%
North Side Extension to Trail System	58	49	16	18	18	26	67.3%	22.6%
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields	41	45	30	13	7	49	63.2%	14.7%
Basketball Courts	23	62	25	13	12	50	63.0%	18.5%
Indoor Swimming Pool	77	39	20	12	9	28	73.9%	13.4%
Additional Baseball Field	12	33	44	30	19	47	32.6%	35.5%
Cricket	8	10	45	29	29	64	14.9%	47.9%

## Neighborhood Unknown

Please rate the following services and facilities: Unkown

unknown		Needs		Satisfaction Rate
	Satisfied	Improvement	No reply	
Water Service	2	0	0	100.0%
Electricity Service	2	0	0	100.0%
Garbage Collection	0	2	0	0.0%
Recycling Efforts	0	2	0	0.0%
Street Maintenance	2	0	0	100.0%
Rail Crossings	2	0	0	100.0%
Traffic Signs	2	0	0	100.0%
Street Lighting	1	1	0	50.0%
Storm Water Drainage	1	1	0	50.0%
Sidewalks	2	0	0	100.0%
Fire Protection	2	0	0	100.0%
Law Enforcements	2	0	0	100.0%
Animal Control	2	0	0	100.0%
Library	2	0	0	100.0%
City Parks/Trails	2	0	0	100.0%
Golf Course	2	0	0	100.0%
Town Appearance	2	0	0	100.0%
Downtown Area	2	0	0	100.0%

**Please rate the following services and facilities:** Unkown

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Fair	Poor	No Response
Legion Park		2				
North Side Park						2
Ball Fields		2				
Tennis Courts				1	1	
Swimming Pool			1		1	
Trail System		2				
Horseshoe Pitching Area						2
Shooting Park						2
Community Center	1	1				
Arboretum						2
Fishing Pond		2				
Skateboard Park						2
Ice Skating Rink		1				1
Greenwood Cemetery						2
Memorial Gardens						2
Angel of Hope						2
Legion Field		1				1

**Potential New Park Uses:** Unknown

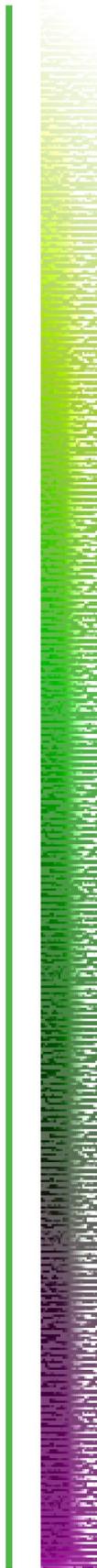
	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	No Opinion/ No Reply	Support	Oppose
Dog Park	1	1					2	0
North Side Extension to Trail System		1			1		1	1
Lighting and Restrooms at Soccer Fields		2					2	0
Basketball Courts	1			1			1	1
Indoor Swimming Pool		1			1		1	1
Additional Baseball Field		1				1	1	0
Cricket					1	1	0	1

## Appendix II: Edited Comments

### Sidney Southside

#### Water

- \*Flow
- \*Too high
- \*Our water tastes a little funny still. Oregon has good water treatment practices to look into
- \*Water tastes funny leaves floaters
- \*When does the \$15 month charge come off the bill?
- \*very low water pressure
- \*We have poor water pressure due to the City not having us hooked to the correct water tower
- \*Spend too much money
- \*Have my own
- \*Expensive. Too much chlorine in the water
- \*Our water pressure is poor
- \*The pipe in the ground need to be changed in most of town. North maybe more
- \*Too high
- \*Dirt in my water
- \*Not happy with high taxes
- \*Too expensive
- \*Need to lower bill
- \*Low pressure
- \*We are paying an extra fee
- \*City without adequate library is like a man without a brain. Sidney Devlin needs a larger library
- \*taste, water spots are terrible
- \*need to take debit cards
- \*the quality of Sidney water is poor. No one wants to drink it
- \*water pressure
- \*water taste is horrible
- \*high
- \*what is in the water turning sinks and toilets gray, at work to
- \*not drinkable at x's
- \*low pressure
- \*too expensive
- \*we have no water pressure, this is not a problem just a few have
- \*hardly able to take a shower, the water pressure
- \*stronger pressure
- \*notice when shutting off if not emergency would be nice
- \*get the debt paid soon
- \*too high
- possibly(?) okay
- \*water a lot of times, sewage supply backs up in kitchen and bathroom
- \*no after-hours phone number or on weekends
- \*utilities are very expensive and make it difficult for one income families
- \*too high of pricing
- \*need increase in water pressure

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- \*drinking water bad
  - \*I'm pretty unhappy with the \$15 monthly charge
  - \*Price, will we see payment
  - \*In the years?
  - \*No money incentives for conservation as if community uses less water
  - \*Too expensive with surcharge
  - \*Much too expensive
  - \*Taste terrible
  - \*Water department she is an issue
  - \*Better in recent years
  - \*I want to see an end to \$15 charge every month and to be reimbursed for what we have already paid
  - \*Need better pressure
  - \*Remove the water debt fee
  - \*Not enough pressure
  - \*Not healthy, as musky tastes after sitting a few minutes
  - \*When sewers are claimed by city equipment the city does not take responsibility for backups and home
  - \*Not satisfied in city requirement of faulty sewer backflow installation
  - \*Bad taste
  - \*Water pressure low in some areas
  - \*Would like monthly water quality in local newspaper
  - \*Thank goodness for Culligan softening/purification
  - \*Water needs fluoride
  - \*Too expensive
  - \*Expensive
  - \*Way too expensive
  - \*Water pressure is poor
  - \*Water is too hard, lime, calcium
  - \*Overpriced
  - \*Haven't had any issues
  - \*Great with new wells
  - \*Water pressure in parts of town is poor
  - \*Need to increase water pressure
  - \*Keeping a yard green and neighborhood friendly costs a lot
  - \*Don't ever panic ! 15 million overspent
- Too expensive
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## Electricity

- \*Has the largest staff, newest and best equipment but very little output. Charge to homeowner for mandatory H.G. Service is BS. Their lack of maintenance on existing lines was cause for this They had the easements
- \*Experiencing minor blips in our service more so now than before. Minor inconvenience resetting electric appliances
- \*Cable burying ruined air landscaping
- \*Poor. Rates too high
- \*How long will the \$15 water debt fee be assessed?
- \*The whole bury the lines project is not moving along; we have been ready for ours to be connected for 10 months, be nice to get the trenches filled
- \*Too many; frequent power outages
- \*To hide
- \*Not happy with high taxes
- \*Power outages and surges
- \*Too expensive
- \*Need to lower bill
- \*Too many outages. If only for a second at a time
- \*More underground conversion need throughout town
- \*Power outage
- \*Do they need that many expensive vehicles?
- \*High
- \*Two years waiting for underground to be completed
- \*We constantly have power outages, it is really hard on appliances
- \*Great
- \*When neighbors use power tools, our lights dim
- \*Too expensive
- \*Need to finish bearing project. Taking a lot longer than planned
- \*You charge too much
- \*Excellent! If power goes out it's on in a matter of no time
- \*Spending money to bury the lines was not needed
- \*It goes off too many times
- \*Workers in process of installing underground electricity, clipped off TV cable on the pole even though it was mounted(?)
- \*Too many small outages for no reason
- \*Underground project needs completion and timely manner
- \*Don't agree with cost having to pay to bury electric service
- \*too high of pricing
- \*outages
- \*Bury more lines
- \*Wish electric department would save gas and not drive all over town with no destination
- \*Too many power surges and temporary outages, lost numerous electrical components yet city hushes up
- \*Day-to-day service is fine but outages are more frequent than other places I've lived
- \*Expensive
- \*Too expensive

- \*Frequent Flicker sky we reset our clocks a lot
- \*Need to give the poor a better option on paying
- \*I would like to see the lines buried. Storms would be less effect on them
- \*Too many times do the lights flicker. Too many times power totally goes out, computer failure
- \*Seems like we have quite a few power surges etc. what about wind power?
- \*Been a lot of power surges
- \*Electricity on and off a lot lately
- \*Lot of power outages in my home
- \*Electric bill is very expensive for one-bedroom apartment
- \*Is very bad. Have too many outages
- \*Looking forward to underground, hope that it will continue through city
- \*The new underground wiring on south end of town is a waste
- \*Underground service will be huge improvement
- \*Would like to see more put underground. When generation
- \*Much too expensive
- \*Good people working
- \*Electricity rates are raised for city to compensate
- \*How about wind turbines and solar panels
- \*Still a work in progress
- \*Too many interruptions

## Garbage

- \*Too much money 8 apartments share 1 trash can each pay full cost of trash can
- \*Reacts promptly when trash can fills before pickup date
- \*Leaves garbage can upset
- \*Landfill hours unreasonable
- \*Poor. A joke. They are lazy incompetent
- \*Frustrated with the charge
- \*More weekend access to
- \*Quite hitting my fence with dumpsters
- \*Two days a week? Sometimes my garbage is missed
- \*Need to lower bill
- \*Stop leaving my trashcan in the street
- \*Too expensive for single-member households with little garbage to be collected
- \*The workers need to make sure trash from Big Bend's all goes in truck. Lots of trash doesn't then goes everywhere in the wind
- \*We need to be able to put out more trash than fits in one can
- \*Twice a week
- \*When trash spills out of container please pick it up, more cans
- \*The guys are prompt every Tuesday, that's a plus. kind of expensive, do not use it much
- \*(ni) Compared to other cities to trash
- \*Only needs picked up once a week. cost is very high, needs to be lowered.
- \*Garbage at village is overflowing a lot

\*It would be nice to see a tiered charge/pickup I need to have the homeowner decide how much garbage they have to pick up. So for homeowner does not have much trash to pick up they have a smaller Can and pay less. I recycle most of my trash so I put my garbage can for pickup at the most once a month. So would like to pay less since I don't use the trash service every week. I don't feel it is fair to me to pay the same as a home that puts the trash every week for pickup.

they get it all over, knock it over

Need to pick up trash beside trashcan if all doesn't fit

Need yard and long pickup options for people with unavailable vehicles

\*Cost too much, don't need it every week

\*too high of pricing

\*need to improve large garbage lids on container in alley

\*need recycling bins around town

\*need to have yard waste pickup or have the dump be open more hours

\*the dumpsters were a live or overrun and stray cats that spread garbage everywhere. Why use the dumpsters

\*collection often leaves garbage blowing in streets

\*good people working

\*I feel it is unnecessary to collect trash every week. The barrels are large enough to hold two weeks of trash, especially if people compacted that more

\*Twice a week

\*Driver needs not spill where he'd jumped into his truck should take more time

\*Need lids on dumpsters. Closer for pickup

\*Don't always come on days they are supposed to

\*Like three day free dumping

\*Charge for compost

\*We need more grass pickup. We are elderly and going to the grass dumped is hard for us and then our car is full of lies

\*Would like to see grass pickup

\*Very good crew

\*City employees are unwilling to leave their truck to collect garbage not in containers

\*Only lazy department the city employees, starting with department had. Drivers refuse to get out of trucks, these containers and emptied if too full

\*Stuff blows out of trucks and the driver will not pick it up

\*Need better notification of date changes

\*Need to provide service to pick up lawn clippings

\*Saturday hours

\*Need to hold garbage can upside down longer to empty the rest of the garbage. Not stuck in bottom of cans

\*A lot of people in my apartment complex dumpsters fill up very quickly

\*No efforts to pick up grass clippings

\*City dump is a mess what do these guys do?

## Recycling

- \*What about having plastic/aluminum bottle recycling machines like deposit states
- \*Should look into home pickup again. Hire private firm to pickup.
- \*While not a money maker, we should do more for our world
- \*Pick up more often
- \*Poor. Joke
- \*City needs to empty bins more often. Always overflowing
- \*Would like "glass" recycling
- \*Home stops more convenient. Dumpster at shelter house unsightly
- \*Would like to recycle glass
- \*Need glass recycling
- \*Need glass articles and tin cans
- \*At what extra cost to the public
- \*Recycling costs more than its worth. Discontinue it
- \*Would like to see curbside recycling
- \*Should be offered
- \*Need more in need lower containers for short and elderly to reach and use
- \*What efforts?
- \*Don't know of any
- \*Do not need
- \*Community pickup would be nice
- \*If you looked in containers there is a lot of trash. Need public education
- \*To encourage recycling pickup needs to happen as it was years ago
- \*Wish we could have our lawn and garden trash picked up
- \*Appreciate grass dump area
- \*Need to find ways to get people more involved
- \*Need to have a place to recycle glass
- \*To try other items?
- \*Are there recycling bins here in Sidney
- \*Need to take glass. It's a shame that so many glass bottles or thrown in the trash.
- \*Add glass and aluminum cans
- \*Would like Ben's, with pickup
- \*Needs easier way to recycle
- \*It is hard to get rid of yard waste when you don't have vehicle to haul grass etc.
- \*More drop-off areas needed
- \*Did not know we have one
- \*need something for unused meds
- \*curbside recycling
- \*city used to use the street supervisor more
- \*nice that it is offered in the park
- \*no place for glass
- \*should have recycling garbages next to garbages
- \*recycling needs to be more friendly to residents. Not everyone has the ability to haul trash to the dump. Why not offer a free pickup two times a year

- \*would be nice to have grasped picked up during summer and recyclables once a month
- \*bring back home pickup
- \*bins back with pickup
- \*curbside please
- \*curbside pickup would be good
- \*unaware of any efforts being made to certain parts of city
- \*need to do curbside pickup
- \*curb pickup like it used to be
- \*it is a waste to have pickup with containers then stop
- \*would support for curbside pickup being reinstated
- \*go back to pick up, curb
- \*can't recycle glass, electronics, cans, aluminum. Park is okay
- \*I miss curbside pickup
- \*The city recycles? Weekly pickup? Class?
- \*No door pickup but are provided
- \*Find a way to haul off cross clippings
- \*Need for glass recycling
- \*Sucks. Need recycle bins/pickup
- \*Pickup at home
- \*Extremely poor, we recycle and bins are always full, especially cardboard. Very upsetting we don't recycle more, especially glass and offer free shred days like Kimball, paint and battery cycling only available once year for a few hours, as well as TV and computer recycling. Has to be filling our landfill quickly without recycling of all these items. That will be Sidney's next dilemma, a full landfill
- \*Soso
- \*I miss curbside pickup
- \*Town has spent big bucks and now have half the service as before
- \*Especially with recycling, once a week trash collection is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer's dollars
- \*Always we can do better
- \*I would pay extra for return to curbside recycling
- \*Should be doing more At least recycle glass and more plastics.
- \*Park is not enough
- \*We currently do not recycle but would if it were picked up at our house
- \*Ms. Pickup
- \*Would like to see curbside recycling return and more types
- \*Separate containers
- \*We should have been searching on this, plastics, etc.
- \*Rebates should go to the party that collected and add just billing
- \*Need more drop-off points
- \*I miss household pickups
- \*Need to empty recycle bins more often
- \*Citizens are using the collection bins for garbage disposal
- \*We need to recycle glass
- \*City needs to empty large bins more often, overflowing
- \*People without transportation cannot get to the sites
- \*Cost effective curbside recycling and get grants

- \*Would like to return to curbside pickup
- \*Must recycle glass and pickup curbside
- \*Need recycle pickup facility
- \*I could do better/will try
- \*Need more, why recycle paper and not class
- \*The glass
- \*Would like pickup like trash
- \*We need it
- \*Need to have yard waste pickup
- \*What recycling efforts?
- \*I would like to see the curbside collections again. Maybe have some job or way bid on it
- \*Needs class recycling
- \*Are there any
- \*Just don't do it as often
- \*Class recycling
- \*Why no glass/more plastics
- \*Not needed
- \*Love this
- \*Recycle glass
- \*Recycle glass, other plastics
- \*Like to see some more drop-offs
- \*Add a wood/tree drop area at grass compost site

## Street Maintenance

- \*Potholes (live on one of 4 dirt roads in Sidney) Need Pavement
- \*Terrible; takes too many people to fill one hole in the street
- \*We need improvements, but the city did a great job at improving problem areas
- \*Snow removal, please plow
- \* Should have fixed roads instead of buying new school
- \*Snow removal and pothole repair are very lacking
- \*Even potholes are being ignored for days on end. I don't know where the street crew is at but it not on our streets
- \*For example: It is almost impossible to turn south off Summit onto El Rancho Road
- \*Needs work on pot holes
- \*Needs more funding
- \*Many roads in town including the one in front of our house have huge pot holes
- \*Too many potholes
- \*The whole town is a mess except Cabela's
- \*Poor as you will ever get
- \*Potholes everywhere
- \*Snow removal of side streets needs improvement
- \*Obvious potholes being addressed. No street maintenance until public complains
- \*Potholes abundant throughout town
- \*Better street maintenance. City council needs to spend more money on street maintenance and upkeep

- \*The Sidney streets are in desperate need of repair
- \*Realize \$ object
- \*Get potholes fixed sooner
- \*Quit chip sealing! Worst idea ever. You guys can clean the tar off my car.
- \*I think many sections of the roads are in bad shape
- \*Need new management for the department and maybe the city, it isn't getting done
- \*Worst I have seen in a town this size
- \*Could be encouraged more
- \*Very expensive
- \*Snow removal and potholes should be foremost importance
- \*It is okay for the money we have
- \*North side of town needs streets repaved
- \*Most roads are overran by potholes
- \*Failure to patch small holes in a timely manner
- \*Streets are bad but help is on the way?
- \*There is no street maintenance
- \*Lots of potholes
- \*15<sup>th</sup> Street
- \*Worst streets of any town around us
- \*(ni) but doing the best with what they have financially
- \* Many terrible streets
- \*Some streets rougher than County dirt roads
- \*Snow removal, potholes
- \*Really not too good right now
- \*Not sure what the solution is given budget constraints
- \*Awful! Condition, snow removal, signage
- Need immediate attention
- Need to raise taxes to fix streets
- Need a lot of work, bad
- \*Many streets need repair, snow removal is a joke
- \*Roads are bad
- \*You try, perhaps use more equipment? Fewer men at each site
- \*Could do damage to car
- \*Lots of potholes
- \*Lots of potholes
- \*Poor care of pot holes all over town
- \*The streets are full of potholes in need of repair
- \*Need improvement roads are awful
- \*Too many potholes, bad streets
- \*Care and repair of streets that really need it i.e. ninth Avenue. Other in dire need of repair or. Better pothole repair
- \*Should be number one priority at this time

- \*Potholes seem to get poorly patched
- \*Drive around sometime
- \*Potholes mostly everything else okay
- \*Potholes
- \*Bad
- \*Replacement, repair program should not wait until streets are nearly impassable
- \*Need an informal public meeting to discuss problem
- \*Potholes everywhere
- \*Snow removal could use some help. Our street didn't get cleared once
- \*Sad. Big improvement needed here
- \*Too many potholes
- \*Pothole city, get busy
- \*Poor at best
- \*Use our tax dollars to fix streets not by city vehicles all the time
- \*Too many potholes
- \*Too many potholes in unpaved roads
- \*Especially in the winter, need salts
- \*Poor conditions of roads
- \*Do we have street maintenance
- \*Lots of potholes
- \*Streets are in very bad condition
- \*Bad roads, lots of holes
- \*This community spends far too much money on giving newer vehicles for city of sidney. Money needs to go to street repair
- \*The potholes in downtown! Learn how to plow! junk in alleys
- \*Snow removal, horrible
- \*Lots of potholes and they don't plow snow till everyone is at work?
- \*Please fill the potholes, the streets are terrible
- \*Badly needed better care
- \*Horrible potholes
- \*They are horrible
- \*snow removal and pothole repair streets are terrible getting better
- \*they are a mess
- \*potholes seem to appear quickly when it rains
- \*potholes need fixed
- \*potholes everywhere. Patch job to fix this
- \*(ni) are any comments necessary?
- \*Terrible potholes everywhere worse than driving on country roads.
- \*Main Street thoroughfares
- \* should have been repaired 20 years ago
- \*Pay dirt streets better upkeep

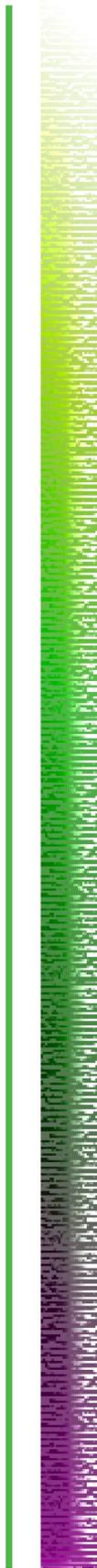
- \*Terrible, we got a big problem here
- \*(sat) crews work at maintenance whenever possible
- \*Some streets are maintained well, others not so much
- \*Very poor maintaining
- \*Needs improvement big time. Water doesn't drain away to storm drain
- \*Our streets are very bad, especially on the Northside, disgraceful
- \*Snow removal, streets in bad shape
- \*You put it off too long
- \*Snow removal in her neighborhood has been nonexistent
- \*Most streets have potholes mostly due to lack of timely snow removal. Needs major improvement
- \*Overall bad
- \*Potholes, money spent on a needed item could be spent for this
- \*Terrible. Streets are broken toes no plowing the snow causes repeated water damage from refreezing
- \*Clean streets on weekends if it snows. Too many potholes and bumps
- \*I will turn in my front and alignment bill to the city for the potholes. Who the hell okayed Silverberg Dr. and the Wal-Mart access
- \*Dividing lines are almost nonexistent through most of the year
- \*This streets are bad, alleys, bad
- \*Recent snowstorms emergency routes last to get cleared, Sunday morning
- \*Do some smaller concrete repair with city forces. Don't let a pump be a home for six months like on 11 or this last summer
- \*No snow/ice removal, roads in horrible shape
- \*Snow removal needs improvement
- \*Do some
- \*Takes time and money
- \*Potholes, street markings, striping
- \*Don't plow snow on garbage day
- \*Roads are in terrible condition
- \*Needs to be replaced
- \*Potholes
- \*Too many potholes in city limits, poor patching
- \*Better snow removal
- \*Wow wrong time to ask
- \*We understand that all streets can be cleared of snow but it gets old having to shovel our street just to get out
- \*Really poor streets
- \*It's a joke
- \*Poor streets, plenty of employees, just not efficient
- \*Not only Streator care about better snow removal at hospital and snow route  
Old post road and streets throughout Sidney
- \*During snowy days quick cleaning is required
- \*What maintenance needs a lot of help in do preventable maintenance of waiting till they are crumbling and beyond repair before doing anything
- \*Snow removal is horrible. It snows on weekends to
- \*Getting worse every year
- \*Lots of potholes
- \*Potholes, rough

- \*Bad. Downtown concrete is coming up. Please patch
- \*Streets need a lot of attention
- \*What's happened? They used to be great
- \*West of post office, side Street
- \*Bad potholes
- \*A lot of potholes
- \*Street conditions are way out of control. Too many potholes and rough streets
- \*Ice removal
- \*Very poor. Snow does not get plowed and lots of potholes
- \*Priority for funds hire more full-time employees
- \*If they had been properly plowed there would not be so many potholes
- \*Regularly okay. Very poor when it snows. Streets are not cleared off efficiently are very well
- \*Potholes everywhere
- \*Better snow removal. Each attached more streets
- \* wrong time of year for this question
- \*more potholes pillars
- \* Mr. Radtke needs more of a budget to fix streets
- \*I know it's expensive but there is a lot of work to be done
- \*Roads are not kept up. Snow removal is terrible.
- \*Poor snow/ice removal on side streets. Too many potholes, should be priority with tax dollars
- \*Nice to be a line item on annual budget instead of extra taxes
- \*Way too many potholes all over town
- \*Were streets in state of Nebraska
- \*Lots of streets downtown need to be replaced
- \*A lot of streets need repair
- \*We have a terrible hole at the end of our street that has caused several flat tires
- \*13<sup>th</sup>
- \*Too many roads with holes, need to be resurfaced. Emergency snow routes need to be cleared
- \*Enough said. Craters
- \*Too many potholes
- \*Streets are terrible to drive on
- \*Streets are terrible
- \*This is where are we as a city need to invest
- \*Bad bad. Why does it take for people to fill a hole? lake always idle
- \*Some heavily used streets, such as Toledo between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> need to be upgraded to cope with much greater traffic in recent years
- \*Lot of potholes especially by Arby's
- \*Pothole repair needs someone that knows how to do it
- \*Never ending battle. I would like all town streets paved example Rose/Spruce
- \*Fort Sidney Road
- \*Sans stop sign at part by Sonny's in winter. Fill dirt roads
- \*Worst parts of our local services
- \*What street maintenance! Streets are not properly cleared, both summer and winter. Potholes galore
- \*Street maintenance or lack of. Potholes everywhere speak for themselves. Funding may have to come from city driving vehicles for longer, rather than all-new
- \*A lot of rough and bad roads in the city
- \*Delaying maintenance of streets is only making problem bigger

- \*Snow removal poor
- \*Nice new street department
- \*At least patch holes
- \*Too many potholes
- \*Our streets are terrible
- \*Potholes are everywhere. We need better roads. We should pave all roads in town
- \*I have never seen a town with so many potholes and patched streets
- \*Let's pay of new development with no houses. Also have a visionary/future outcome I have never seen such a nice crop of weeds!

## **Rail Crossings**

- \*Only bad spot is on Highway 30 by gas station
- \*We need to look at an over/underpass for Burlington Rte. More trains, longer trains. Matter of time before we lose someone.
- \*Needs filing pot holes
- \*Make them smoother to cross
- \*Always
- \*Need another North to South side crossing
- \*Need a viaduct
- \*Burlington Crossing is bad
- \*Need an overpass
- \*Extremely rough and sometimes blocked too long
- \*Usually very rough
- \*Quite rough, isn't it up to the railroads to maintain these
- \*(ni) major
- \*Cost prohibitive. Perhaps a new under our overpass to access Northside?
- \*Very rough
- \*Why can't they be as smooth as our north of Sterling Colorado and west of Bridgeport, in town crossings
- \*Good at times, but always needs repair often
- \*Rough
- \*I didn't know the city could do anything with railroad property
- \*Need attention more often
- \*It is railroad property, railroad will repair is contacted
- \*Terrible, no reason they cannot be smooth
- \*These need to be kept in repair
- \*Need ways for emergency traffic
- \*They are rough
- \*In town over pass
- \*Needs repairs
- \*A lot of streets in town could use working yield or stops
- \*Potholes at crossings
- \*Better street markings and uneven tracks
- \*BN, great or terrible, all of them
- \*(ni) 10<sup>th</sup> St.

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- \*(ni) Many crossings are smoother here in our communities
  - Not too bad but still rough
  - Need to be an under our overpass
  - \*Need to lower grade at crossings. Also crossings need to go hornless
  - \*Always have been poor. Rough approaches and tracks with potholes. Other towns our size much better
  - \*15<sup>th</sup> Rough
  - \*Need more than two crossings across the main crossing for each rail lines
  - \*Would be nice to have overpass or underpass on one Burlington Crossing, but who is going to pay for it?
  - \*Silent crossing options
  - \*Check with Scottsbluff they have a good idea
  - \*Don't know
  - \*Too rough
  - \*Need an overpass for ambulance traffic from the north. Too much time to get to the hospital
  - \*Some resurfacing irregular
  - \*Bumpy
  - \*Smooth road across tracks
  - \*Very rough
  - \*What has happened? They used to be great
  - \*Rough
  - \*Crossing's rough
  - \*Terribly rough
  - \*Some rougher than others
  - \*Look at what they use in Hobbs New Mexico it's rubber
  - \*The Crossing on Illinois by Western was just plain dangerous needing repaired. The repair was made but it was really bad
  - \*Rough, should be located elsewhere not so close to hospital
  - \*All crossings need arms!
  - \*They are rough
  - \*Fix
  - \*Rough, seems the Railroad keeps building them higher and higher
  - \*Needs overpass
  - \*Okay
  - \*Keep them repaired
  - \*Sucks
  - \*Rough
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## Traffic Signs

- \*With only traffic lights in town I cannot believe that they can't be timed so you can make it through at least two of them
- \*13<sup>th</sup> and Illinois light need better timing
- \*Some streets have no sign either way
- \*Need more from West
- \*Too many intersections without any stop signs
- \*Where are the stop signs? It's pathetic that not all intersections are stop sign. I don't care what the right of way BS says
- \*Could use lights for several areas
- \*Left turn on Illinois to 10th Ave.
- \*Very poor, more needed at key intersections
- \*(sat) Police need to enforce
- \*Trees obstructed view at 11<sup>th</sup> and parkland coming from the east
- \*Street striping. Striped the streets so people know if there is one lane or two. If the city approved the expansion of all business at the I80 interchange, it was approved without much thought. Someone will be in terrible accident at the main intersection. There should be turn arrows on the stoplight
- \*Wal-Mart intersection a joke, can't get out by Arby's
- \*Might be nice to have a traffic light at country club
- \*Would like to see one at 11<sup>th</sup> and country club
- \*Post a speed limit signs are children at play signs are speedbump on Summit drive. Speeding is a major problem
- \*Stop sign at 11<sup>th</sup> and Toledo does not give enough break in traffic to allow people who live on 11<sup>th</sup> to get out of their driveways in morning and evening rush
- \*Needs at 10<sup>th</sup> and Illinois also turned signals at old Post Road and McDonald's
- \*Need an arrow turn light on Illinois and 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- \*Wal-Mart intersection needs redone. Several unmarked intersections also exist; need a least a yield sign
- \*More stoplights needed for Cabela rush
- \*Not enough on cross streets
- \*Street signs need to be larger
- \*Signs need to be visible, keep trees and shrubs trimmed
- \*Not enough on crossroads
- \*Okay
- \*Need a left turn arrow for westbound traffic turning left onto
- \*The light out by White Plains that is a joke. No way that you should be able to have green arrows to turn at the same time traveling east and west
- \*We live on dead and get tons of traffic for nearby apartment would like some kind of sign or something to control this
- \*New people in town are confused on crossroads
- \*Needs 55 mile an hour on Fort Sidney Road N. Of Toledo St.
- \*Keep tree from blocking them

## Street Lighting

- \*Can we reduce costs by turning some off or putting them on a timer
- \*Need help. Always lights out
- \*So-so. Bulbs not always replaced timely basis

- \*Some lights on streets out
- \*OK, until you need something fixed or replaced
- \*Park areas and walking. Both need more
- \*Need I 80 to downtown
- \*Good where I live
- \*Need to remove some lights, big waste of energy
- \*Need to continue expending, lots of dark areas
- \*Whites remain burned out for a long time
- \*More will be better
- \*Village Way needs more lighting especially from the south way
- \*Need some unforeseen new road and need fixed in Conestoga Park, always out of order
- \*We need maintenance on them
- \*Good lighting
- \*Need someone to check if they work right at night than fix them
- \*Okay
- \*New lighting at high school is hard to see people at night
- \*Light pollution, save money
- \*Sometimes very slow on repairs
- \*Quite a few dark portions of streets for walkers/overall safety
- \*Some areas great, others bad. 22<sup>nd</sup> new for Central school
- \*My new neighborhood too dark on Jackson Street
- \*More lights needed
- \*Poor in many areas
- \*Would like more lighting along the bike trail
- \*Some intersections seem rather dark
- \*LED traffic lights are blinding motorists
- \*Make more efficient
- \*Quite a few dark areas. Seems to have problems replacing bulbs
- \*Better lighting at night

## **Storm Water Drainage**

- \*Even snow melt gathers on corners
- \*Our yard is flooded several time a year due to the way they have drainage in front of our house
- \*A joke
- \*Downtown area always has concerns
- \*Something else
- \*Area between BNSF and UP tracks is terrible
- \*Devastatingly incompetent and a disaster waiting to happen
- \*Sewer charges to high
- \*Should be cleaned and maintained
- \*Keep open
- \*Poor planning prior to plat approval
- \*The drainage system! What drainage system? If there was one the downtown area would not flood with every heavy rain
- \*Flood damage over at the deer run neighborhood has still not been repaired

- \*3 inches of rain should not cause flooding
  - \*Downtown area needs more drainage
  - \*I spilled upon dreams, leaves in the fall
  - \*Areas particularly downtown have problems with our current system not being able to carry the water
  - \*The channel in the park needs to be fixed so the water does not sit there
  - \*Lack of proper drainage in areas developed in last 10 years. City not reacting to problem, they are just hoping it does not happen again or blaming others
  - \*By Catholic Church is bad
  - \*Solar reprove and, again need to keep after it
  - \*Very poor, lots of basements flooded in our neighborhood last spring due to drainage from Parkland Boulevard, 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> terrible when walking with stroller
  - \*By the Catholic Church
  - \*Downtown area not always good in heavy rain
  - \*Water is 1 foot deep on Quince Street
  - \*Needs a modernized
  - \*Often plugging up
  - \*Downtown improved, but other areas need much attention
  - \*After last summer's house flooding is this really even a question?
  - \*Fair
  - \*Okay
  - \*Police and sheriff need to learn to work together
  - \*Could use some updating
  - \*Just some need improvement
  - \*some areas have gotten better
- Sucks

## Sidewalks

- \*I have damaged sidewalk and don't know how to fix it. Could the City post a way/contact info on how to get it fixed
- \*Cable burying project ruined our sidewalk
- \*Dog shit needs to be controlled
- \*More maintenance
- \*Curbs are steep, hard for older people getting out of car
- \*Uneven, need repair in many areas
- \*Some areas of town have rough sidewalks, some areas of town have no sidewalks
- \*(ni) Downtown good, some residential safety hazard
- \*Keep cars from parking on them
- \*Lots of bad sidewalks all over town
- \*Not enough of them
- \*Lots of broken up or non-sidewalks and need enforcement of snow removal
- \*Poor. No place to walk if heading from South side to downtown along 13<sup>th</sup> St. in some areas
- \*More curb cuts and sidewalks, make town more wheelchair accessible
- \*Park. All the way south to Village Apartments necessary, always people walking in the street
- \*Could be improved along main streets, added to other streets
- \*Homeowners should be asked to repair raised, and even sidewalks

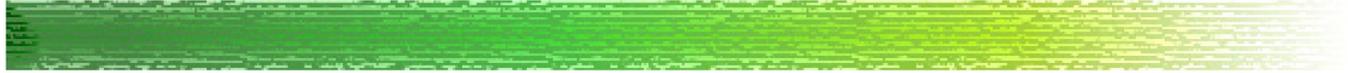
- \*Need upkeep
- \*Property owners responsibility
- \*Broken cement
- \*Need handicapped curbs
- \*Better for kids to ride on them
- \*A lot need replaced
- \*Badly needed improvement
- \*Not bad overall, there's some places without sidewalk that would be better with sidewalk like Fairgrounds
- \*All over town these are ends strong need of fixing
- \*Uneven, cracks
- \*Need to have sidewalks all over town
- \*Need clean out yearly
- \*We don't need to spend money to correct them
- \*Curbs in bad condition
- \*Need more walking pass on main streets
- \*Some places do not even have sidewalks, making it dangerous for pedestrians
- \*Poor quality and often not provided
- \*A number of city owned property including our part do not have sidewalks i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- \*Need more on main roads
- \*In places
- \*Except Westside Park region and across from Sonny's
- \*Too many houses with broken or elevated sidewalks
- \*Some need to be replaced
- \*From Southwest Park entrance to old North entrance and not handicap friendly, **old residential**
- \*Really bad because of storm water drainage
- \*I paid \$6000 in 2009 to update my curb, gutters and sidewalks. Homes on North side received for free. Frustrating!
- \*Many sidewalks are cracked and an even
- \*Need improvement you can walk the streets better
- \*Dangerous
- \*Too many sidewalks and need every pair. Line item on annual budget needed
- \*Not enough and not in good repair
- \*Hard for wheelchair around 13<sup>th</sup> and Jackson
- \*Breaking up around town. Hard to walk
- \*Homeowners need to replace broken sidewalks in front of their homes
- \*Should require all lots to have sidewalks
- \*Need continued improvement
- \*A lot of sidewalks all over town are in disrepair
- \*As bad as the streets
- \*Need sidewalk on west side of pak on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- \*No sidewalks at all in area
- \*Sucks, what a waste of cement at \*\*\*
- \*Some are great others are dangerous

## Fire Protection

- \*Very capable volunteer department
- \*Volunteers disregard safety answering calls in personal vehicles
- \*A joke. Needs work
- \*A very big expense
- \*Excellent
- \*Awesome
- \*Real excellent job done on volunteer. Keep it strong
- \*Hopefully it's good
- \*Excellent car department
- \*Appears very good
- \*Ladder truck should belong and be shared by all firemen. It should not be a Mexican truck. One person has total control of it and an office area and computer was traded specifically for his use only. Taxpayers should have a say
- \*To alot for very little money. Leave them alone
- \*Excellent and dedicated group
- \*Great
- \*I have not had to use them so I think it is okay
- \*The Sidney volunteer fire department does a good job
- \*Why the big firetruck need
- \*Excellent
- \*Hooray for our volunteer firefighters
- \*Great
- \*A great bunch of volunteers
- \*Did not need the ladder truck
- \*Okay
- \*Don't know
- \*Ever hear of bicycle lane?

## Law Enforcement

- \*SWAT Team: Come on! We are not NY City. Too many cops.
- \*Still lots of drugs and dealers in this town
- \*The officer that hangs out in RadioShack all day should get to work
- \*Wish there could be more done on drug issues
- \*Good
- Awesome
- \*County and city need to work together instead of separately
- Good enough but they require too many new vehicles
- pretty thin at times
- \*no comment
- \*officers should check inflow before contacting parties involved
- \*for the most part a good group of officers but need some strong leadership then maybe officers like \*\*\* would be removed
- \*have the ability, opportunity to do good. Not smart enough to do it.
- \*Too selective
- \*Need to worry less about dogs and more about drugs and alcohol

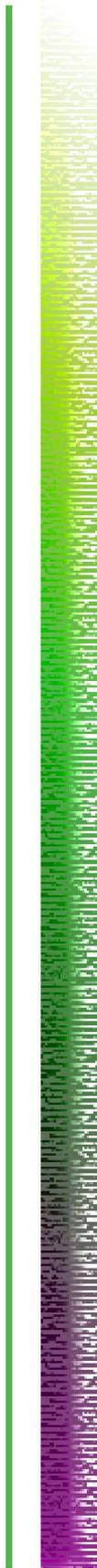
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- \*Need a chief! What is with the ridiculous weight?
  - \*Need to watch more at Wal-Mart entrance truckers tearing all up and speeding
  - \*Very lax in their efforts
  - \*Better treatments on service calls
  - \*Sheriff Department should take over city police
  - \*No reason to approve or disapprove
  - \*Don't know
  - \*Okay
  - \*need a chief
  - \*not very respectful. Seem to favor some pick on others. Not serve all thoroughly
  - \*not even sure where to begin ...
  - \*wouldn't be my first choice and to call for law enforcement
  - \*Sidney should have a police chief
  - \*Every time I meet one, seems like they are talking on cell phone. Not a good example to public.
  - \*Many stop signs ignored, speed limits ignored an old Post Road
  - \*Police and sheriff department do their job while the county and city attorney failed to follow through
  - \*Need chief of police
  - \*Need to check speeders in town not just from coffee shop to office
  - \*Need a police chief
  - \*I do not like to see cruisers driving on walking trail, I've seen twice
  - \*I hope when you appoint a new chief of police, they are from out of town
  - \*Too much meth! \*\*\*?
  - \*Too much teen drugs and alcohol in this town
  - \*Would like to have satisfaction on something that happened in town
  - \*Sidney police tend to stop vehicles that are slightly over the speed limit
  - \*Police do not stop our ticket for traffic violations, i.e. stop signs, speeding etc.
  - \*Cats are everywhere
  - \*Sidney needs the same animal control ordinance on cats that it has on dogs. There are too many irresponsible cat owners out there
  - \*Keep dogs on leash or cattle. Cats are okay
  - \*Too many cats and dogs running loose
  - \*sometimes they just need to back off and quit pinpointing certain people
  - \*too many untested cats. Too many unleashed dogs on golf course, Park and bike path
  - \*need a pound, not a three days and you die policy
  - \*definitely need a leash law in someone to enforce it
  - \*bad. A SWAT team? For what?

## Animal Control

- \*Get cats as well as dogs
- \*Don't need this position. Can be handled by police department as she calls them for assistance most of the time anyway
- \*Need to take care of stray cats
- \*A joke
- \*3 pet ordinance doesn't make much sense
- \*Getting pretty big
- \*Too many cats/dogs out and about
- \*Cats are a huge problem as are dogs running at large
- \*Cat problem is terrible. If dogs are controlled why not cats?
- \*Too many stray cats, pigeons
- \*\*\*\* Throws her weight around. \*\*\*\*could improve her attitude all lot
- \*Eliminate the position
- \*Quit complaining. Animals have rights to
- \*What animal control?
- \*We need a no kill shelter
- \*Dogs are still allowed to run free and no one knows what a leash law is
- \*Lots of wild or neglected animals on loose. Cats and dogs
- \*Barking dogs, too many cats
- \*Fair
- \*Not very accommodating. Would like for the person who has the contact be within the city limits. They should pay taxes like the rest of us.
- \*Dogs at corner of country club always out, can't walk on the sidewalk
- \*No comment
- \*Need something done about cats
- \*Too many stray cats
- \*chill out
- \*need real shelter
- \*need to enforce licenses
- \*usually respond quickly when called
- \*address cats
- \*sucks
- \*did not know we really had any
- \*would be nice to not to have so many outdoor cats running around
- \*a lot of wild cats
- \*I noticed that there are animals not treated right in this town, animal abuse
- \*Do we have animal control?
- \*Need to worry less about dogs
- \*Joke, cats have went crazy
- \*Cat's. Skunks in neighborhood ALS, possums
- \*\*\*\*needs to do \*\*\* job. Stop going in people's garages
- \*A lot of stray cats
- \*Need animal shelter
- \*We do not have any concern here at all, great job
- \*Dogs run loose and owners are not liable
- \*Too much money being spent here
- \*Cats are becoming a big problem in certain areas

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- \*Too many dogs running free, was bitten last summer
  - \*cats all over the place
  - \*too many skunks in loose dogs
  - \*lots of stray cats
  - \*we don't need a job and save the money
  - \*need someone to do it first. Our code enforcement is not the one
  - \*eliminate favoritism
  - \*too many stray cats
  - \*Way too many dogs running loose
  - \*Cats everywhere
  - \*Very helpful
  - \*Many many cats, problem
  - \*We have animal control?
  - \*\*\* needs to get off \*\*\*can and do her job
  - \*Great. It's the animals at the city office that is out of control

## Library

- \*Needs expansion
  - \*Facility roofs, internal, need repairs/paint. Not enough privacy(?)
  - \*Its wonderful
  - \*Excellent
  - \*Appears to be more of a social gathering place than research and study
  - \*Expand and add wifi coverage
  - \*Need a lot of updating to bring into 21<sup>st</sup>-century
  - \*City without adequate library is like a man without a brain. Sidney Devlin needs a larger library
  - \* Awesome
  - \*One of the best around. Thank you ladies.
  - \*Currently at capacity, could be larger
  - \*Could use more funding
  - \*Need to add an addition
  - \*Good staff
  - \*Needs to be expanded, add floors
  - \*\*\* does not work with the public to get what they want
  - \*Excellent
  - \*Excellent
  - \*Well staffed by helpful people
  - \*We love our library
  - \*Needs expansion
  - \*Used a little and seemed nice
  - \*Needs updated, larger facility with after-hours meeting room
  - \*Need more kid books
  - \*Okay
  - \*Great
  - \*Needs to be enlarged while kept at its central location
  - \*Could be bigger. Current staff does a great job
  - \*Landscape
  - \*Great director in Doris excellent place
  - \*Doing good with what they have. Lots of programs for the public to do
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- \*More audio books required
- \*Selection is limited, need more books
- \*Excellent
- \*I love the library
- \*Need more working hours
- \*Exceptional services to community
- \*Need a new facility. Maybe a second-floor
- \*Overstaffed
- \*Library okay but hasn't grown with community
- \*As a parent of toddler. Better story time/daytime activities
- \*Needs improvement

### **City Parks/Trails**

- \*We need no more trails than have; money wasted
- \*Very good park superintendant
- \*Parks are constantly muddy, need more shade
- \*None needed
- \*Would enjoy expansion to I-80
- \*Don't need additional trail to exchange. If have current budget deficit, can't justify additional money
- \*Would like trail expansion to Old Post Road
- \*Don't need any more trails south of UP Railroad
- \*Too many trails, not enough usage. People can drive a mile or two to get there.
- \*Better lighting
- \*People need to pick up their waste
- \*Need to be on north and south
- \*Need skating roller park all seasons
- \*Trails are good. Parks need a lot of work
- \*The park is fine. The extended trails are a waste
- \*Do not need
- \*(sat) Do not know about trails
- \*Awesome
- \*Enforce the codes to keep dog \*\*\* off the walking trail
- \*Lose the goose \*\*\*, will be great
- \*Could be expanded
- \*Ponte has too much trash in poop
- \*Not used
- \*Very good
- \*Overdone, too expensive
- \*Too many weeds, need lights, need some type of control
- \*Have plenty, need no more
- \*Any way for trees in the playground
- \*Beautiful park downtown. Highly encourage completion of walking trail north side to the interstate area
- \*Would like to see the softball fields improved
- \*Northside Park needs maintenance and working restrooms
- \*Finish walking trail
- \*Could use trail to go to ADC/Pennington area of town
- \*No tax dollars should be spent on them, trail

- \*Don't waste money on extending the trails
- \*Do not need trails
- \*(Parks satisfied trail needs improvement) keep dog's off trails or make owners clean up after them
- \*Strongly oppose the trail extension to the interstate
- \*We used them a lot
- \*No need to extend out to Cabela's, wasted money
- \*Waste of money extending trail
- \*Complete the trail we began years ago
- \*Do not use
- \*Would like trails to go to Wal-Mart/Cabela's area
- \*Need more off-road dirt trails
- \*Trail is a huge plus for this community
- \*Continue to Interstate 80
- \*Extending the trail of to Cabela's, total waste of money
- \*Excellent but can always improve
- \*Extend trail
- \*Extend trail
- \*No need to extend trail to interstate
- \*Year round swimming, tennis, skate park, roads across drainage ditch
- \*Have enough
- \*Northside
- \*Like deadwood Trail
- \*Northside Park needs attention. The dog park would be great!
- \*City Park is a great asset to Sidney and very well groomed. The trails on the west side of town are not maintained, full of stickers that you can't even walk your dog, while the east end of town and park area not only are maintained, that part snow removal in the winter. Does not seem right. One can hardly support running the trail all the way to the interstate, just to appease \*\*\*, when only half is maintained now. Let \*\*\* pay for it and maintain it..... not to say they will pay for it and funding never comes through
- \*Very good
- \*Skate rink needs attention or removed
- \*Extension of walking trail not important
- \*Need to complete walking trail to east interchange area
- \*Expand the trail already! You have the money!
- \*Extent proposed trail to interstate area
- \*Very nice
- \*Very nice and really improved our city's appearance
- \*Love them, more would be great. We especially want trails.
- \*No need for trail to Interstate 80. Already enough deadbeats in town
- \*Like the new trails
- \*Trail meets to be extended to Cabela's
- \*Need security on trails
- \*Do not use trails
- \*Need better upkeep around new pond, lots of trash, weeds, improved landscape around pond
- \*At some time go to post road, safety of walking on roads
- \*The trail ends before the swimming pool and is not accessible from the trail to a school
- \*Need more covered picnic areas
- \*Too many unleashed dogs

- \*Upset about city dropping the ball on trail expansion
- \*Get rid of the geese and their poop
- \*Very good
- \*What, except for Dell to do
- \*Add trees, etc. to make more scenic
- \*I do not believe enough people use the trail to expand it more
- \*Too much expense
- \*Park Department is also guilty of wasting time and money driving all over town
- \*Our
- \*People really need to pick up after dogs. It is horrific. Make it an ordinance.
- \*City Park has too many dogs running loose, owners pick up
- \*Trees. Do not every lot some idiots take 120 years away

## Golf Course

- \*Should be available for play all year or fee should be for only 7 months
- \*The course is in shambles. More people every year are leaving the course and playing elsewhere. \*\*\* is never there and the \*\*\* working there are on an ego trip. Mentality of: it my course you are lucky to play here. We need to get to more of: we are here to serve you. Like our logo says on our cop cars. Just like the current political scene, most people use the coffee shop mentality and don't speak up about the course. \*\*\* was expected to get \*\*\* \*\*\* after hiring. Maintenance of equipment is optional. If we have time or not. New equipment being bought that should not be needed. \*\*\* needs to step away from this problem and have an outsider take care of this.
- \*Who cares
- \*Needs to be self financed
- \*The only thing that matters to Sidney fathers
- \*One of the BEST in the state
- \*Manager offered budget reduction but council declined , odd in time(?) of deficit
- \*Too expensive to play
- \*Wish I could afford to use it
- \*If only \*\*\* paid as much attention to the rest of the town
- \*City has no business asking taxpayers to subsidize sport hobbies. Privatize it.
- \*Only the upper crust can afford this
- \*It is nice to have a sledding area
- \*Do not need
- \*Don't know
- \*Should be more open Golf Times made available
- \*Should not pay employees when the course is closed for winter
- \*Barely satisfied, the leagues aren't run very well, inconsistent greens
- \*Do not use, do not know
- \*It's amazing we will pay someone a salary that works 35 hours a week in summer and four hours a week in Winter. I guess when your friends with \*\*\* you have a different set of rules. I hope the golf course never gets audited. Run very poorly.
- \*(sat) But needs some maintenance
- \*Too expensive to maintain
- \*Not involved
- \*Don't like golf is a game for narcissistic people
- \*Forget it

- \*Good course. Hillside needs to be reopened, bar/restaurant
- \*The rate hikes year-over-year are ridiculous. The rent the city pays for the pro shop is just stupid business
- \*Need to make everyone feel welcome not just their search in groups
- \*Do not need this either
- \*Maintained and managed by good people
- \*Need more oversight
- \*Really nice course
- \*Too expensive
- \*Taxpayer support of the golf course should be minimal, since only some taxpayers or golfers
- \*\*\*\* should live in town
- \*Waste of taxpayer money, money put up there should go to streets
- \*For whom
- \*Don't use
- \*Don't know
- \*Great
- \*No comment
- \*Shouldn't be city run not everyone plays golf, so why be taxed for it
- \*We could have a really special golf course that could draw a lot of people from out of town if it was given the proper funding
- \*No rain shelters, no drinking water, limited restroom facilities
- \*(sat) but never use it
- \*Great job
- \*Not enough public restrooms, no drinking water or soda machines, not enough shelters for bad weather
- \*Do not use
- \*Charges too much
- \*Prices up every year. Manicured course basically for one major tournament
- \*Like the new waterfall
- \*Get city out of private club
- \*It is a jewel for our city
- \*Great service
- \*Cannot afford to use
- \*(sat) Do not use it
- \*Do not golf but family comes and loves it
- \*Need at least six locations for restrooms present facilities and adequate
- \*Great golf course
- \*In pro shop not very nice to certain people, too much favoritism

## **Town Appearance**

- \*Coming into Sidney a bunch of cars collecting around main entrances
- \* East and west ends on highway 30 look like junk yards
- \*Repair shops with too many junk cars stored around them and developing junk yards on east edge of town
- \*\*\*\* lots are disgusting
- \*Highway 30 "junk yards" on each end of town
- \*Plenty of places in town that are an eye sore including lot as people come town on both ends of highway 30
- \*Always need improvement
- \*North side suffers as always

- \*Junky areas
- \*East of bn overpass and west of highway 30
- \*Need to contain some abandon houses
- \*Need more lighting and color
- \*Industrial areas on Illinois both east and west need cleanup
- \*Need cleanup east and west end of city downtown ok
- \*(sat) it is a small rural town
- \*Dark and dirty
- \*West entrance needs cleaned up
- \*The east and west ends of Sidney need cleaning up. All that junk needs to be removed
- \*Junkyards and city
- \*There are junk yards in each end of town
- \*Dirty
- \*\*\* junkyard as you come into town on 385, what an eyesore
- \*Need Highway 30 cleaned up
- \*East and West entrance to city need cleaned up
- \*Getting better each year
- \*All eye and old houses all over town need cleaned up
- \*Too many junkyards. One at the east entrance and one at the West
- \*Two out of three entrances to town or junkyards. Clean it up \*\*\*
- \*Good except junkyards on both east and west entrances. Real trashy
- \*Entrances into town via Highway 30 and off interstate need cleaning up
- \*Entering town from either east or W. On Hwy. 30 is unattractive
- \*Too many junkyards West and E. Ends of Hwy. 30
- \*Demolition needed northwest side
- \*Get the to and of towns cleaned up
- \*Need help clean up west end of town and East end
- \*Getting better, what happened to paintings scene on building
- \*West entrance looks junky. Need more appeal in higher fences
- \*Could be improved in downtown area
- \*There are many homes in this desperate disrepair that bring the town down
- \*In particular, the equipment junkyards at the East, West entrances to town need to be cleaned up.
- \*Always junk yards on each end of town
- \*Need to clean up entrances into town of junk cars etc.
- \*(sat) except West and East entrance
- \*Some places need improvement
- \*Junk on both ends of town, also the one just east of Burlington overpass
- \*Enforce cleaning up around houses
- \*Could sleep more often, don't like junk cars and trucks to be the first thing seen coming into town
- \*Bad. Get rid of junk yard on both ends of town
- \*East and West entrances need cleaned up
- \*All the edges of town have abandoned our junk
- \*Get rid of junk yards on the outskirts of Sidney or put tall fence up
- \*West Illinois, on Southside across the street from \*\*\* about a block and a half needs cleaning up \*\*\* block
- \*Looks dreary

- \*Some of the business in the middle of residential needs cleaned up
- \*Downtown improvement projects are great. Just keep going with them
- \*Cleanup the junkyards on E. And West Hwy. 30
- \*East and West and the city is an eyesore
- \*This has improved greatly over the years
- \*No junk in yards
- \*Much improved
- \*We could use trees, shrubs or something like that
- \*Badly needed both ends of town
- \*Any efforts to beautify would be welcome
- \*Reasonably good, a few old abandoned houses that are eyesores
- \*Downtown need facelift. Too many businesses going down
- \*Looks like a junked out town on both East and West 30. \*\*\*needs to clean up and so does \*\*\*
- \*So many homes are neglected and trash in yards
- \*Too much junk at east and west end of town
- \*Need a better overall tone appearance
- \*make houses follow laws about junk in yards
- \*get rid of the junk yards on the east and west end of town
- \*\*\*\* junk on the east, \*\*\* junk in between, \*\*\* junk on the west: real nice
- \*Some houses in certain areas need care
- \*Too much junk in yards
- \*Too many junk related businesses in approach to town
- \*East and West end of town junkyards, impressive
- \*Junk at both ends of Highway 30 in Fairgrounds
- \*East and west ends look like crap
- \*Coming in from the east or W. On Hwy. 30 the town looks dirty and unkept
- \*Needs to be cleaned up
- \*Cleanup east and west sides
- \*Junk yards on East 30 need to be eliminated
- \*Dirty, old, rundown, and poorly maintained
- \*East Highway 30, junk cars by the overpass
- \*Highway 30 E. and West, junky appearance
- \*Both West and East entrances need to be cleaned up
- \*There are some businesses downtown that need to clean up some junk, making the town that trashy
- \*Too much junk and rundown buildings
- \*A lot of rundown houses and yards, needs more trees
- \*Force cleanup of the dumps on each end of Illinois
- \*(sat) except for streets
- \*Trashing weeds bad in summer
- \*Priority paid all streets. J. Grant or use tax funds
- \*Highway 30 on both ends of town look like a junkyard
- \*Cleanup each end of Illinois
- \*\*\*\* should not be allowed to collect junk and set it out in the open
- \*It is embarrassing the rundown houses in town and junkyards throughout town
- \*Older buildings need full use of all floors, mini mall or business

- \* \*\* and \*\* junkyards on each end of town not appealing at all
- \* Need to get rid of junkyards and East Highway 30 (\*\*) ( and West Highway 30 \*\* or whatever his junk collection is , and \*\* or \*\*West Highway 30 whoever stores wrecked semis, campers etc
- \* Some area homes still need addressed
- \* East and West side of town looks junky
- \* Too many cars at repair shops looks junky
- \* Yes much needed. You need to get rid of the junk yards on Main Street
- \* at \*\* Highway 30 all the vehicles are unsightly
- \* code officer does not make enough of an attempt to keep citizens property clean and within code
- \* some businesses are not, next \*\*
- \* Entrance (?) Have to (?) equipment dump sites are an embarrassment
- \* Why is junk yards at both ends of town junk car in front yards
- \* Coming into Sidney from the east to west and a lovely collection of trashed cars across from \*\*
- \* Approaches on east and trashy, not me
- \* It is getting there
- \* We have a high source of both approaches to town on US 30
- \* Too many empty buildings,
- \* Cleanup east and west entrance
- \* Enforce house appearances, enforce lawn control, remove old vehicles from land on Highway 30 at \*\*, looks terrible
- \* Streets hinder appearance of both
- \* Overall town looks dated
- \* The Eastside looks like a gypsy camp
- \* Too many empty buildings downtown
- \* Junk areas at city entrances need to be cleaned up
- \* More trees
- \* Not inviting
- \* Okay
- \* Junky lots, trashed houses and Ugly Main St., East and West \*\* shop and \*\* are an eyesore not too impressive for visitors regardless of the corridor used to enter town
- \* Cleanup the junk on the east and west edges of town
- \* Cleanup junk pile on East Highway 30
- \* East and west ends of town look shoddy when entering, lots of junk areas
- \* Businesses take cheap junk in open need to be in an industrial area
- \* Too many junk vehicles east, west, hotel, old
- \* Need to cleanup junk car in heavy equipment wallets or require privacy fences
- \* Need to address unkept properties
- \* (sat) mostly
- \* More trees are required
- \* Too many empty downtown storefronts. Encourage SBA loans and promote economic development more. What is with Fort Sidney Road east along the way lot on East side? Looks like a public dump!
- \* East and W. Ends of Hwy. 30
- \* Disgusting because of junkyards everywhere
- \* Entrances to town, junky
- \* Lots of excavating equipment parked in city in east entrance to town
- \* Remove unsightly junkyard \*\* et al

- \*Lots of old abandoned houses
- \*Many junkyards and unkept lots
- \*Highway 30 and \*\*\*, a lot of junk on east side of road
- \*Too much litter in careless residents
- \*Need old houses that are abandoned torn down
- \*Okay but when you drive in on Illinois dirty
- \*East end of town looks like a junkyard
- \*The junkyards on West and East and South of town looked terrible
- \*every highway entrance into Sidney looks like a junkyard
- \*clean up entrances
- \*we ought to keep it cleaner
- \*too many junkyards in town
- \*the mass of vehicles E. Of Hwy. 30/\*\*\* intersection S. Of Rd. is an eyesore. An even bigger eyesore is the ground between \*\*\* in the train overpass on East: Illinois, North side of the road
- \*BS

## **Downtown Area**

- \*Emptying out fast Due to I-80 expansion
- \*Could use clothing store
- \*Improvements are great
- \*Always need improvement
- \*Streets suck. Run down
- \*Keep businesses here
- \*How can retail area be helped? Wal-Mart huge let down
- \*Working on appearance but need to encourage more business
- \*Short term, the downtown is now at the Interstate
- \*Better parking and incentives needed to draw business
- \*Need to fill the empty buildings with businesses. Take work and time unknown
- \*It is looking better all the time
- \*Too many vacant buildings need new businesses
- \*Getting better each year
- \*Owners working hard to improve. Looking better
- \*Doing the best they can with current economy
- \*Too stringent on historic rules, makes it difficult for businesses without excess finances to make basic improvements and makes it less enticing for new businesses to want to invest in the buildings
- \*Illinois Street, need more weed control, that summertime
- \*Too many empty stores
- \*Nice to be more wheelchair accessible. Better handicap parking
- \*Need to allocate money to owners to help improve. \*\*\*s building an eyesore
- \*Getting better, but needs to have hometown feel attractiveness
- \*Needs improvement.
- \*Too many empty storefronts and unattractive storefronts
- \*The improvements made have been great. Would like to see existing incentives contrived
- \*Would be nice if all buildings were full
- \*Very attractive

- \*Too many empty buildings
- \*Lack of local businesses
- \*East and W. Entrances on Hwy. 30 give poor impression of town
- \*Pretty good, keep up improvement
- \*Fair
- \*Since 1945 Sidney has never been a "historic" town it is now
- \*Buildings, we need a major cleanup especially of Main Street
- \*Why improves, it is not going to make more business. There's more empty buildings than anything
- \*Needs completely redone
- \*Lots of empty buildings
- \*Very nicely kept up
- \*there isn't much there that looks okay
- \*need gimmick to get downtown desirable and new business
- \*better parking areas
- \*need clothing and shoe store
- \*as good as is possible in a community of this size
- \*it is getting better but more needs to take place for the community and the children need more constructive things to do
- \*leave it as is
- \*sure would be nice if trees were planted in parking lots
- \*lots of empty buildings
- \*but should be cleaned up
- \*see town appearance
- \*depressing, I am embarrassed to show visitors
- \*need more variety
- \*parking
- \*we like the new looks to downtown buildings are doing
- \*we have a lot of empty buildings
- \*see above (Too many empty downtown storefronts. Encourage SBA loans and promote economic development more. What is with Fort Sidney Road east along the way lot on East side? Looks like a public dump!)
- \*empty and sad
- \*the more businesses
- \*what we have is good, we need more shops to fill empty spaces
- \*looking better all the time
- \*empty storefronts need cleaned up (\*\*\*)
- \*too many empty buildings, not enough businesses
- \*starting to look very nice
- \*need more businesses downtown
- \*empty buildings
- \*storefronts vacant and unkept
- \*too many empty buildings
- \*sad, empty
- \*love the lights at Christmas, previous anywhere
- \*more businesses would be improvement in look
- \*kill the pigeons
- \*too many businesses have had to close their doors due in part to \*\*\*

- \*needs new sidewalks and lampposts, needs to be updated in appearance
- \*needs help, too many empty buildings
- \*too many empty buildings
- \*it is a corpse, quit throwing money at it trying to revive it. It is dead!
- \*Streets hinder appearance of both
- \*Needs more businesses to shop in town
- \*Get some stores, clothes and footwear
- \*Looks good. Little to offer, retail
- \*Needs shopping
- \*Why pass laws of no bikes allowed and then not enforce
- \*Again too much clutter on both the east and west ends of town on Highway 30. Too much free money for improvements
- \*You allow certain auto shops to collect junk on Main Street
- \*Has junkyards on either end of Illinois Street
- \*Leave it alone focus on other areas
- \*Awnings awesome. Book corner exceptional!
- \*Empty and sterile, need sidewalks foliage, trees, flowers, shrubs, something
- \*What a crappy way to first see the town coming in from the east
- \*BS

## **Economic Opportunities**

- \*Get more businesses to hire
- \*Is none
- \*More!
- \*Small business downtown need to be pursued
- \*I have had all the economic development I can afford
- \*There aren't many
- \*I do not want to work at Cabela's
- \*Need more stores
- \*Need more jobs
- \*Do not need
- \*If Cabela's were not here Sidney would be a ghost town
- \*Gary is doing a great job. Leave him alone
- \*Need to bring in more or mid-level to hide mid-level businesses. Wages, jobs, currently are extremely high level or very low level
- \*Good for this region but still need more opportunities if you want to keep Cabela's here that they are a corporate entity
- \*It would be nice to have some more businesses in town, manufacturing jobs
- \*Gary Pearson has done very well
- \*Lots of vacated stores
- \*We are fortunate that city, county work hard to bring jobs and businesses to town compared to many communities
- \*ID K.
- \*For a town of this size they are okay
- \*Do not know
- \*Doing a good job of drawing development

- \*Fair at best
- \*Good considering the times
- \*Need to bring in more businesses
- \*Do not know
- \*Not very good
- \*Need affordable shopping clothes and shoes but not cheap as Wal-Mart
- \*Keep recruiting employers
- \*Need more businesses. Wal-Mart should drive downtown business out
- \*Need more businesses for more jobs available only place to work is Cabela's
- \*Too many businesses fail
- \*Need the stores to shop in
- \*Don't know what they would be
- \*Too much TIF and not enough tax paying
- \*Jobs are available as much as anywhere
- \*None
- \*Better programs for small business
- \*A lot of unemployed people
- \*Cuts taxes
- \*Actively pursue opportunities
- \*Small businesses need help, business climate is way too difficult to start
- \*Where
- \*Needed
- \*Separate the city manager from economic development to better optimize both positions
- \*Need someone that knows what's going on
- \*Jobs are available but no workers
- \*This is a problem here
- \*There could be more Internet company, phone service centers. Help small businesses
- \*Need fabric and yarn store getting rid of \*\*\* would help everyone
- \*Keep working on this
- \*Jobs for an educated poor kids
- \*Citizens do not support new businesses
- \*We need businesses that will draw people from other towns to shop here
- \*Not everyone wants to work at Cabela's
- \*Need more diversity
- \*The more businesses
- \*Need more than Cabela's
- \*More industry would help
- \*More and higher paying jobs
- \*No opportunities for young adults
- \*More job opportunities
- \*Need more than just Cabela's
- \*Very poor
- \*No competition
- \*Poor, gives to many incentives to new business and ignore existing business
- \*Gary Pearson does a good job for us

\*Same reply in getting our youth to move back. \*\*\* is not viewed as a positive employer, kids have seen their parents work outlandish hours or more than one job at \*\*\* to make ends meet with no concern by \*\*\* for family time or quality family time. \*\*\*is a good employer, but limited in numbers employed. Lack of economic development, perhaps hampered by presence of \*\*\* being here

## Recreational opportunities

- \*High Plains Compass Rocks, but get more stuff to young single people
- \*Only community center, bowling and movies
- \*CCCC does a great job with variety
- \* More for kids
- \*No comment
- \*Always need more
- \*Focus on our youth, find recreation and jobs
- \*More recreation activities would be great. Community center is overpriced.
- \*Didn't know there was any
- \*Nothing for hunting or fishing
- \*For kids
- \*Indoor swimming pool would be nice
- \*(sat) Noting the city budget problems, we can not provide everything a big city can, people should accept that if they choose to move here
- \*Indoor pool like Sterling CO needed
- \*There are few recreational opportunities. Could use more
- \*More arts
- \*There isn't really any, center has bizarre hours in summer
- \*We need an indoor swimming pool. Be nice to have a sledding area
- \*Need things for the young people in this town
- \*It would be nice to have other wreck opportunities other than community center
- \*There are none
- \*Do not need
- \*Would be better if paper and radio could bring better info before and after games
- \*Instead of expanding community center what about indoor pool that was going to happen 10 years ago
- \*Tax is high compared to other large towns, Lincoln example, we pay higher housing than Lincoln
- \*Limited
- \*Currently limited, nearly all recreation opportunities or through a single entity, the community center
- \*None hardly at all
- \*More activities are needed
- \*Need indoor pool
- \*Would like indoor swimming pool
- \*Public basketball courts
- \*Needs to be more for kids to do. Indoor swimming, putt putt golf, batting cages, roller rink
- \*The (??) though the community center is high for the way some programs are run
- \*Everything is community center or Cabela's involved
- \*Dog Park
- \*Nothing for the younger crowd
- \*For the young people not a lot to do
- \*Need basketball court and both parks

- \*There is plenty to do. People just need to start looking
- \*Let people know what is available, promote what is in place, community Center, promote activities there, walking trails, etc.
- \*More activities
- \*Not much for kids
- \*More opportunities that cost less or nothing. Indoor pool for everyone
- \*How about putt putt golf, skate rink that are bigger pool
- \*What was the point of the community Center edition? A new office for the director? Where is the swimming pool promised nearly 20 years ago?
- \*Nothing to do
- \*Need indoor swimming pool, many people go out of town to swim or pay motels to swim
- \*An auditorium with good acoustics would be nice
- \*Needs overhaul. For teenagers and neck cavities for adults, health
- \*There is nothing for our children to do
- \*Need more
- \*Where attendees for kids, miniature golf
- \*There is nothing but sports
- \*Indoor pool would add greatly
- \*Put in a roller skate rink
- \*More things for teen kids to do
- \*Need morning adult lap swimming in the summer
- \*Need a larger indoor pool, and the tennis courts are sad. Need a backboard at the tennis courts
- \*A concert venue would be nice, or at least something open later in the evening
- \*Good town support for athletic teams
- \*Need good indoor pool
- \*Too much to choose from
- \*Need swimming pool rec center, warm
- \*Need more things to do besides going to the bar. A digital golf simulator at Hillside would give people something to do during the winter months
- \*Getting better
- \*Young people have little
- \*Need indoor swimming pool, ice area
- \*Not enough for kids, young adults to do
- \*The Sidney needs an indoor pool, BMX track, high school needs varsity soccer. Skate park
- \*Need more recreational opportunities, events
- \*Rollerskating may be nice
- \*Need to keep improving to attract quality. People and businesses
- \*Need more for kids, indoor
- \*need more for kids
- \*roller skating rink
- \*need indoor swimming pool
- \*we have parks without recreational equipment. Kids come the park, dog \*\*\* park, why?
- \*Just because the CCCC exists does not mean it is adequate
- \*Not everyone can afford to belong to some of the activities
- \*Not enough
- \*Roller skating rink

- \*Indoor water facility, skating, roller blading indoor facility
- \*Upset about city dropping the ball on trial expansion
- \*Community center unaffordable for many
- \*Need something for kids
- \*Very lucky to have what we do
- \*For the most part, okay
- \*Our youth needs more areas of recreation. Isn't the community center suppose to be for the good of all without fees?
- \*What
- \*We need a lake close by with then 10 miles, being close by would be great!
- \*(ni) but it is what it is
- \*A joke

## Housing Market

- \*Housing is pretty expensive!!!
- \*High cost of living not much opportunity or activities
- \*Overpriced
- \*New houses overpriced
- \*Need affordable housing
- \*Too many empty homes
- \*Fair
- \*Overpriced homes and overbuilt for number of buyers
- \*Controlled by \*\*\* just like everything else
- \*Needs huge improvement
- \*I think the housing is very overpriced
- \*Hope Cabela's stays here
- \*First place I've ever bought a house that lost serious value on the market. Yet tax appraisals don't reflect downturn
- \*Need more for middle income families
- \*Sidney is a costly place to live. Housing rent is too high. Otherwise they're plenty of homes available if you can afford to buy one
- \*Love multiple listings in choice of apartments
- \*Lower taxes
- \*More average rentals and sales of homes should be available
- \*Way over priced rental and ownership. Since when is 80 to 100 grand low income affordable
- \*Seems to be more MPs
- \*Need more rental properties
- \*Prices are way too high for this city, taxes follow
- \*Above average, comparison to others
- \*Affordable housing for handicapped and disabled is needed
- \*Bad renting market, new places always for low income, the new for regular people
- \*Homes are overpriced
- \*Taxes are high. I would reconsider purchasing a house in Sidney and go to a surrounding area with less steep taxes.
- \*Get rid of the free or almost free housing and nor Sidney. All it does is bringing unwanted people
- \*Down

- \*Rentals
- \*Too damn high
- \*Overpriced and overtaxed
- \*Would be nice if we had lower property taxes so houses would sell
- \*Understand more rentals needed
- \*More rentals. Bring prices down
- \*Charge too much for rent
- \*Don't know
- \*Available housing is good. Cost of rent is too high for low-wages made
- \*Need more and low income
- \*Not any rentals, need houses to rent
- \*Need lower rates
- \*Overpriced, overtaxed
- \*Maybe need more choices for elderly people, actually I have always been glad houses are a lot cheaper here than other places like California. Property taxes are high though
- \*Homestead exemption. Needs fixing
- \*Cost of living here is way too high
- \*How smart is artificial and not accurate
- \*Property tax is way too high
- \*There is probably plenty
- \*Don't know
- \*Expensive, lack of clean rentals
- \*More market rate apartments needed
- \*Very slow
- \*?
- \*Cuts taxes
- \*Why all the building projects? We have many houses in town for sale
- \*Houses available in many price ranges
- \*Reduce property tax
- \*Taxes are too high
- \*City taxes are way too high! Many people want to live out of city limits due to this
- More town houses/nice apartments
- Slow
- \*Needs more apartments that do not have income restrictions
- \*Law prices are too high. Covenants are too restrictive
- \* no house rentals.. why not?
- \*Housing is priced higher than Denver Colorado in larger cities
- \*What can the city do?
- \*Rentals are minimal, but very expensive
- \*Very few three-bedroom/2 bath rentals available need for people with minimum-wage jobs. So we can have more businesses
- \*Need more low income houses
- \*Need new affordable housing under \$100,000
- \*Need to condemn and remove old empty ones
- \*Good taxes are sky high

- \*Not just Sidney
- \*Choices for middle-class, \*\*\* cracker boxes or old fixer uppers
- \*Always room for improvement
- \*Not much available for rent that is good quality
- \*Why the heck did the low income housing need to go on the south edge of town? My wife saw a drop off drug deal go down on her block with cars that park at Crestview, thanks a lot!
- \*Poor, no apartments, few rentals
- \*Too many empty
- \*Affordable housing
- \*Good for high dollar executives
- \*Need more rental properties that are not for low income families
- \*House sales are slow
- \*Overpriced
- \*Will improve in time, I think
- \*Due to the economy
- \*\$200,000 homes are not affordable housing with the wages paid
- \*Not a good time to evaluate. Recession
- \*He recently tried to sell our home of 20 years, which was all updated, remodeled, etc. Could not compete with the free bees being advertised by cityofsidney for new construction and development being done on east edge of Sidney. What will happen to starter home neighborhoods in west areas of Sidney will the quality of those neighborhoods will continue to decline and lack of care by owners, will become dilapidated rentals. Unfair market for those selling homes in the 90 to \$100,000 range when they have all these tax incentives/lower income offers by city. We paid for our own advertising in realtor to sell our home, for less than what it was taxed for, and not being able to compete with the new construction tax incentives.
- \*Lack of quality rentals
- \*Need more jobs
- \*Too many houses for sale yet keep putting out funding for new addition
- \*Might be shortened rentals
- \*Housing prices are too high! Rentals too high and not enough units for low, low income. \*\*\*high salaries dictate market for all
- \*We could use some new subsidized housing for seniors who would like to get rid of responsibility of home ownership
- \*The department options
- \*Needs help. Economic increase to Sidney will correct housing problems
- \*Ha ha ha, that is funny if you talk about
- \*Too expensive

## Central of Sidney

### Water

- \* Too many fees/too high
- \*Taste bad
- \*Water has a hard taste
- \*Do not need new equipment and pickups
- \*No pressure
- \*Quit putting chemicals in it
- \*I think the owner of property should pay the extra charges WN and SDF
- \*Don't agree with the water debt fee
- \*Too costly with other add-ons
- \*Rates are excessive
- \*Cost too much
- \*Smell
- \*Water bills to high
- \*Coall of these services are okay for me
- \*Get new wells and quality is worse to same
- \*Rates are too high
- \*We have very low water pressure in summer
- \*No water pressure
- \*Water pressure seems low
- \*No effort on conversation of water
- \*Pressure declining south of BN railroad
- \*Too costly
- \*Angry about \$15 charge
- \*If water restrictions are applied, be sure everyone, residential and others is treated equal. Water automatic sprinklers can be adjusted
- \*Taste is terrible
- \*Debt fee
- \*Would like monthly fee reduced
- \*Cut the cost
- \*Southside water pressure needs improved
- \*Price too high
- \*Expensive
- \*Sure not consistent
- \*too expensive
- \*water are chlorine smell does not taste good
- \*too much chlorine on
- \*except for added cost
- \*very hard water
- \*water usage is the same in winter months
- \*foul tasting water
- \*no new taxes
- \*I hear many complaints based on questions are about taste and contamination
- \*Tastes bad and expensive
- \*Bad water

- \*Cost too much, make \*\*\* pay their share
- \*Taste bad
- \*Too much hard water
- \*Need to improve the poor pressure
- \*It upsets me that we have the \$15 water debt fee, especially when the other bills are high
- \*Cost too much
- \*This should not have cost us a new system so soon after it had been replaced of years back. Somebody goofed up big time
- \*Cost is two, punished for not using enough
- \*Too high
- \*Little pricey but no restrictions is nice
- \*Horrible water and we get to pay for a new field, woo!

## Electricity

- \* Do not need new equipment and pickups
- \*Old eyes are not replaced
- \*Too high
- \*Too many outages over the past year
- \*Too many power dips
- \*Excellent
- \*Power goes out frequently
- \*Too much driving around! McDonald's on clock!
- \*Electrical charges to business not fair, do not add charges just because customer is commercial
- \*Random power surges
- \*Expensive on the money has gone into underground wiring. Might have been good to do a little at a time more
- \*Cost too much
- \*Notification if they are working on a new line bills to high
- \*No new taxes
- \*Cost too much
- \*Power goes out too often, hard on appliances
- \*Wind blows, we lose power
- \*Need to pose infrastructure and reduce the number of outages
- \*Bill needs to be supplied on regular sized male. Small one gets lost by post office
- \*Wind energy options
- \*Too many outages in the summer
- \*Have had power outages at odd times are for no apparent reason, clear whether
- \*Too high
- \*My power goes off often
- \*Occasional outage
- \*Power surge = lost TV. Called the city left message, no callback
- \*Rates are excessive, outages are too frequent
- \*Cost too much, surges
- \*Electric bills to high
- \*Electricity goes out too often in our end of town, W. King Street
- \*Too many power outages
- \*\*\*\* has to go
- \*Increase in generation capacity that the city owns

- \*We seem to have a lot of interrupted service
- \*We are tired of electric surges and electricity going off at least 2 to 3 times a month it is ruining our electrical appliances
- \*Power surges
- \*Too costly
- \*There are a lot of outages. We realize this is not the electrical department itself
- \*Great people working on underground system
- \*Always going off and on
- \*Power goes off more than it should
- \*I heard rumor of discounts for all electric houses. Received no info directly
- \*Too many power interruptions
- \*Too expensive, surcharges
- \*Water taste terrible
- \*Too expensive
- \*Put everything underground
- \*Has escalated
- \*More underground
- \*Cut the cost
- \*Way too unreliable in any kind of weather in any part of town
- \*Price too high
- \*Too expensive

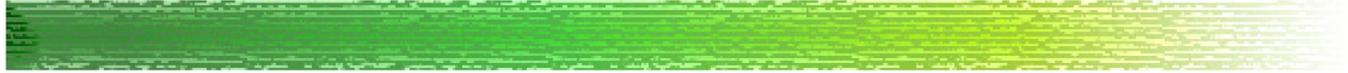
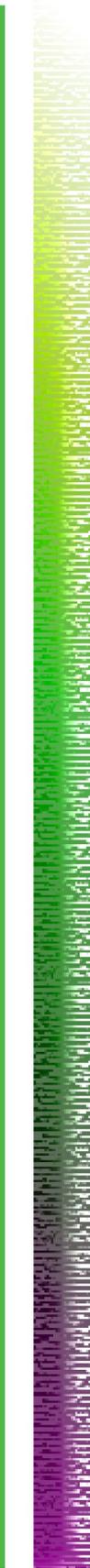
## **Garbage**

- \* Need other vendors(?)
- \*Too costly for one person dump once a month
- \*Sometimes forgets us
- \*Cleanup at landfill. Get rid of old vehicles and equipment
- \*Doesn't come on designated days, hard to comply with schedule
- \*Garbage men do not pick up spills, downtown area
- \*Do not understand why they pick up on holidays when they advertise they won't. Over time?
- \*Too high-priced
- \*Clippings and recycle pickup
- \*Hard to get to when it snows. More containers and Alley
- \*Too expensive
- \*Less outages
- \*Too expensive
- \*Clean up the mess this they leave after dumb thing
- \*Very expensive
- \*Include yard waste
- \*Garbage truck is too messy
- \*Don't like the large containers in alley
- \*Overflowing
- \*Good people
- \*Used to have been right at my back gate now I have to walk down the alley to empty trash
- \*Good

- \*Recycling pickup would be helpful
- \*Need more than two times a week, three times would be better need to place them better for in our alley for residents use one three residents use three
- \*Seems our trash is always full
- \*Shared dumpster always full
- \*Would like to have bins to put grass clippings, garden refuse such as Oshkosh Nebraska the bins costs \$50 and was collected during growing season. There was a charge for pickup
- \*I hear rumor of allowances for move-in folks, but did not receive info directly
- \*Messy
- \*Very prompt
- \*Sloppy, always garbage in sticks afterward
- \*Could reduce pickup on extremely windy days
- \*recycle bins need to be picked up more often
- \*two pickups per week would be better
- \*drivers drive too fast
- \*alleys need fixed
- \*not enough containers
- \*the dumpster in the alley blocks our garage entrance
- \*pick up what they drop
- \*too high. They took our lawn pickup away from us
- \*too expensive
- \*knockdown cans, then leave them in the streets
- \*drivers leave lids open. Drivers leave trash on ground
- \*they needs to more bag tie their garbage a lot of trash laying around. Wish they would not start so early
- \*collection is fine but several dumpsters need repaired or replaced
- \*three people to a dumpster \$48 is too much to pay, \$16 each
- \*cost is a bit high especially since I share my trashcan with two other houses
- \*cost too much
- \*it is hard on people dispose of yard debris. Is there a solution
- \*wish we had recycling pickup
- \*empower these workers to pick up after themselves
- \*garbage cans are left upset after dumping
- \*when the dumpster is full and trash bin bag could be picked or not
- \*trucks leave garbage in alley
- \*easier access for disposal of chemicals, paint, etc.
- \*appreciate the recyclable receptacles at Park/Safeway. Cardboard containers frequently stuffed full though
- \*when emptying garbage cans get garbage in Schrock when driver Mrs. Trunk, get out and clean it up mess, just don't drive away
- \* big need to watch and not let some garbage fall in the alley
- \*Older people hardly afford it per month
- \*Need yard waste pickup,
- \*Need to go back to recycling also
- \*Cost too much

## Recycling

- \* It is inconvenient to load car to take items to the park
- \* Like old system
- \* Do not know
- \* Need to be able to recycle glass, clear, Brown, Green and other types of plastic
- \* What recycling
- \* Need home pickup
- \* No bottle, glass recycling, home pickup
- \* Need grassroots up the coals to avoid going outside of town to dump clippings
- \* Wonder if they will ever begin to recycle glass again?
- \* Need more recycling
- \* Not clear to the dump and plan to dump grass in town
- \* None
- \* A lot goes into the regular garbage
- \* Difficult to handle
- \* More places to recycle
- \* I like we have a chance to do or not
- \* Bad
- \* There are a lot more things we could recycle and not just put in the landfill
- \* Need curbside recycling
- \* People need to know more, education of
- \* Not working
- \* Waste of money
- \* More drop-off spots
- \* Brand-new recycling trailer not in use now
- \* Wish your could be included
- \* Make it worth our time, but recycled dumpsters in the alleys
- \* I would like to see curbside pickup again
- \* Need more info to people
- \* Wish we had a household chemical drop-off site as well as electronics recycling the landfill allows TVs, personal computers etc. to throw away (sad face)
- \* Need to take glass again
- \* None done that I know of
- \* Wish picked up at curbs
- \* Curbside? Also curbside lawn waste also, who sorts anymore? Doesn't the contractor do the
- \* Go green
- \* Need hazmat type of recycling centers
- \* Big-time. Fewer people are recycling because they do not want to haul it to the dump zones
- \* It is pitiful how little this is used
- \* Individual recycling options
- \* Why do we have to deliver
- \* What about glass, need recycling
- \* Could use plastic receptacles
- \* I feel it is appropriate for us to recycle our own. I do not want to pay for a curbside recycle.
- \* Glass recycling is needed

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- \*Need House pickup
  - \*Recycling cardboard make sure all plastic trash out of cardboard to recycle
  - \*There isn't any
  - \*I like the cart's we kept at home. Made it very easy
  - \*Would love curbside pickup
  - \*Would like to see reports of money in/out(?) tonnage. Would like to see class, recycled
  - \* There is little to zero effort
  - \*Is there any
  - \*People need to be educated on doing it right
  - \*Was like glass recycling option. Pickup would be great. Maybe consider picking up onto/in business district
  - \*More recycle, glass, etc.
  - \*Would be more compliant it still had picked up
  - \*Need to recycle glass
  - \*Very hard to use and hard to get to. very inconvenient
  - \*Need glass recycling facility/option. Curbside pickup would increase recycling
  - \*Weekly pickups would encourage more involvement
  - \*In more recycling bins in different areas
  - \*Miss tubs at the house
  - \*Need curbside recycling of glass, paper etc.
  - \*Would like to see glass recycled
  - \*They almost do not exist
  - \*Neat glass recycling and more education about sorting and plastics
  - \*None
  - \*The bends are always full and trash blowing everywhere
  - \*Need glass and more plastics
  - \*Curbside
  - \*There are none
  - \*We need a place to take all recycling, class all plastic, etc. If we could purchase RB provided a recycle bin that could be picked up on a regular basis to three times a week or we could take to a central location
  - \*Neat glass recycling, more convenient to home pickup
  - \*Do not see any
  - \*Yard waste/grass
  - \*What is here is good. Could do more, glass, etc.
  - \*Did not know they had one
  - \*Need to add glass
  - \*Recycling pickup would be helpful
  - \*What efforts
  - \*Restart, begin program again
  - \*We would pay a little extra each month to have recycling picked up at our house
  - \*Always we can do better. Each person. Help the elderly deliver these
  - \*I own a downtown business. Garbage men put cardboard and trash truck instead of recycling it
  - \*Poor
  - \*Elderly have trouble taking things to Ben around town. Pickup would be nice
  - \*Miss. Curbside pickup
  - \*We need to adopt big city recycling, all goes together, no sorting
  - \*Handle glass and batteries
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## \*Glass

\*Would like to see separate containers

\*We have a recycling program in Town?

\*I would recycle if there was curbside pickup

\*Compost needs turned into filtered at the grass dump so people can utilize it on their yards

\*What about glass. Community needs to push more

\*Wish we could go back to curbside recycling in giving out the bends, colored, again would be great, even if people still had to take it to the recycling center. Town needs to be more eco-friendly

\*I liked curbside and use it more often

## Street Maintenance

\* Snowplow should go down all streets

\*Potholes everywhere.

\*potholes

\*Seldom see a snowplow in my area

\*Rights at curb 10 inches deep and street seven not touched in eight years

\*Businesses should de-ice their areas, paint lines more often

\*The alley behind West school is horrible. Nice paved

\*Better snow removal

\*Very poor,

\*Potholes of snow removal seemed to be lack when needed

\*Main Street in other streets have gone downhill in the last few years, need repairing

\*Potholes are terrible

\*Snow needs clear down all Street's

\*Very poor

\*Very bad

\*Fire crew that were there. Hire new that can do the work

\*Real bad hole everywhere

\*Wonder why they replaced the street, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., adjacent to \*\*\* before others that needed it much worse?

\*Potholes, snow/ice removal maintenance of dirt streets

\*If we charged more on property tax we could fix our streets

\*Pothole city

\*(ni) a lot of improvement

\*13<sup>th</sup> and Knutson needs work

\*Many poor road in dirt ones

\*I know they do what they can

\*Lousy

\*Alleys are muddy, need gravel

\*Ice needs removed

\*Need to fix the potholes at the end of (?) Drive

\*Potholes

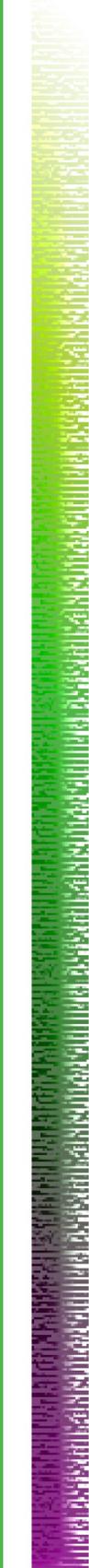
\*Repairs could save some street for some time

\*Could be better but okay

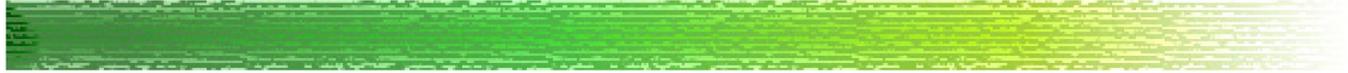
\*Our streets have holes not repaired for three years or more and broken down curbs

\*Terrible

\*Though I realize money is a problem

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- \*Winter plowing, horrible
  - \*The city needs to budget better for street repair
  - \*Plow streets, my tax rates are same as those streets get plowed
  - \*Snow/ice removal needed badly near churches
  - \*Potholes/gutters
  - \*New sidewalks are needed in Valley view area
  - \*Waiting until snow stops to begin clearing streets is unacceptable. Lack of a budget for street repair is unacceptable
  - \*Lots of areas are in bad bad repair, needs to be a priority
  - \*So many potholes in some really bad crumbling roads, nice job by Western drug though
  - \*However we understand it is expensive
  - \*Too many potholes
  - \*Almost everywhere
  - \*Snow removal is pretty bad, some streets are in poor shape
  - \*Potholes in every street by people's driveway is gone
  - \*Too many holes next to curb and gutter
  - \*Sucks
  - \*More budget could be put into resurfacing streets
  - \*Pathetic and embarrassing
  - \*All streets need to be fixed, or all rough, need to spend more time on them
  - \*Do not need new equipment and pickup
  - \*Lots of potholes. Snow removal is poor
  - \*Everything
  - \*Roads need major attention, alleys need work
  - \*I realize it is not the crew's fault but more money should be budgeted for streets
  - \*Snow removal often gets stored in the front of my home. No action taken by the city upon request
  - \*Fix streets that have 100 potholes, replace them
  - \*Fill potholes faster
  - \*Sucks, from potholes to snow removal, to armor coating sucks
  - \*We have put money into too many special projects and forgot to take care of regular maintenance
  - \*Terrible streets period. Fill the holes. Call people back
  - \*Streets are incurable shape. You can patch only so often. Something needs to be done
  - \*The street department does a great job with maintaining the streets with the resources they have
  - \*Weeds growing in streets, potholes. 13<sup>th</sup> and Newton Rauf, Wal-Mart road
  - \*Potholes, cleans snow off the roads
  - \*Poor
  - \*Horrible! Need pavement not rocks
  - \*Fixed the streets citywide
  - \*Better snow removal. Get rid of potholes
  - \*Horrible, there has to be a way to improve. The city's priorities should be fire, police, streets
  - \*There are holes all over the place in my neighborhood that keep getting patched and not fixed. The only lasts a year
  - \*Always a problem, especially if it is my street
  - \*Roads are in bad shape, curbs and gutters need major repair
  - \*Fix the potholes
  - \*Streets need resurfacing
  - \*Streets have been bad for years
  - \*Potholes, crumbling sidestreets and downtown
  - \*We realize an effort is being made but many potholes

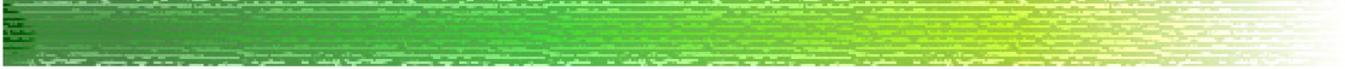
- \*A lot of potholes
- \*We need our streets repaired very badly, potholes, along curbs in residential areas
- \*Weekend snowstorms clean snow off around churches. Pothole
- \*Many potholes
- \*Streets need repair
- \*They would not encourage people to move here and hard on our cars
- \*I know, you need money. No new taxes please
- \*Streets in need of repairs
- \*Seventh Avenue needs resurfacing between Linden and Illinois Street in deplorable condition
- \*13<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- \*Do we even have a street department
- \*Streets are a mess, weeds growing in cracks
- \*The streets need a lot of work
- \*Potholes replace some streets that are really rough
- \*Need to catch up on street repair
- \*Need more snow removal
- \*Our streets are a mess
- \*Horrible, many avenues in center of town become overgrown with weeds, potholes everywhere
- \*Too many potholes
- \*Charlotte drive area needs work
- \*Everywhere you go
- \*This needs to be painted on the main roads
- \*At least holes fixed, bad and dangerous
- \*Streets are bad, potholes
- \*Poor street maintenance and poor stupid work around/extensions. Oil and stone, \*\*\*?
- \*Some streets do not get fixed
- \*Especially in winter time
- \*Okay for the most part
- \*We have potholes all over our streets
- \*Pathetic
- \*The streets around Osage and 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> are terrible
- \*Poor shape, should be priority
- \*My street is not in good shape but others are worse
- \*Streets are falling apart
- \*Potholes
- \*Horrible streets
- \*A lot of streets need to be improved
- \*Some street potholes are never repaired year-round
- \*Sir Slate, what are we paying the street department staff to do?
- \*Or lack thereof?
- \*Streets are in a state of great disrepair. The should be tops in Town
- \*Fix potholes
- \*Many potholes, faded painted stripes, and slow snow removal
- \*Where in the past have we come up with the money to fix streets? Why is that a problem now? Terrible conditions.
- See over Town
- \*Too many holes in streets
- \*Need to spray weeds in the streets. Fix potholes

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- \*Lots of potholes
  - \*We were told our streets would be fixed last year and it wasn't
  - \*ASAP
  - \*More armor codes
  - \*Cannot just stop regular maintenance the way you have tended to do
  - \*Potholes need fixing, some streets need to be completely redone
  - \*Less people standing around. While one or two work on the street
  - \*Big holes in streets
  - \*Tons of potholes and rough streets for our tax base
  - \*Over all is good
  - \*Snow removal is horrible/nonexistent. Main roads need more continuous maintenance, holes, rough, cracks with weeds, etc. fix the interchange by Runza/Arby's. This is an embarrassment and total lack of foresight/planning
  - \*Streets need repair or
  - \*Potholes
  - \*Instead of a big fire machine, a lot of roads could be fixed many times.
  - \*Pour in selected areas, potholes
  - \*Realize there are a lot of potholes because of winter but there are a lot of them
  - \*Okay, some potholes
  - \*Very poor workmanship/knowledge need, potholes
  - \*Need a 20 year plan and stick with it
  - \*Does a good job when it snows
  - \*None
  - \*Extremely bumpy at new 10 and 13 and along 10<sup>th</sup> by Legion Park. Terrace cars up
  - \*Blacktop so high on some streets, drop off in gutter
  - \*Too many potholes, snow removal is not consistent
  - \*Most streets need to be improved
  - \*Most streets or in poor to very poor condition
  - \*Lots of potholes, north side
  - \*Should be ongoing
  - \*Potholes everywhere
  - \*The worst infrastructure I've ever seen
  - \*Snow removal needs improvement
  - \*Too many potholes
  - \*Much potholes
  - \*All streets are in bad shape
  - \*Snow removal needs improved
  - \*Tar and gravel and paved roads that last
  - \*Cancel means to go on and move forward on streets and maintenance and get the department what they need to be able to provide this service
  - \*Potholes everywhere
  - \*Big ruts in the blacktop in many places in town
  - \*Horrible, Town has some of the worst streets of Anytown I have ever been in
  - \*Lot of potholes issues after storms. Need better long-term fixes
  - \*Needs holes filled
  - \*Streets are in bad repair, whoever decided that asphalt is better is stupid
  - \*Potholes all over town, large ones
  - \*Too many potholes, etc.
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- \*Needs a lot of work
- \*Potholes and better painted lines and marks
- \*Too much driving around and not fixing potholes on all streets
- \*Feel sorry for pothole repair workers
- \*None you do not do it right
- \*Very bad, Newton is one of the worst
- \*The streets are terrible on the north side of town
- \*Too many holes all over
- \*Too many holes in the streets
- \*Needs are great
- \*Streets are a disaster
- \*Needed better way to patch potholes
- \*Very poor streets
- \*Too many potholes everywhere, need fixed
- \*Years of neglect have rendered many streets full of holes that need replacement. I agree with only salting it interchanges as this saves streets and vehicles
- \*Horrible, worst I have seen. Gravel roads in town? Fix it. Too many bumps and roads. How can we convert oil/gravel to cement? Snow removal is horrible. Timing needs better and do not push snow in the middle of the road
- \*Potholes are a huge problem! How hard is it to keep up with filling holes?
- \*There has to be a better way to repair streets than chip sealing
- \*Get potholes earlier
- \*We pay almost \$3000 a year in taxes, the street in front of our house is horrible! I've twisted my ankle twice
- \*Understand funds are limited
- \*Very, very poor, just take a drive around town
- \*Why does it take for to fill a pothole, one to work three to watch?
- \*Poor
- \*Potholes everywhere

## **Rail Crossings**

- \*Railroad crossings an even
- \*10<sup>th</sup> Ave. crossing stinks
- \*Very rough
- \*Walkover. Neat overpass for north side
- \*Very rough
- \*Some are pretty rough
- \*Need smoother crossings
- \*Do something about the train horns, like other towns seem to be able to do, which would increase property values. Close 13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> St. crossing. Do something
- \*10<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- \*We need to look into having horns on the crossings such trains that do not have to sound them going through residential areas
- \*Really rough
- \*Thank the Lord for shocks
- \*Highway 30 and UPRR Western convenience
- \*The noise. People need to be made responsible. Arms are enough
- \*See Scottsbluff. They are completing a quiet zone through town. No train whistles.
- \*The East Illinois Crossing has been terrible for years. The BN crossings are getting bad too

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- \*Trains part for days, too loud for neighbors
  - \*Maybe some paving for pedestrians?
  - \*The Burlington needs to provide
  - \*Very bumpy
  - \*Very rough
  - \*Need repaired. Very rough
  - \*Two rough
  - \*Rough
  - \*Railroad is ugly, clean up
  - \*BN SF's three crossings will never change because of all the grade
  - \*Make them smoother
  - \*everything
  - \*Very rough
  - \*Need improvement on tense
  - \*Work best for the railroads
  - \*Need concrete repair
  - \*Need at least lower pass to get to side of tracks
  - \*Very noisy need electric crossing alarms stopped train horns can't have windows open in-house due to trains and I live two blocks from crossing
  - \*Rough
  - \*Why can't we have crossings similar to sterling Colorado, north of, and West of Bridgeport
  - \*Why can't we have crossings similar to those of sterling Colorado and those west side of Bridgeport
  - \*Rough tracks, need signal to quiet trains
  - \*Needs stationary crossing horn the trains do not have to halt
  - \*You do not control these
  - \*10<sup>th</sup> St. railroad crossing is really bad
  - \*Wish there was a walking crosswalk on the west end by Safeway
  - \*Very rough
  - \*Poor
  - \*Understand funds are limited
  - \*Some work is needed. That it would probably take too long for them to work on it
  - \*Needed better smooth crossing
  - \*Maintenance very good with what they have to work with
  - \*Very noisy
  - \*These are getting bad
  - \*We need more
  - \*Would like to see horns on the cross bars
  - \*Rough
  - \*Too rough to drive over and could tear up my vehicle
  - \*Potholes and not smooth
  - \*More signage
  - \*Very rough driving across
  - \*Need smoothing out
  - \*All crossings are in rough to travel over
  - \*Very bumpy! Train horns are very loud and not necessary
  - \*Bumpy
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- \*Very bumpy, about as bad as the streets
- \*15<sup>th</sup> Ave. is very bad
- \*Additional pedestrian to North side
- \*Smoother
- \*Stop the and SF from sounding horns on my, crossings are protected
- \*Most are very off and bumpy
- \*Potholes by tracks
- \*Need overpass over BN railroad crossing
- \*Overpass for BN crossing, 10<sup>th</sup>
- \*Especially at 15<sup>th</sup>, very bumpy. Need better sidewalks over them
- \*Very poor, poorest I have seen in many cities
- \*You need to take railroad officials and get the damn horn silence or not blare so loud
- \*You need to need to go back on each side. Raise the elevation up
- \*Would be nice to add electronic warning at crossing, engines blast Horn too long
- \*Is it being used? If so those one on Illinois should have stop arms
- \*East BN is always rough
- \*Very rough
- \*Rough crossings to drive across
- \*UP is fine. Burlington should do something different
- \*Get on BN SF now
- \*Rough
- \*Very bad going over tracks
- \*10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. crossings in terrible condition
- \*Burlington Northern crossing on 10<sup>th</sup> needs overpass or underpass
- \*Very rough
- \*Someone needs to figure out how to smooth crossings with less bumping. Some places outside Town to great job of this
- \*13<sup>th</sup> is rough
- \*Rail crossings are rougher after repair them before
- \*Especially on approaches
- \*Raise approaches
- \*Train noise excessive with all crossings on be in route, crossing guards on all crossings
- \*Need to be smoothed out

## **Traffic Signs**

- \* uncontrolled intersections
- \*13<sup>th</sup> and Illinois
- \*Consider revamping turnout Lane at 10/eleveths Street split
- \*Fort Town Road and Glover Road speed limit needs to be 45 mph. Would help alleviate problem with Cabela's employees leaving
- \*Some intersections residentially have no signs at all
- \*Traffic lights, Three total, two, one block apart, third three blocks away
- \*Need postings coming into town to yield to the right in town
- \*More stop signs need to be places
- \*Need a couple stop signs by the fire station for kids library rate their
- \*Most are fine, need turning white arrow and laying going to Wal-Mart on North/South especially bad when semis are coming

- \*All intersections should have the appropriate stop signs
- \*13<sup>th</sup> in Illinois, should be a sensor, no reason to wait if no car
- \*We need more traffic signs
- \*Lack of stop/yield signs
- \*Need traffic light at corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Toledo
- \*Need more stop signs
- \*Motion activated turn signal at 13<sup>th</sup> and Illinois
- \*What signals
- \*There are not enough stop signs, it is very dangerous having intersections with no sign
- \*Too many areas with no intersection controls at all
- \*There are entirely too many car accidents for a town this size with predominantly 25 mph speed limits. Each intersection should stop at least two directions of traffic
- \*Way too many unmarked intersections, people do not know the rules of these
- \*People need to use stop signs, even city workers
- \*New one By bakery too far back
- \*Need four way stop at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Newton, school zone
- \*Caution light, yellow, does not stay on long enough
- \*Okay
- \*Way too few
- \*Need stop signs at all intersections in residential areas, at least one direction, not all for
- \*Need light at 10<sup>th</sup> and Linden
- \*Some intersections should have lights! A lot of people do not stop at all. They don't care
- \*Four-way stops are horrible. Most times ignored
- \*Stop signs needed at all intersections in residential areas in town
- \*Reinforce rules for people going through stop signs

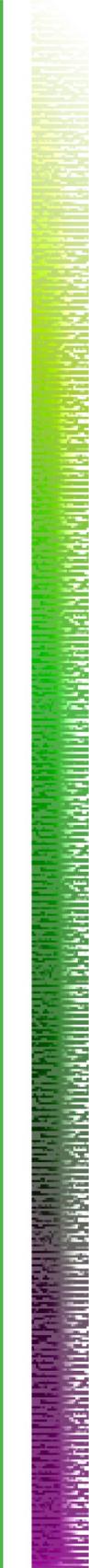
## Street Lighting

- \* South Street from hospital minimum light
- \*By the hospital is great, streets like maple, Lindoen need more light, scary to walk at night
- \*Take six months three plays light
- \*We could use some light direction so that more is on the streets less in the sky
- \*Too many street lights in residential areas
- \*Depends on where you live
- \*Keep bulbs replaced
- \*Poor lighting is frequent in town.... Feels unsafe in some areas when walking at night
- \*New lighting downtown
- \*This is adequate in some areas
- \*Residential areas need improvement
- \*Could be brighter
- \*Need streetlights by the two mortuaries. The lighting is awful especially when turning off 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. as well as for mortuary visitors
- \*Excited for downtown clutter cleanup of lights a new fixtures
- \*Very dark where we live
- \*Really bad
- \*Need more lights on old Fort Town Road between Toledo and Illinois
- \*Not all street lights work

- \*Some lights are too far apart
- \*Bulbs need replaced regularly
- \*Streetlights need checked and repaired weekly
- \*Too much new not enough lights

## Storm Water Drainage

- \* No curb/drain
- \*Does not work on seventh Avenue
- \*North St. Pat Church, East by 10 and Newton
- \*The backdoors of \*\*\* is always too icy when it's cold. I have seen many fall and get hurt. And not drunk either. The city owns this area.
- \*Need more
- \*Need to keep them cleaned out
- \*Terrible
- \*Dips at intersections had water
- \*Melt the snow drainage needed near churches
- \*Everything
- \*Just look at it set when it rains
- \*Every time it rains, or street floods in her neighborhood
- \*Cutters have deep holes that do not dream
- \*Water pools up in some public spots example St. pats on Jackson
- \*Great
- \*Some dreams not opened easily
- \*A lot of areas do not have
- \*Big puddles where we live
- \*Some locations are terrible, when ice melts and during summer rains. Send spotters out to locate them
- \*Just keep drains open
- \*There seems to be problems with drains clogging, big lakes of water after storms
- \*Need to keep cleaned out.
- \*This town needs a lot of work in this category
- \*Drainage along 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> is a problem intersections
- \*Poor
- \*Seems better now
- \*Backs up
- \*Has improved over the years
- \*Needed better drainage
- \*There is very little that goes beyond my house
- \*But water on seventh Avenue takes a while to drain sometimes
- \*Poor job done here, downtown is always flooded with big rain
- \*10<sup>th</sup> in King
- \*Need more storm drain to get rid of water runoff
- \*Part of my driveway is washing out
- \*Need to be kept cleaner
- \*Same as the streets, horrible
- \*The same problem areas continue. Fix them
- \*Needs improvement

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- \*Pools of melted ice everywhere. Reverse in the street when it rains
  - \*Add drain on southwest corner of 14<sup>th</sup>/Jackson
  - \*Need improvement at selected areas
  - \*Neighborhoods to not have drainage
  - \*Some storm drains won't carry water in heavy rains
  - \*Could use some improvement
  - \*Appreciate how city crews are out in storms to make sure everything is training
  - \*Because the streets are so poorly maintained, sediment from the maintenance comes loose, fills up my gutters and storm water floods my yard
  - \*Better than it was the 19<sup>th</sup> and Linden needs help
  - \*Always clogged
  - \*I live on a corner that has water and ice standing. There are several others as well
  - \*Take care of worst thing first
  - \*Need to be cleaned so they work right
  - \*Downtown Town is a nightmare
  - \*Needs work
  - \*Not enough storms here to worry about
  - \*Has improved over last few years one
  - \*drains need for better drainage
  - \*downtown areas
  - \*seventh Avenue and Illinois Street at Western gas station, both too high and too rough
  - \*water doesn't run uphill
  - \*streets flood
  - \*trains need to be cleaned out regularly
  - \*review problem streets, nor side of new high school for example
  - \*many broken cement around during areas
  - \*lots of backed up trains in heavy rain
  - \*I get the system, no drains on every corner but it can sure back up, expensive to rectify the pain nevertheless
  - \*Poor, poor in our area
  - \*When streets are being redone so should size of drainage pipe
  - \*13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> and Jackson does not drain very well, often runs over curb
  - \*Much better than it used to be
  - \*Trains back up on newton St.
  - \*This is a disgrace
  - \*We cannot seem to handle large amounts of rain without incurring residential/commercial damage due to runoff
  - \*Alleyways
  - \*Often blocks up when there is a heavy rain or snow melt
  - \*Get water backed up into yards
  - \*Getting a lot better
  - \*Seventh Avenue
  - \*Some areas are still terrible. Wait till it really rains on new South Alverado. We have had more than one, 100 year flood in the last fifteen to twenty years
  - \*Needs to be cleared
  - \*Horrible on seventh Avenue, has ruined pavement
  - \*Need cover on trains around Maple and 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> streets
  - \*It's improved a lot! Thank you
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- \*Particularly by the new high school
  - \*Good effort of additional downtown added drain line
  - \*Residential flooding of streets, drainage system not adequate
- Need more work

## Sidewalks

- \* Lots of sidewalks need repair
- \*Multiple sites
- \*Very bad, just walk around town and you will see
- \*Needs handicap corners, will chair
- \*Try Checker treating
- \*Tree roots have raised sidewalks allowing pooling and damage to streets also dangerous
- \*Large cracks
- \*Lots of bumps, some places without
- \*The city should maintain, not the sidewalks on city property that people
- \*Some need repairs, others are fine
- \*Needs some repairs
- \*Same as the streets
- \*Uneven quality, unfit for strollers and wheelchairs
- \*Be sure city sidewalks are totally safe before picking on residential, treat all the same, no exception
- \*Need a lot of work
- \*Fairly dangerous for daily walking
- \*Okay downtown, but in residential, they need attention
- \*Disaster
- \*These need a lot of improvement. In all areas
- \*Many areas need improved
- \*Many have buckled or are broken and not maintained by homeowners
- \*Many listed sidewalks that make it easy to trip. Especially at night
- \*Many cracked or broken sidewalks
- \*They are in very poor condition
- \*There R. so many that need replaced and dangerous Osage Street west of 13<sup>th</sup>
- \*Too many cracked aren't even walks for safe walking
- \*Walk to town with a stroller
- \*Many sidewalks in town probably 50 to 60 years old and in need of repair, but I assume this is a homeowner issue, not the cities
- \*Cracks and holes
- \*No more new crosswalks
- \*And sidewalks on all streets
- \*Minor fine but a lot of them around town or not
- \*Need more handicap accessible curbs
- \*Very few are handicap accessible even downtown
- \*There are some around town that are dangerous
- \*Downtown sidewalks have not held up very well
- \*Walking can be hazardous
- \*Some needs work
- \*Could use some improvement

- \*Need more along 10<sup>th</sup> on East at Legion Park in all the way up to old Post Road
- \*Residential, many need repair, dangerous to walk on
- \*Need to be replaced all over the town
- \*Many to most are in very poor condition
- \*Bad all over town
- \*Snow removal not always done, maintenance done when needed
- \*Spotty in places
- \*Didn't know they did sidewalks
- \*Bad in some parts of town
- \*A lot of sidewalks need repair or replaced for walking
- \*North side of Jackson, 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>
- \*Broken and nonexistent in many places
- \*Walks other than downtown and the improvement
- \*Keep up improvements already started
- \*Can't walk on most, too broken up
- \*Needed better smooth sidewalk
- \*Old part of town need attention
- \*Very poor, look around residential districts
- \*People need to walk on walks not in the street. I have come close to hitting people
- \*Hard to walk. Sidewalks irregular especially around midtown in school
- \*Some need replaced
- \*Lots of sidewalks aren't even due to tree roots, that is why I walk in the street in certain areas
- \*Oh my God, are you kidding?
- \*The tin for snow removal
- \*new sidewalks are needed in Valley view area
- \*prohibitive replacement cost
- \*residential, some poor, covered weeds, no snow removal
- \*along Regent Park
- \*10th St., Illinois to Pine
- \*needs to help do new sidewalks where needed
- \*areas do not have sidewalks although there is much traffic which necessitates them
- \*fix bad ones
- \*this is an old town! Replace curb and gutter with residential streets
- \*horrible
- \*there is a drain between \*\*\* and the \*\*\* on Illinois. The metal covering does not match the cement causing one to trip
- \*could really use more improvement
- \*around parks in all blocks required to have
- \*crumbling..... some with no sidewalks
- On Beverly Road, sidewalks are crumbling

## Fire Protection

- \* Was a big fire truck needed
- \*Outstanding
- \*Excellent
- \*As far as I know

- \*Absolutely great
- \*Great
- \*Very good
- \*Disappointed with the new million-dollar firetruck, not needed in a town our size, money could have been better spent
- \*Very good
- \*What do we need with that big truck!
- \*Have a new fire truck and have issues working the ladders
- \*Very good fire Department
- \*Great
- \*Excellent
- \*Why do we spend money on a ladder truck when there are not any tall structures in town? Perception is that this was a terrible waste of funds?
- \*Excellent
- \*Excellent
- \*Okay I guess
- \*Great buy on the fire truck! Great decision
- \*Thanks for all you do
- \*We have spent enough on this
- \*Never had to use
- \*Too much money for the last firetruck! Again for only a few
- \*Great, it is all volunteer
- \*Our apartment buildings ever checked for fire hazards
- \*Do not know
- \*Excellent

## **Law Enforcement**

- \* A bunch of Barney's
- \*Need people skills
- \*They don't do things fair
- \*Everything
- \*Too many for sides of town
- \*I was in the police department the other day. Get those guys a new building
- \*A lot of wasted gasoline, way too much driving by police officers
- \*Chief needs to be replaced
- \*There is no enforcement of Nebraska state laws by local law enforcement. Residents drive vehicles with out-of-state license plates, expired plates, and in transit stickers, and with no license plates at all. Nor do they get a drivers license. What a tremendous loss of revenue for our community and state. Poor enforcement of no parking areas, especially dangerous around her schools
- \*Too much money spent on police just driving around
- \*Get rid of officers who are prejudiced against certain businesses
- \*Depends on who you are, doesn't it
- \*Not great, okay
- \*Need better law enforcement
- \*8 to 5 Monday to Friday. Really? Way too many cops on payroll. They do not get out of air-conditioned or heated cars
- \*Need to control kids after 10:00 PM at night
- \*If only they would use their turn signals

- \*Great
- \*Enforce drug and alcohol laws more. Restitution for vandalism from the Vandals anywhere in county. Sex crimes have increased, more sex offenders listed, why?
- \*Need to improve on drug problems
- \*\*\* or whatever his title is, is a poor representative for Town. The area he lives on is \*\*\*and looks worse than some inner-city slums. Not a good first impression for people coming to Town from South. \*\*\* personal appearance is just as bad. Next in charge seems to have a problem truth and integrity. Why do we need both County and city law enforcement? Couldn't we save some money by combining?
- \*Okay
- \*Too many placemen, too many sheriffs
- \*We need to make sure the officers have all the tools needed to do their job
- \* if major Arkens is qualified to be interned he needs to be made chief
- \*Good old boys club, seems to be in place. Lack of confidentiality and SPD station
- \*City police need to be more visible other than to drive around
- \*Do we really need this large a force. We must have a lot of crime in Town!
- \*Do not give some \*\*\* special break because \*\*\* works at \*\*\*, what fair for one fair for all
- \*More impressed with the County sheriffs willingness to help than the city police
- \*Horrible
- \*Excellent
- \*City cops drive too fast around town
- \*We need a chief from out of town
- \*Seems the city police get new vehicles every 2 to 3 years. Again, maybe if streets were in better shape their cars would last longer
- \*Very good
- \*Great
- \*Only so-so
- \*Needs work
- \*Slow down traffic violators speeding on newton and Toledo just before school starts
- \*Upholding the 10 PM noise curfew, seeing to it that it is taking care of and not to tentative
- \*Our city please seem to be allowing crazy driving in city. Observe our city police sometimes and see how they drive their cop cars. If we follow their lead, I can see why people in Town drive the way they do all speed and control
- \*Look into combining Sheriff and Police Department
- \*If cop would obey them
- \*Poor
- \*911 responders need to educate themselves on addresses and locations
- \*They need to be friendlier, you get the feeling everyone is a crook
- \*If we get a new chief, a certain classiness is called for, a doer but with added character who can appropriately made discernment's, not nail hard

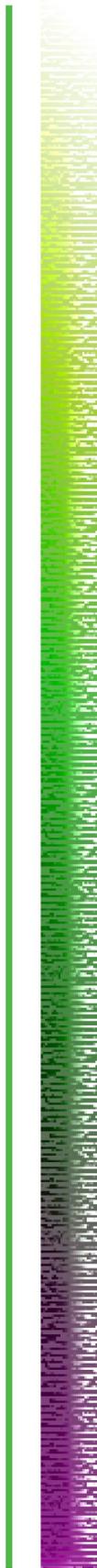
## Animal Control

- \* Get rid of cats
- \*Joanie does an amazing job at this
- \*There are way too many dogs running around off leashes
- \*Should not take up officers time
- \*Too many cats
- \*\*\* needs replaced, police department does a very good

- \*Dangerous dogs run loose daily
- \*Make it so people clean up after their pets
- \*Terrible
- \*Enforce all rules for everyone
- \*Cat control, fines for owners not picking up dog droppings off sidewalks
- \*Cats need to be controlled, just like dogs
- \*Stray cats everywhere
- \*Cats everywhere
- \*Stray animals everywhere
- \*Too many cats and dogs running loose when people walk their dogs they let them go to the bathroom and do not clean it up
- \*No shelter for strays
- \*Nice to be more proactive and
- \*Save the salary. Assigned to police officer
- \*Cats roaming are ridiculous
- \*Need leash law
- \*Feral cats need to be trapped Charolette, Lucille, Deborah population is terrible
- \*There isn't any, need public shelter and specific animal control officer, only job
- \*Too many animals running free, too many sewer cats, just caught and released in other sections of town
- \*Too many animals running loose dogs and cats
- \*Cats are out of control
- \*Keep up current efforts, get public more interested
- \*So many barking dogs
- \*Dog owners need to pick up dog \*\*\*when takes them for walking
- \*Limit number of dogs and cats, one household can have
- \*, owners need to pick up poop
- \*The too many dogs are still running loose
- \*Code not enforced very poor animal control in our community. Dogs run loose all over town all the time, no consequences for owners of these animals, even if these animals are dangerous and bite someone. Animal control officer is very inefficient
- \*could do away with code enforcement position
- \*why? When a resident calls and tells the \*\*\* won't respond immediately?
- \*We have animal control?
- \*Code enforcement does good job
- \*Nice to be controlled more
- \*Not needed
- \*Need animal shelter
- \*Lot of feral cats in my neighborhood
- \*\*\* needs to improve her attitude. \*\*\* gets really nasty with people sometimes
- \*Lots of stray dogs in her neighborhood, wonder why the one time powers got out we got charged when the neighbors got out he didn't want to deal with the dog because he would bite someone, they called their parents to put him in The only reason any keen to do anything because I insisted the other dogs they just let them run
- \*Way too many cats running free, they do nothing
- \*Seem to only care about dogs, nothing about feral cats
- \*Too many cats
- \*Animal control is far too lax and lenient

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- \*There are a lot of dogs roaming the streets
  - \*Code enforcement is a joke
  - \*People allow dogs to run like Pit bulls run loose in her neighborhood
  - \*Too much
  - \*The need for effort on picked up animals, find owner especially cats
  - \*Could be better
  - \*Dogs are running all over
  - \*Fair
  - \*Need to limit number of dogs allowed in residential areas and constantly barking
  - \*You do not need an animal control officer since \*\*\* does not help on most problems
  - \*For the most part animal control is okay but we and others we have talked to have issues with the fact that a barking dog is not taken care of. Why are there no consequences to dog owners when their dog has been called in more than once?
  - \*Too many stray dogs loose
  - \*Dogs need to be leashed up at all times when loose outside
  - \*Need to license cats like dogs and remove feral cats
  - \*Lots of cats running around
  - \*Control cats and barking dogs
  - \*The cats, straight, are terrible around town. They are everywhere in reproducing, need to be picked up and done away with
  - \*We need to have a voluntary no kill animal shelter
  - \*Dogs are constantly barking in our neighborhood
  - \*Nice to be fair for all
  - \*Pet owners with starving animals need to be punished
  - \*Except Wildcats
  - \*Too many stray cats. Code enforcement needs improvement, fair to all and no codes
  - \*Need to take care of cats
  - \*Except we need a no kill shelter badly
  - \*Comes when called, helps when needed
  - \*The \*\*\* is a friend, is totally confrontational and nasty. Get a replacement
  - \*Stray cats and barking dogs
  - \*A lot of loose dogs, worried they may get hit by a car

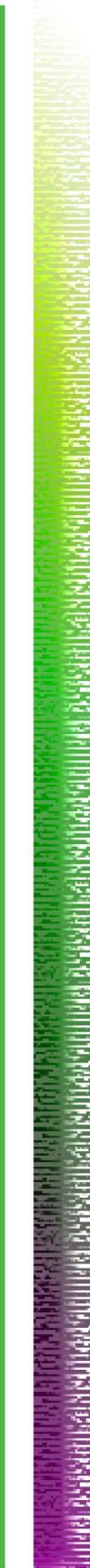
## Library

- \* Very good
  - \*Needs more support
  - \*Larger library
  - \*CD/DVD, people to use their own laptops, more room
  - \*It's a real shame that you have a new school, great golf course but why are you neglecting the library?
  - \*Need more space
  - \*Excellent
  - \*Needs more support from council and city
  - \*Very good library
  - \*Very good library
  - \*Nonfiction needs to be more current
  - \*It is a great library but very small for a city this size
  - \*Wonderful
  - \*Like to see the library girl with the community such as Scottsbluff
  - \*Good, could be great
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- \*Addition needed
- \*The library is a place of refuge, with gracious staff and timely attention to patrons needs
- \*Great
- \*We are lucky
- \*Great library! Unfortunately they really need a new roof, what happened to the expansion plans
- \*Excellent staff, selection
- \*Great service to area
- \*Great staff, need more tech programs
- \*Very good
- \*Poorly equipped but very good to deal with
- \*Not attractive, very cluttered, disorganized
- \*Why was budget reduced \$42,000? Other department could have been reduced money
- \*\*\* caters only to her and her friends needs
- \*He going to need work done on building
- \*Have not visited lately, so do not know
- \*Needs an expansion
- \*The staff does a great job with available space
- \*Need broader volume to choose from
- \*Love to take my five year old in three rolled for story time on Wednesday and Thursday's
- \*Facilities need improved, ugly
- \*Make sure it stays open
- \*Have not been to
- \*Local libraries seems outdated. Nice collection updated
- \*Library staff is excellent, building needs improvements
- \*Keep the books on CD coming. Love the craft tools
- \*Expansion has been planned for years! Much use facility, get er done! Could use more room
- \*Our library is excellent
- \*Very loud for being a library, employees are the loudest
- \*They need more money
- \*Selection of newer books is very lacking. Interlibrary transfers?

## **City Parks/Trails**

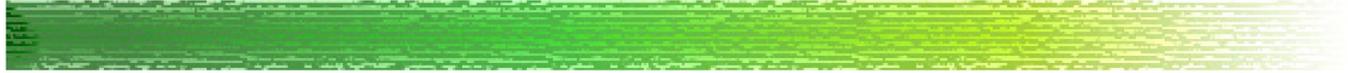
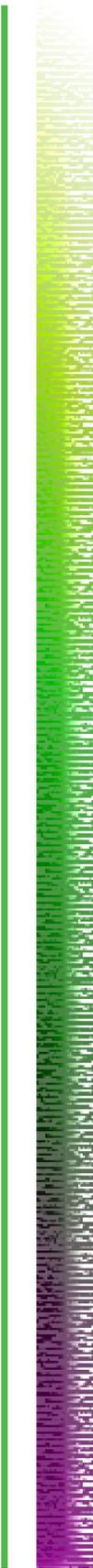
- \*Against the trail expansion to Interstate 80
- \*Do not need more trails
- \*Do not know
- \*Do not need to extend these trails
- \*Do not need more
- \*Cemetery needs fenced
- \*With addition of new trail only
- \*Take walking trails to Northside not out to Cabela's
- \*Northside Park needs work
- \*Waste of money
- \*There are often times pieces of equipment at the park that need repair
- \*Even though it would be nice to extend the trail
- \*Dog poop on trail, even though bags are furnished
- \*Over spent
- \*Easier access to all community

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- \*Great shape
  - \*More trails
  - \*No need to waste money on a skating rink
  - \*Need to keep these away, too much poop on sidewalks
  - \*Trail is great but needs to be cleaned more often around pond
  - \*Would love a dog park
  - \*Too many geese at city parks
  - \*Not enough of them. Very limited walking opportunity Parks need to upgrade facilities and clean up area
  - \*No further extension needed or additions needed
  - \*The trails are a waste of money
  - \*Nice to have the bike path go out to the interchange
  - \*No more money spent
  - \*Dirty
  - \*Park never looks well-kept. Edges are horrible. There are a lot of employees and with that number for parks it should look great
  - \*Extend to include area north of UPU tracks
  - \*Ballparks need weed killer to read goat heads ram from infield to outfield needs scammed off to level outfield
  - \*Parks are okay but you don't know why we have to have trails that cost thousands to build, they could walk the sidewalks and get their exercise and not cost the taxpayers
  - \*We are blessed with our trails and parks, good job
  - \*Need more for teenagers to do
  - \*Do not build any more
  - \*Finnish Town/deadwood to Cabela's
  - \*Skating rink is pathetic, fixed the streets and sidewalks first should have put sidewalks When the St., North Park was replaced
  - \*Expand the trail
  - \*Fantastic to have present a new extension in a city our size
  - \*Wish they were longer
  - \*Do not need any more walking trails! Parks okay
  - \*Complete the trail out to the hill. Don't waste the grants
  - \*Okay, streets and sidewalks need to be care of
  - \*Too much money spent on trails to nowhere very nice for town of the size
  - \*Put trail to nor side
  - \*Love some trees planted along the trail to provide shade and to make it less boring
  - \*Excellent
  - \*Very please with parks and deadwood Trail. Would like to see it extended to Cabela's
  - \*Need a dog park and extend trail up to old Post Road
  - \*Cost of trail would have paid for sidewalks, older children playground equipment, playground completely fenced for safety
  - \*Enough. Constant upkeep expenses. Let's take care of what we have
  - \*Can we get a bike trail to Cabela's? Also a trail along Highway 30 from exit 55 to town
  - \*Walking trail needs to be marked for distance. This would help with all the spray painting on the sidewalks for fan runs
  - \*You have an outstanding superintendent
  - \*Don't feel trail needs to be extended
  - \*City Park has gone downhill
  - \*Great job! It would be nice to have one more small park

- \*They just keep getting better
- \*Money needs to be spent on streets not on recreational paths
- \*Would like to see more at the Northside Park
- \*But we don't need a trail to hill. So vagrants can have a direct route into town, bad idea
- \*Trail would be better compact dirt and gravel versus concrete, better for running
- \*Pleasing and peaceful,. Lodgepole creek channel by Legion Park could be beautified
- \*Good bicycling trails, city Loop
- \*A lot of work has been done and it can only get better
- \*North trail? Also more places to get on
- \*You worry too much about them
- \*The more trails, off-road area
- \*With all of the employees not a lot gets done
- \*Who uses the trail - Cabela's? need someone who knows something about sports
- \*Great
- \*Park is beautiful especially living Memorial Gardens and Angel of Hope. As far as trails, goal if we have to spend the grant money we have been a lot said on a walking/biking trail.can I go somewhere else decides out to the interstate through the field? That is a long way and how many people do you think are actually going to benefit from that? Runners would love it I suppose, but not many people are going to walk to work out their end back. You would have to leave at 6 AM to get there by 7 AM. Probably would not use it in the winter much. Bikers might use it some, but I can't imagine you would walk out there to shop at Wal-Mart party at one of the restaurants and then walked back to town. I do not know where it would go, but that just seems like not the best idea to put it out that way, especially not through a field. Maybe if it was a long road from town past Crestview and on outsells then turning east at the stoplight toward Cabell is in so forth. I see people walking along that road sometimes are biking and they are right on the shoulder. Not very safe! Just a thought
- \*Deadwood Trail needs to be expanded. Otherwise very good
- \*Deadwood Trail needs to extend from Norse side of the city to Cabela's is to enable residents to bike to work/school safely
- \*But needs more
- \*Extension of trail. Otherwise excellent
- \*We need an entrance to the trail on the west end toward the trailers
- \*Expand the trail to Interstate 80 area

## **Golf Course**

- \* Unknown, cannot afford to go
- \*Needs more summer help and needs some improvement, trees, water hazards, sand etc. each year
- \*Do not know
- \*Do not play golf
- \*Do not golf
- \*Not interested
- \*Price too high to play
- \*High-priced country club
- \*Need to support itself, no tax money
- \*Great course, too expensive for regular play
- \*Do not use
- \*Do not use
- \*(sat) Although they spend an awful lot for small percentage of people to use
- \*Do not use it

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- \*Over spent
  - \*Do not use
  - \*The course itself is in good shape. The cost is getting up there!
  - \*Too expensive
  - \*Courses okay, management definitely not okay
  - \*Do not golf
  - \*Not applicable to me
  - \*Pro shop needs help, hate team payments
  - \*\*\* does not have \*\*\* like he was supposed to and he doesn't live in Cheyenne County. Why are they letting this slide?
  - \*Green fees far too high, reduce them or pull public funding
  - \*Do not use it
  - \*Do not golf
  - \*Do not use
  - \*Too expensive for most people to use
  - \*As long as a restaurant remains open
  - \*Best in the area! Outstanding golf club and staff
  - \*Should be self-supporting
  - \*Could do without
  - \*No knowledge of this
  - \*Expensive
  - \*Really need \*\*\* that understands golf and how course should be kept
  - \*He do not use
  - \*It keeps getting better
  - \*Too much money to serve too few
  - \*Need to make 20 year plan so when they do something that ties in with plan
  - \*Do not use, so do not know
  - \*Keep it nice, the city expense is worth it for community enhancement
  - \*Make sure it stays open. Needs to be made easier to play. Takes too many strokes to get the ball in the cup
  - \*Nice 18 holes
  - \*Seemingly a big expense or limited usage
  - \*\*\* unfriendly, tries to discourage average golfer, schedules key times to close
  - \*City spends too much money here, can't afford it
  - \*Cost is too high if you own your own car
  - \*Too expensive
  - \*Remove tax money from paying for golf course
  - \*Too expensive
  - \*Needs improvement, whole bunch. Too costly to own by city Ron
  - \*needs to have more friendly workers and management needs to be more present
  - \*do not use
  - \*do not belong to golf course
  - \*do not use
  - \*do not use it
  - \*do not use
  - \*captive beer sales extended to additional retailers
  - \*needs restrooms in front nine, canceled membership due to poor attitude in response
  - \*wonderful amenity to community
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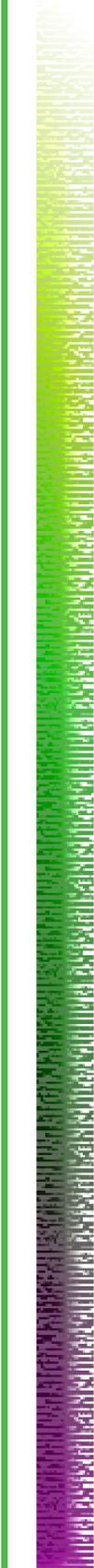
- \*too much money spent on golf course. Not enough on neighborhoods
- \*I do not place so I do not know
- \*Do not use it, looks great
- \*Seems to be only four week
- \*City should not own it
- \*Cannot use it
- \*Should be self-supporting
- \*Need better rates for senior groups, to high

## Town Appearance

- \*See pictures and back of others she (pictures of junk, inoperable vehicles) these items are junk. They are not waiting for repair. They have been sitting in the same place for years.
- \*Too many rundown houses and houses with junk cars/pickups
- \*Excess cars, and garbage and lawn
- \*Junkyards on all sides of town really says welcome
- \*Clean up old cars parked in yards, fields
- \*All you see when you come into town from east and west is junkyards
- \*Very, very poor east and west entrance both junkyards is the first thing seen
- \*Grass growing in side streets
- \*I would love to see the unused theater seating in the Elks club building restored and taken advantage of. I believe the way out West crew would especially benefit from it, as well as the community
- \*Streets so bad
- \*All entries to Town have junk, embarrassing
- \*Too much trash on all roads leading into Town
- \*Junkyard East and West entrance of town
- \*Both ends of town look bad
- \*Too many vacant buildings on West side of town
- \*Business coming into both sides of town need to clean up
- \*Need to have a law with teeth to remove junk from both ends of town
- \*See street improvements
- \*Beautiful
- \*East and west ends a mess
- \*\*\*\* junkyard on West end of Town should be cleaned up
- \*(sat) With the exception of an uncompleted house at \*\*\* and equipment on West End and Illinois
- \*East and west sides of town look like junk yards
- \*It would be nice if all the old vehicles east of town to be cleaned up
- \*East and west ends of town on Highway 30
- \*, West entrance \*\*\* disgrace, east entrance \*\*\*
- \*Buildings that are uninhabitable need to be removed
- \*Landowners need to be more diligent about clearing vacant lots
- \*Crackdown on littering
- \*East of town on Highway 32 much of an eyesore, junk east of Ida
- \*East side of town, lots of old cars, \*\*\* west side of town lots of junk, \*\*\*
- \*Some properties could use cleanup
- \*Main Street needs cleaned up on both ends of town
- \*Needs cleanup days
- \*Very messy yards from house repairs on W. Linden St., help

- \*Several private lots need cleaned and improved
- \*Highway 31 E. and West sides are an eyesore! Welcome to Town, here is a junkyard
- \*Vehicles, equipment, junk just east of overpass on Highway 30 unsightly. \*\*\* lots on West edge of town on Highway 30 is an unsightly situation
- \*Not allowing mechanics to have junk piles by their shops
- \*Junk piles up old ends of town owned by the same mechanic
- \*Looks junky coming in
- \*Some properties need cleaned up
- \*East End and West End of Highway 30
- \*Dirty, shabby little town, junkyards everywhere
- \*We need to get rid of all the junk on the east and west side of town
- \*Junk on both East and W. Illinois St.
- \*Coming in from the east we have a junkyard at \*\*\*
- \*Each entrance into town is horrific
- \*Embarrassing, we need to enforce junk and upkeep codes
- \*Junkyards on both ends of town, what a thing to have everyone judge our town on! First impressions always last
- \*Nice junkyards on both ends of town \*\*\* \*\*\* \*\*\*
- \*A lot of old buildings and trailers that are abandoned need destroyed
- \*East and West edge need cleaned up
- \*Entrances are horrible, east and west = great invitation for salvage yard
- \* Vehicles in open fields are an eyesore
- \*East Highway 30, cluttered
- \*We have two very nice junkyards to greet people coming into town on the E. And West Hwy. 30,, \*\*\* \*\*\*
- \*\*\*. Junk is an eyesoar, leaving poor impression of town to people coming in from the east, 30 in Fort Town Road area
- \*Old properties not taking care of. Junkyards on our main streets
- \*Get rid of the junk
- \*Dilapidated homes need to be torn down at owner's expense
- \*No dumps along entrance roads
- \*But a lot of people's personal property and Reynolds need cleaned up
- \*Bird poop
- \*Some trashy overgrown yards
- \*West entrance cleaned up
- \*Junk on both ends of town
- \*East and west ends look bad. East area by the \*\*\* looks terrible. Also the West end of Town looks bad. They? need to be cleaned up
- \*Enforced abandoned homes, businesses, vehicle laws
- \*Get rid of the crap East and West of railroad overpass east of town
- \* Because \*\*\* owns property on east and west ends of town does not matter where you drive in the first impression is dumpy
- \*Old cars and trash should be cleaned up
- \*Too much junk around
- \*Improving
- \* Some lots knee cleaned up. Some buildings need improvement
- \*Leave residential people alone. It is their yard and home. If you don't like their yard, ignore it or you pay to have it upgraded. Leave the residents alone \*\*\* mainly
- \*Unsightly entrances to our town, both ends

- \*Another junkyard east of town
- \*Need to clean up east entrance
- \*The giant potholes in our downtown are a disgrace. These need to be taking done of
- \*Not sure about coming into Town from the north. Any other direction it looks unsightly
- \*In general
- \*Increasing number of junky areas he around our community causes a real eyesore and contributes to rodents and disease. Old vehicles N. Of Hwy. 30 as you enter town, old damaged trucks loaded with old tires along walking path west of town, a residential lot loaded with many unlicensed vehicles on 24<sup>th</sup>, many lots around town full of old junky vehicles, tall grass, noxious weeds, no snow removal. This makes our community looked terrible effects of property in neighborhoods where citizens take care of their property
- \*Looks like a junkyard coming into town
- \*Not all buildings maintained. Some falling apart. Owners responsibility. Enforce codes
- \*Junkyard on each end of town
- \*Downtown looks like a ghost town. Nothing going on
- \*Too many junk cars on East of city and also on people's property
- \*Needs more improvement
- \*Has improved over the years, needs continued
- \*East and West sides need to have junk cards hidden
- \*Too many empty buildings look unkept
- \*Some nice, some awful
- \*Looks unclean
- \*Some homes need to remove junk from their yard
- \*Whole bunch. To junk car areas east end of town and junk car lot by West Motel
- \*Get the junkyards cleaned up, personal property and coming into town by train overpass
- \*Trees to fill vacant buildings
- \*Filthy, dirty, garbage everywhere
- \*Junk at both ends of town, too many rundown areas, houses/lawns
- \*Abandoned homes detract
- \*Some neighborhoods better than others
- \*Too much junk piles up at the east and west entrances to Town. If you get this cleaned up I will believe in Santa Claus
- \*Need to enforce codes needs cleaning up
- \*Both east and W. Ends of Hwy. 30 RMS! Needs attention now, rest of us would get live with this
- \*Improving, West entrance looks bad
- \*Junk on private property on the east entrance unsightly
- \*Highway 30 entrances need cleaned up
- \*Get rid of junk yards at both ends of town
- \*Big difference. Area
- \*Some trashy areas
- \*Too many abandoned houses
- \*Junk unless end old red trucks and stuff needs to be removed
- \*Both the east and west entrances to the heart of our city via Highway 30 look like you are driving into a salvage yard
- \*There are some really old dilapidated homes to just plain need to be torn down
- \*Still have many eye sores, particularly on entrances to town. Junk pile just east of railroad overpass on Highway 30
- \*From any direction you enter into town, trash, potholes, unappealing
- \*Both east and west entrance, bad eyesores, junkie why do they get by with this mess
- \*Junkie, east and west of town
- \*Some neighborhoods need to clean up their yards

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- \*Entrances don't need improvement
  - \*Help older citizens keep the outside of their homes maintain
  - \*Draw road needs fixed
  - \*Since cleaning up is good
  - \*Coming in on Highway 30 each way looks like a junkyard, of vehicles
  - \*We need to move or hide the junk areas that we have on both the West and E. Ends of Hwy. 30 as people are driving in. The trucks and junky cars that are left there with really bad
  - \*We look poor, or for
  - \*Not visitor friendly
  - \*Lots of junk on east and west **entrances** into city
  - \*Both entrances to town our junkyards. Money influence, city Council job lets you do anything
  - \*Clean up trash! Nothing nice looking
  - \*Both East and West entries to town our junky looking, smashed trailers etc.
  - \*Current efforts look cheap. Flower boxes
  - \*Litter problem
  - \*Dumpy
  - \*Old, dated, industrial, not welcoming
  - \*A little 30
  - \*Business \*\*\* on Illinois Street needs to clean up storefronts and property, too many empty/abandoned buildings, get rid of
  - \*Some local buildings need repair and paint
  - \*Junkyards E. And West Hwy. 30 entrances need to be fenced or moved! Terrible impression
  - \*10<sup>th</sup> is very run down an unappealing to new people looking at Town for revocation
  - \*make owners clean up lots
  - \*get a new enforcement officer. Cleanup junkyards at both ends of town. Also, some yards are a mess
  - \*due to poor Street conditions and allowing old cars curbside
  - \*overall, rough looking. Does not encourage visitors to stay
  - \*Northside neglected
  - \*The roads are the worst part of the city appearance
  - \*For the most part. North Town needs work
  - \*Junkie from all entrances to town
  - \*North side streets need improved
  - \*Areas that need cleaned up
  - \*Main areas are old and dirty looking
  - \*Where is a skate land
  - \*Eyesores on both ends of town on Highway 30
  - \*Very trashy. Eastside Illinois and West Illinois does not invite people into town and would want to
  - \*needs work
  - \*junky entrances to city on East and West and end on 13<sup>th</sup>
  - \*need to cleanup some residents. Get old cars and junk taken away. Only two cars on the street at anyone resident
  - \*entrances to town our trashy
  - \*dirty at entrances
  - \*both entrances are embarrassing
  - \*still dirty, windblown trash, lack of overall community pride
  - \*we need ordinances regarding junkyards
  - \*East and W. Entrance on Hwy. 30 needs something. Terrible "welcome "
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- \*Bad, not historical anymore
- \*Cleaned up \*\*\* mess on West Illinois, first impression of Town is entering on Highway 30
- \*trashy mechanics to clean up their lots, including \*\*\*
- \*Entrance to town on Highway 30 from either direction is very unattractive. \*\*\* in the mess east of the Burlington overpass to name a few. \*\*\* junkyard the Eastside 2.'s \*\*\* junk on the Eastside 3. \*\*\*junk on the west side 4. \*\*\* junk on the west side
- \*Area right outside the \*\*\* on Illinois has started to collect junky vehicles, looks bad as this might be the first thing people see when they drive into town on Highway 26, area west of \*\*\*
- \*\*\*\* needs to clean up his property on west end of city. Why doesn't he have to obey city codes
- \*Looks like a junkyard and each end of Illinois (\*\*\* \*\*\* property.
- \* The \*\*\* \*\*\* junk
- \*\*\*\* junkyard is an eyesore and plugs up alleyway! Also health hazard
- \*Dreadful, especially \*\*\* . many junkyards he is a totally irresponsible \*\*\*, thinks the law does not apply to him
- \*Just about right
- \*Town is clean

## **Downtown Area**

- \* Need to kill the pigeons
- \*Looking better every day
- \*Need more shopping stores, kids clothes, no Place to buy kids, teens clothes
- \*More business
- \*No downtown business
- \*Dying
- \*Use the older buildings given good care so the antique look be a picturesque plus
- \*Too many empty buildings look unkept
- \*Getting better
- \*We need to try to somehow get to keep small business in the old downtown area
- \*See street improvements
- \*Need more shopping
- \*Fill vacant stores
- \*Need retail businesses to fill empty buildings
- \*Retain businesses
- \*Need a lot more
- \*No enticement to shop
- \*Encourage top 30 owners to rehab and develop second-floor of downtown area, they would make great loss
- \*I do hate to see empty downtown businesses
- \*Could use another ?
- \*Sad. What there is mostly nice, but less every year
- \*Empty storefronts full of junk
- \*Trees planted in ground
- \*Like the improvements already made
- \*Clean it up
- \*Like more appearance regulations. Looks ratty
- \*Parking
- \*Bird poop
- \*Some lots knee cleaned up. Some buildings need improvement
- \*A okay

- \*Many empty stores
- \*Streets, etc.
- \*More downtown shrubs
- \*Fair
- \*Getting better all the time
- \*A lot of stores are empty. Sad to do not know how that could be solved
- \*Steady improvement over last two years. Too many open stores and bird \*\*\*
- \*They've done a fantastic job
- \*Wish it were full
- \*Boring
- \*Is being worked on
- \*Marginal at best, hard to keep businesses, no cohesive look
- \*Nothing downtown
- \*Shades, nice
- \*Needs more work
- \*Too old looking, plain. Historical is a great designation, but the 50s and 60s look of some buildings are drab
- \*Keep trying to get businesses to town
- \*Needs work
- \*Business owners/land lords needs to take responsibility for the buildings and be accountable for them
- \*Too many empty buildings
- \*Dirty looking
- \*Businesses struggle to keep open, need attractions to draw business
- \*Too many vacant businesses
- \*The restoration was a great idea
- \*Overall, rough looking does not encourage visitors to stay
- \*It gets all the attention looks great. No shopping
- \*Storefront upgrades and awnings looks super
- \*Some local buildings need repair and paint
- \*Need flashing pedestrian crossing sign at ninth in Illinois
- \*Old looking, abandoned
- \*Looks old and uninviting. Lots of empty stores
- \*Looks cold and uninviting
- \*What is special about downtown? Nothing. Plant flowers, upkeep buildings
- \*Not visitor friendly
- \*Looks better but when will we have shopping here?
- \*Mediocre. Why is hyped up as special stumps me. Some businesses detract. It is just another small town downtown.
- \*Much like the above city/trail we can only keep improving
- \*New crosswalks and bowl outs well
- \*Similar to town appearance, junk piles on West entrance to town on Illinois
- \*Wish we had more clothing stores and shoe store though
- \*For town this size, downtown is exceptional
- \*More businesses, less vacancy
- \*Downtown is very hodgepodge. Too many empty buildings and second-story unused. Can the town adopt a western theme and renovate with storefronts, new sidewalk, benches, crossings, plants, trees?
- \*Need more stores for shopping
- \*Gotten better. Would like the public gathering space

- \*Cleanup, renovation was very successful
- \*What downtown. I hate that shopping was taken to Interstate 80
- \*Looking better all the time
- \*Need to keep fixing to sell them, building the storefronts with economics department but good
- \*Business owners need to take more pride in their storefronts
- \*See above (filthy , dirty, garbage everywhere) not as bad however
- \*Add trees and fill vacant buildings
- \*It is still wide
- \*Too many empty buildings
- \*Do not need proposed curb and etc. have a park for use of party use
- \*Continue historic development
- \*Do not block off 10<sup>th</sup>, need parking
- \*Support city in program critical to(?) improvement
- \*Need more improvement
- \*Wish there were more stores
- \*Owners of buildings need to invest themselves instead of expecting grants and taxpayers to do it
- \*Street repair, potholes

## **Economic Opportunities**

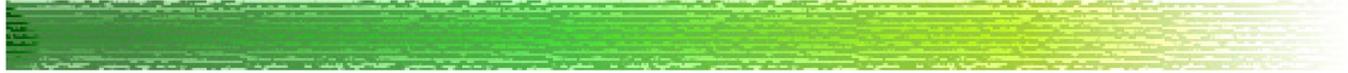
- \*Need more employment opportunities
- \*More shopping opportunities
- \*More employment with higher wage
- \*Many missed opportunities to bring new businesses in
- \*We need more companies and industries to provide/expand opportunities
- \*Needs improvement
- \*None
- \*Need jobs other than Cabela's
- \*Housing too expensive
- \*Clothing stores, shoes
- \*I think there is effort, it is a difficult time
- \*Not many jobs available
- \*Needs more
- \*What city doesn't
- \*Gary person is great, we wish three councilmen would stop harrasing him
- \*Pretty good, can always improve
- \*Need more companies to come in and pay taxes not tax breaks
- \*More commercial business
- \*Few opportunities. Need more jobs besides Cabela's
- \*Need job opportunities that pay more so people do not need subsidies
- \*Need much more economic growth will bring in more people
- \*The bright spot in western Nebraska
- \*Need jobs
- \*A lot of jobs but somewhat poor pay scale to low pay too much difference new development(?) scale used, may be (?) could use some more effort, i.e. more professional type a for
- \* need more businesses in town. Companies move here, have to R. get to pay lower wages to employees than where they moved from. Resulted from big mouth of proposed offer. What good is more jobs if poor cannot move ahead.
- Better job new results = same

- \*More if possible
- \*Very limited, too small-town like when more opportunities are out there
- \*Need to keep a good economic plan going. Do not back off
- \*No firsthand knowledge
- \*More places to shop for clothing and shoes
- \*Need to promote small business to come in. Need more variety to shop. Clothing, appliances, home improvement, lawn care
- \*Doing better
- \*Need more industry
- \*Limited number of businesses = limited opportunities for employment. High cost of utilities, limited infrastructure and high taxes = limited number of businesses
- \*Need to help lower class workers
- \*Need more business in town
- \*Taxes too high need more job opportunities to keep our youth
- \*Always need more, but good for economy
- \*Plenty of jobs, need workers to work
- \*More jobs,
- \*Poor
- \*None
- \*Biggest percentage of jobs or minimum wage. Hearts support a family on this
- \*Has slipped down
- \*What economic opportunities?
- \*There are none
- \*Need another company in town besides Cabela's
- \*Gary person does a fabulous job! Thank God we have him
- \*More employment than just two or three
- \*Hard to judge in present economic downturn
- \*Not a lot
- \*Considering the economy we are doing fine
- \*Need kid friendly businesses, go carts, putt putt golf
- \*Try bringing in another large business, if Cabela's moves the town will die
- \*Keep trying to get businesses to town
- \*No answer, not knowledgeable of the situation
- \*Need more than just Cabela's
- \*None
- \*We could benefit from a chain restaurant

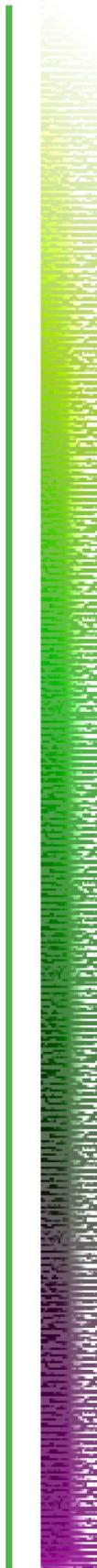
## **Recreational opportunities**

- \* Indoor pool
- \*We need more to do
- \*Nothing for our youth but movies are golf
- \*Need some kind of a writing park in town for ATVs and snow machines
- \*Community indoor swimming pool
- \*Need more than community center. Not everyone can afford to use
- \*Indoor pool please
- \*Indoor pool
- \*The more things for high school children, rather than drive around

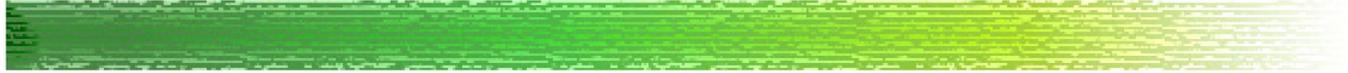
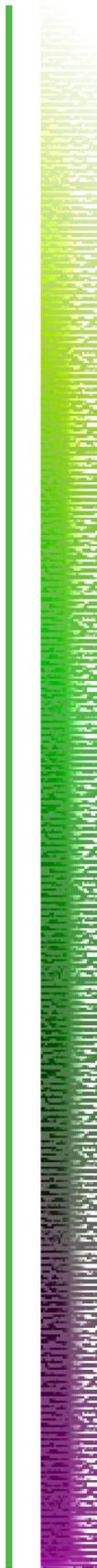
- \*Have a house for sale but not sold, been on the market at least four years
- \*Build an indoor pool at the community center, not more offices!
- \*Probably not enough for young people
- \*More outdoor attractions
- \*None
- \*I walked the trail quite often
- \*Soccer fields need mowed during the summer
- \*Need more things for kids to do
- \*Indoor swimming pool
- \*Not much to do
- \*Need more recreation for families/kids
- \*We need the pool covered as planned years ago when built
- \*Indoor swimming pool
- \*Need an indoor swimming pool
- \*Indoor pool, splash pad
- \*More for kids to do
- \*Mostly good
- \*For people ages 13 to 20 journeys to be more entertainment options
- \*Need indoor pool like planned a long time ago
- \*A little sparse
- \*I would like to see more kid oriented things
- \*Need more than two tennis courts
- \*Could use more things to do, indoor skating rink, another arcade
- \*Need any swimming pool
- \*Not much here besides golf
- \*Community indoor pool, YMCA
- \*Great place to raise children
- \*Expand disk golf course to 18 holes, mini golf, rock/wall climbing
- \*There are new and where do you ride a bike? Paddle a kayak? Rock climb? Hike, all the ground is private. I want to take my kids for a hike and not drive two hours for 30 minute hike on a dirt trail.
- \*We could do better
- \*Would be nice to have a senior center on their own. CCCC shortchanges the seniors
- \*Poor
- \*The Center really needs to add more cardio machines the wait to get on his maddening. More plays and entertainment. Outdoor movies in the Park
- \*Plenty to do if you choose to do it
- \*Always need more to do
- \* Who uses the trail- Cabela's? needs someone who knows something about sports
- \*Town is not of sufficient size to provide meaningful recreation opportunities
- \*Need a new outdoor pool complex. Also where is the indoor pool promised when CCCC was built in 1991?
- \*Not much to do for young families
- \*Community Center should be more accessible to lower income, open house type opportunities to let people know more about what is offered
- \*same as above, very limited
- \*swimming Pool, indoor
- \*relationship of community center in city is critical
- \*more things to do for our teens

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- \*indoor swimming pool, in town, improve skate park
  - \*baseball fields need to be cleaned up and rode improvement around the softball fields
  - \*indoor swimming pool, roller skating rink would be nice
  - \*it would be nice to have a place in doors for the elderly to walk that cannot afford the community center
  - \*we need something like a water park, mini golf course
  - \*basketball courts, outdoors, would be nice
  - \*make sure the community center stays open
  - \*a rifle and pistol range would be nice
  - \*good diversity
  - \*more for young people
  - \*have none if you do not golf
  - \*love the addition of shooting park, soccer field complex and walking path. Very nice
  - \*great rec center
  - \*kids need more activities
  - \*bicycling trails/routes
  - \*pretty good considering we have no legs or mountains
  - \*outdoor basketball courts would be nice
  - \*rec center needs indoor pool
  - \*the rec center needs and closed pool, more people would join if they had one, myself included
  - \*roller skating rink, miniature golf
  - \*needs indoor swimming pool
  - \*need indoor swimming pool that CCCC. Roller skating rink
  - \*extend trail as proposed. Pond was an awesome addition
  - \*need more cultural opportunities
  - \*at outside basketball courts. Community center is so valuable! Cannot afford and do not have time

## **Housing Market**

- \* The more rentals or more apartment complexes that anyone can get into not low income
  - \*No more low income rentals! Need more nonrestricted apartments for rent
  - \*Everything high, more lower income
  - \*Taxes too high real estate to high
  - \*Housing is highly overpriced for this small of a town in the town with such little amenities
  - \*Too many empty houses and too much new building, need to redo older houses
  - \*Too many new homes being built, too expensive. Have older homes, just as nice
  - \*Valuations are high, property taxes high
  - \*Taxes too high
  - \*Affordable rentals needed
  - \*None of these houses are worth what they cost
  - \*None
  - \*To high-priced
  - \*Not many mid-level income housing available
  - \*Taxes far too high
  - \*Houston too expensive
  - \*Not enough apartments for rent
  - \*Need apartments that are not low income. Lot of young single people moving to town
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- \*There are either junk houses for cheap or houses that are expensive. To call anything in the housing market affordable that is \$100,000 plus is a joke. Stop telling me that we are lower than the law allows for taxes, I do not care they are higher than they should be.
- \*Housing prices are way out of line, cannot start a family without a place for them, but too expensive
- \*Need senior housing similar to Vista Villa in Kimball. Not just low income
- \*For the elderly, like was on the agenda, but my no land available
- \*Not enough low income rentals
- \*Do not really know
- \*The taxes out of line. Should be appraised value which is alone one can get to by one
- \*Taxes too high
- \*Rentals to hide
- \*Prairie wind development should not have been done! No homes built on it yet and a waste of city utility system money to install on it. Affordable housing a joke. It is always been hard for someone to find a place to rent in this town
- \*Need market rate apartments now here it apartments that are modern or nowhere to be found unless you are poor.
- Ridiculous
- \*Inflated by wealth at Cabela's
- \*Local contractors need to realize 2007 is over and they can build for \$125 a square foot
- \*Outrageous rent prices, housing market
- \*Taxes too high
- \*Sucks, two hi
- \*Taxes too high
- \*Renters do not have many options. Everything is income negotiated
- \* City ordinance enforcement inconsistent with citations. How many used cars are allowed to be parked on the street at someone's home
- \*Over inflated
- \*Houses are overpriced and overtaxed
- \*Have enough, cost is ridiculous
- \*Condos
- \*MLS listing is good
- \*There is too much low income housing and not enough for people with a moderate income
- \*All depends on Cabela's
- \*So many houses for sale, some take so long to sell. Property taxes are really high
- \*Rent is too high for young people with minimum-wage jobs
- \*Sucks
- \*Housing price as our inflated
- \*Not experience with
- \*Love that we have multiple listing
- \*Rent in housing and property taxes very high
- \*Most people moving to get away from high taxes
- \*Houses are not selling. Taxes too high
- \*I do not know
- \*Prices are out of line with what it should be
- \*Too many houses on the market and empty and too high on taxes
- \*Cabela's screwed this up to. Empty houses, empty apartments. Real empty new subdivision, good tax write off for the developer though
- \*No comment

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- \*Lower taxes so we can afford upkeep
  - \*Bring people here to live in them
  - \*Housing owners need to improve your properties for their renters
  - \*Availability greatly improved over the cost 10 years
  - \*Over proposed at present
  - \*Is just down right odd
  - \*Too many on market
  - \*Taxes are way too high, make some nicer homes unaffordable
  - \*Need more apartments that are not tied into low income
  - \*Lack good affordable housing opportunities especially for lower income
  - \*Too many abandoned homes. Looks bad and could be used for rebuild/new home for someone
  - \*House prices are high but city taxes keep a lot of potential buyers
  - \*Too many abandoned houses
  - \*Housing is more expensive than comparable housing in metro areas due to a limited number of quality modern homes in town
  - \*Too many new houses in too high a price
  - \*Lower-cost rent, it should not take one whole paycheck to cover the rent
  - \*So working class can't afford those on minimum wage, with two working people
  - \*Poor
  - \*When did low/middle income housing start at \$120,000 or more
  - \*Is there grant money to update 100-year-old homes? New construction is very limited here and most homes are old
  - \*Can't afford to buy a house in Town. Rent is overpriced. Come on, it is Town not Denver
  - \*Need realtors to work together better, MLS, open houses
  - \*New homes are too expensive for average citizens. \$7-\$12 an hour jobs cannot buy \$150,000 or more home
  - \*Duplex units would serve Cabela's contractors and short-term employees
  - \*Awful, awful, horrible, crappy houses here so for the same as new houses in a larger city
  - \*Do not know
  - \*Taxes too high for services rendered
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## Sidney North Side

### Water

- \*Terrible buildup on faucets and toilets
- \* Paying too much
- \*Cleaner
- \*We have to pay for a sewer plant we did not ask for
- \*Water quality and pressure
- \*Sky Manor has no water when power goes down, need generator
- \*Cannot drink the water
- \*The city needs to lower their costs on these
- \*Taste bad
- \*Water is too hard, does damage to sines, stools and types. Tastes bad
- \*Two high cost
- \*Water tastes terrible
- \*We are paying to water bills now, and the water is not fit to drink!
- \*By council members. Extra cost for water tower added to Bill
- \*Poor pressure, expensive
- \*Taste bad
- \*Rates are too high
- \*Rates too expensive, need to get rid of water debt fee charge
- \*(sat) \$ high
- \*Tired of paying the extra \$15 per month
- \*Low pressure
- \*When we lose electricity we also lose water
- \*Water quality and taste needs improvement
- \*Need filtered to drink it
- \*Bad taste and costs too much
- \*Water tastes terrible take a look at how many people go to Culligan
- \*Too much chlorine
- \*No pressure on North Side
- \*Too expensive
- \*Fluoride out
- \*When power is out, no water pressure to sky manner area
- \*No pressure. Surcharge for water
- \*Taste and smell
- \*Do not drink it. Buy bottled water
- \*Bad water
- \*Cost is high
- \*Water pressure, taste horrible

## Electricity

- \* excellent
- \*Find ways of reducing the cost to the customer. Fiscal responsibility
- \*Power goes up and down on the north side too much
- \*The city needs to lower their costs on these
- \*Too expensive
- \*Extra fees beside electricity amount of \$16 added
- \*Need to allow more time to submit bill
- \*Rates are too high
- \*Do not like the high cost
- \*Need to hire locals, who will stay longer as employees
- \*So we do not have as many outages
- \*Too high
- \*(sat) \$ high
- \*Excellent job
- \*Too many surges
- \*Need to address above ground lines on your side
- \*Need a program to replace all the above ground lines
- \*Give landlords some notice prior to turn off power to a tenant. It was a shock when I got a call saying they had just turned power off
- \*We need to add support to our electric plant so our city can be independent
- \*Takes far too long for city defined where/why power is out in return service
- \*Brownouts. Wind power
- \*Constantly going off having to reset all the time
- \*Do not want to pay for more improvements, too costly
- \*Pricey
- \*Cost is high

## Garbage

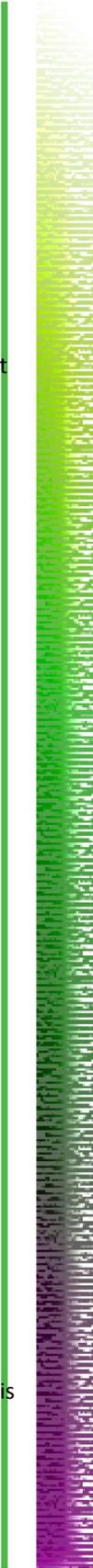
- \* Price too high
- \*The city needs to lower their costs on these
- \*Lazy collectors, do not get out of truck if something falls on ground
- \*Link dump should be open at least one weekend a month
- \*Would like to have your trash collected, may be separately
- \*(sat) \$ high
- \*The free landfill card should be given to the landlord because they do the cleanup
- \*Cost too high
- \*Cost is high
- \*Too much lost out of truck
- \*Driver does not pick up trash that falls out of cans when dumping, dumps chance and leaves in the middle of street
- \*Regularly drops trash on street
- \*Too much not going in truck
- \*ok now
- \*will not get out of truck to dump any extra items. If trashcan falls over when they are done that is where it stays
- \*good do for new trash cans in alleyways
- \*if a box or garbage falls on the street they will not get out and pick it up
- \*one of the dumpsters had its top broken off while being emptied. We have asked that it be repaired or replaced. No action has happened
- \*if trash blows out of truck it needs picked up
- \*the people that do the pickups needs to not leave trash cans knocked over in the road
- \*enforcing rules, tie up trash bags
- \*Price was never adjusted for trash collection two times a week to once a week, charged the same
- \*Rates are too high
- \*My wife and I generate 113 gallon sack per week, lots of money for trash disposal
- \*When the truck dumps trash it blows out and all over the place
- \*(ni) Mostly on days that snow

## Recycling

- \*Can't believe no glass recycled
- \*Pickup at houses
- \*Do not know there was any
- \*Would be nice to be able to recycle glass
- \*Bad
- \*Would like to see glass collected again
- \*Nonexistence
- \*I do not know that there is any
- \*There is none
- \*I am satisfied with the service but think they need to be checked and emptied more than they are
- \*What recycle?
- \*Inconvenient

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- \*Need to stop dumping recycle containers in landfill
  - \*In adequate
  - \*Would be great to have bins at homes
  - \*Always full
  - \*Do not recycle
  - \*Like plastic totes for individual items
  - \*A collection area on the north side would be nice
  - \*Would like to see glass recycling again
  - \*Should resume curbside service
  - \*More drop point
  - \*Should be more convenient
  - \*Close to early
  - \*Would like to go back to pick up at home. Also would be nice to be able to recycle cardboard from my business but the Ben is chained and padlocked
  - \*Return of the home pickup
  - \*No one knows about it
  - \*Collect more types, provide
  - \*Do not see much of it

## Street Maintenance

- \*Fill potholes on north side with water so kids can swim
  - \*Needs huge improvement
  - \*There are potholes everywhere
  - \*Terrible, terrible, terrible! Also in summer weeds growing in cracks
  - \*Sucks
  - \*Streets are terrible
  - \*Northside
  - \*North side no maintenance
  - \*Snow cleaning on North Side Sucks
  - \*There are potholes everywhere
  - \*Is good for the availability of funds and deterioration due to weather
  - \*Some streets more than others need paved
  - \*Big potholes
  - \*Need faster pothole repair
  - \*Pave dirt roads in town
  - \*Need more money for streets
  - \*Potholes and they don't clean the streets on the north side like they clean the streets on the south side in central town
  - \*Needs much improvement as do the side streets. The potholes are dangerous and damaging. I know replacement is expensive but repairs are definitely in need
  - \*Need a lot of attention all over town
  - \*Workers who do not care
  - \*Hi need for improvement
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- \*It is absolutely awful
- \*Are you kidding, rotting, pothole ridden, unpaved streets
- \*What maintenance? Chip seal the streets is only a temporary fix. Why wait for the last flakes to fall before plowing roads? Roads are never plowed up in sky Manor, makes it very difficult to get up and downhill
- \*Poor, streets are bad and some are still dirt
- \*Rhodes are bad no repairs
- \*Dirt streets do not get deleted
- \*The roads are terrible. Need a major repair/replace program
- \*Elm Street sees a lot of school traffic and needs fix like the rest
- \*Too many potholes
- \*Fill holes with something better
- \*Poor. I live on the north side, the street is gravel and I cannot get it paved
- \*Need lots of improvement
- \*Streets are terrible in a lot of areas
- \*Streets need to be worked on and maintained more
- \*Potholes, cracks
- \*Streets are bad
- \*Potholes, there's snow/ice maintenance
- \*I am 63 years old. The streets are the same as they were when I was 17
- \*Streets are in terrible condition
- \*Snow removal and sky Manor only goes to the city employees place and stops, what about everyone else
- \*Too many holes
- \*Streets across town need fixed especially by schools
- \*Street sweeper is a total waste of time and money and needs to fix potholes
- \*The streets are horrible all over town, nor side the worst
- \*Streets on nor side in complete this repair. We have yet to have a snow plow on our street
- \*Could be better
- \*We need wheelchair sidewalks
- \*We need a lot of streets fixed
- \*The streets that are on the north side of town or bad
- \*Streets are in very poor condition
- \*Streets are bad, potholes etc.
- \*For the taxes we pay the streets are rotten
- \*Potholes bad
- \*Nice patch job on every streets
- \*the city knows this is an issue
- \*Too many potholes filled in properly
- \*Terrible! Street department not even patching potholes. They drive all over, but do not patch streets
- \*Need major repair on most of the roads/streets
- \*Some streets in bad need of repair
- \*Many streets need fixed badly
- \*City street deterioration is far too common
- \*Potholes everywhere
- \*Need more improvement nor side, Cedar Street, Elm St.



\*The North side has to get a grant to pay for their streets as like they are not a part of the rest of the town, they pay taxes just like everyone else. When is the last time a Street on the north side has been chip sealed. Never in the 20 years I have lived in town, that is the first comment people make about the town when they come visit us. Why is this street so bad in this town everybody is so worried about our downtown looking so nice. Too bad we have to drive on the \*\*\* roads to see the downtown

\*Lots of holes in the roads everywhere

\*Needs improved on the north side

\*Potholes

\*Bad streets and potholes

\*Fix potholes, don't just cover up the cracks

\*Streets in bad shape

\*Fill the holes with gravel if you have to to stop further breakage

\*Have to streets in this town or in need of repair

\*Understand it takes a lot of funds but some streets are really bad

\*This city is the worst at this way too many potholes continually

\*We know it costs

\*Too many potholes

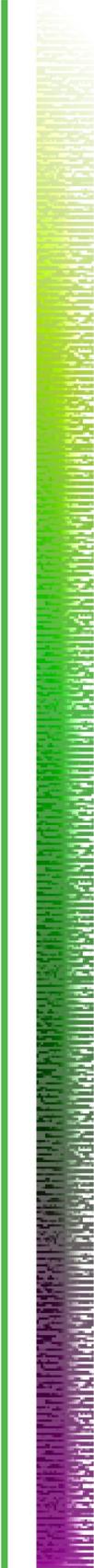
\*Potholes everywhere

\*Runza corner

\*Potholes everywhere, very uneven

\*What maintenance

\*North side streets are horrible



## Rail Crossings

- \*Needs to be smoother
- \* Bad
- \*Need detour our bridge that goes over South railroad crossing
- \*By farmers feed and seed
- \*Do not know
- \*Bars at all is needed
- \*10<sup>th</sup> St. should be opened again
- \*Rough in need changing grade
- \*Rough
- \*Poor. I pay over \$3600 in property taxes. What is wrong with this picture
- \*Fixed ones that are so rough
- \* Safety is a concern
- \*More crossings from north to south
- \*Burlington is a problem sometimes
- \* Need to maintain holds/bombs
- \*Rough
- \*Quiet zones, no horns
- \*Need improvement by Western Crossing
- \*Railroad approaches are far too rough
- \*Bad!
- \*Nice ground down and resurfaced
- \*Rough
- \*Very rough
- \*Having only one crossing to the North Side Sucks
- \*Bad
- \*Nice to be smooth
- \*Wish we had an overpass
- \*Need something
- \*Make them so they are not so hard on tires
- \*More ways to get through
- \*City has no control

## Traffic Signs

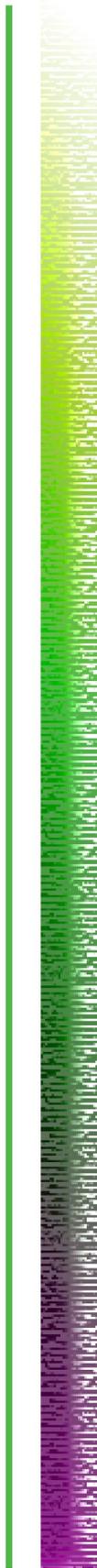
- \*Have a termite plus a little more green time going north-south on 13<sup>th</sup> and Illinois
- \*The 13<sup>th</sup> needs a light for southbound to go a while, then northbound
- \*New signs by school crossings
- \*Plenty for a population of 6000 people
- \*Stop signs covered by trees
- \*Lots of crossings without signs at all
- \*The 13<sup>th</sup> and Illinois needs turning arrows north and south
- \*Parks need pedestrian signs posted in speed limits on streets
- \*I feel there are places that need more signs

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- \*Northside light under overpass needs to stay green longer
  - \*Fire Department light on 10<sup>th</sup> St. needs to be much brighter we cannot tell if it is on or off
  - \*Abused badly
  - \*Need a light or sign by Crestview as it is impossible for people to get across from Crestview went to Cabela's goes that
  - \*Especially speed limit signs
  - \*13<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln(sp) need a left turn signal
  - \*Many of the signs we obstructed by tree branches

## Street Lighting

- \* Some residential
- \*Sparse up on Northside/sky Manor area
- \*Need smaller coverage areas, way too bright
- \*When are 45 lights coming?
- \*Dark in some areas
- \*Some blocks like being without
- \*Replace the blinking are out of commission streetlights
- \*More lights in high-traffic areas
- \*Replace outage bad
- \*Need to look more closely at burned-out lamps
- \*More

## Storm Water Drainage

- \* When it rains, we get flooded
  - \*Need much improvement
  - \*Does not drain. Ladies and Street
  - \*7underpass in downtown needs work
  - \*when we get heavy rains do not work proper
  - \*need to have better drainage
  - \*until we get heavy rain that our basement gets flooded through the sewer
  - \*Jackson Street at the high school
  - \*Drainage in big rains need improvement
  - \*Getting better
  - \*I live by underpasses. I'm tired of my yard flooding
  - \*They should know which areas need it by now
  - \*Really slow
  - \*Obviously
  - \*On seventh
  - \*Flooding one strong storm or snowmelt
  - \*Getting much better
  - \*Gravel roads wash into yards underpass in downtown flooding
  - \*Thanks for better drainage system in underpass
  - \*Downtown flooding in standing water is obviously an issue
  - \*Made great improvement the last five years
  - \*10<sup>th</sup> and king; 13<sup>th</sup> in Jackson; 14<sup>th</sup> in Illinois; certain areas need improvement
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## Sidewalks

- \* New ones are nice
- \*Some improvement needed
- \*Stop building sidewalks and fix streets
- \*Residential
- \*Many are broken up and walking hazardous
- \*Need replacing
- \*Homeowners are responsible
- \*Wheelchair walks
- \*Uneven
- \*Bad
- \*Almost as bad as streets
- \*Too much pigeon droppings downtown
- \*No maintenance
- \*Some walks need work
- \*Poor. City easement should repair these curbs and gutters, drains
- \*Bad and broke in
- \*Need repair
- \*As bad as roads
- \*Twisted my ankle walking, very uneven
- \*Cannot walk around at night, you trip
- \*Weeds in summer downtown
- \*Some sidewalks in bad need of repair
- \*It is impossible to walk on sidewalks as they can cause you to fall
- \*Many need repair/replacement
- \*Uneven, needs to make safer when there is ice
- \*Do not really know about other parts of town but the North Side are bad
- \*Could have more(???)
- \*Replace as part of street repair
- \*Need repaired/installed on your side. Many are an even/crack
- \*Need on Eastside on 10th for Park
- \*Should be more handicap accessible and ice and snow removal should be mandated
- \*Sidewalk from shy road downhill
- \*More room
- \*Many areas that schools use like Elm Street need fixed

## Fire Protection

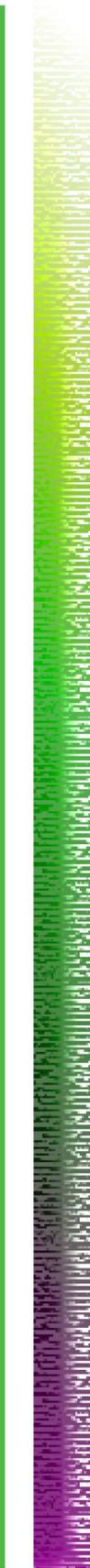
- \* Excellent
- \*Did we really need that huge ladder truck
- \*They bought a million-dollar truck
- \*That's what property taxes are for
- \*Our volunteers have the best equipment in the Panhandle
- \*Would be nice if they were paid in at station
- \*The guys are great

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- \*Only because some of the members of the fire department drive very recklessly with no regard to public safety
  - \*Very good
  - \*Spend big money for fire trucks could only benefit one or two places

## Law Enforcement

- \* Protect chief from \*\*\*
- \*Get rid of dirty cops
- \*Too much money spent
- \*Visible patrol cars and neighborhoods, radar speeding
- \*Not enough patrol of businesses at night
- \*We do not have a very good force
- \*Nice respond faster and watch for strange things going on instead of driving right past
- \*Sky Manor is overlooked with all the speeders and small children playing
- \*80% of Police Department calls puts money in \*\*\* pockets
- \*Too many loose lips on the force, lots of gossiping with non-force members
- \*They are like vultures waiting for someone to go 3 miles over speed limit
- \*Have seen lots of sloppy police work
- \*I think the Sidney police officer speed around bit much
- \*Could consider combining city law enforcement with County Sheriff to save money
- \*Get cops off cell phones
- \*They need to be nicer
- \*Maybe catch and prosecute punk vandals
- \*Poor. No patrolling anymore?
- \*Really good
- \*Would like to see more patrol on north side/sky Manor area without having to call due to drug/disturbances
- \*Someone should be accessible at the Illinois police station as a type of safe haven

## Animal Control

- \* Some dogs are allowed to roam and not fined
  - \*Code enforcement. Enforce everywhere not just certain areas
  - \*Barking dogs, terrible
  - \*Too many stray cats
  - \*Need to have power and control in city limits
  - \*She needs to do a better job if it is too much higher extra help
  - \*Waste of money
  - \*Cat's
  - \*Better control of animals
  - \*Big cats problem
  - \*Need an animal shelter
  - \*Wildcats especially near Cheyenne Villa
  - \*Animals roaming free
  - \*Getting better
  - \*Cat ownership rules should apply the same as dog ownership i.e. tags, vaccinations, license, and running at large
  - \*Too many strays
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\*Four. Can pass laws on dogs, the city is run rampant on cats and other animals. Why do we pay for animal control officers?

\*Enforce the leash law

\*Lots of stray dogs

\*Many animals around town will gaze without water and food from their owners. This is cruelty

\*Animal control puts money in \*\*\* pockets

\*The Northside is not watched very good for dogs running loose

\*Too many stray cats all over town

\*Don't believe in having animal control

\*Too many loose animals

\*Where is it

\*Hardly have any control

\*Do job better

\*Need a no kill shelter

\*Need to be come better taking care of neglected pets. People here are do not treat their outside pets well at all

\*Poor

\*Sidney has animal control?

\*Have a lot of cats in neighborhood north side, Grant Street

\*Neighbor dog has had over 12 complaints

\*Lots of skunks in town and stray cats

\*Bad. Need to either fire your \*\*\* or make \*\*\* animal control. \*\*\* is a waste of money

\*Really is none to speak of

\*What animal control

\*Needs to better enforce. Do not have any pets, but have waste in my yard constantly

\*Need a city shelter. A few organizations trying to keep the funding is scarce

\*More enforcement, no action on parking violations. Need Limits into many neglected dogs

\*Stray cats everywhere

## **Library**

\*Always seems to get the short end of the budget stick

\*Good

\*Need more room,(?)

\*Would like to see a major expansion

\*Listen to needs of personnel, they know what is needed

\*Bullet like to receive some extra functions

\*Sidney has a wonderful library. They offer a lot of good services

\*Very nice

## **City Parks/Trails**

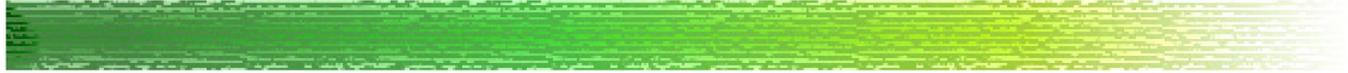
\*No extension

\*Do not need to extend the walking trail to the interchange

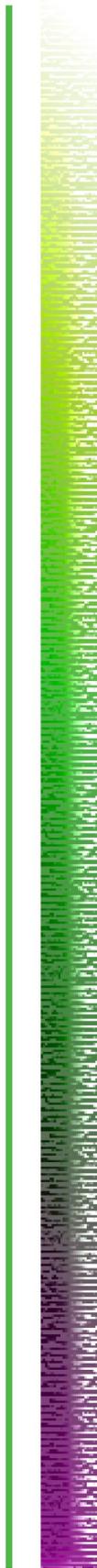
\*We need no new trails

\*Enough has been done

\*Need more completed trails

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- \* They are terrific
  - \* Better nor site equipment
  - \* Trees on the trail, benches to sit on trail a quarter-mile to sit on
  - \* Very nice
  - \* Don't use
  - \* Nor site seems to be ugly stepchild and forgotten
  - \* Fixup Northside Park
  - \* Less on trails and more on roads
  - \* We need city parks, walking trails are a waste of money. Fix the streets
  - \* Trails on Northside needed for families
  - \* Finished to Interstate 80 in Northside. Develop East of T-ball fields
  - \* Do not need more trails! North Side park much improved now
  - \* On trail, more benches for people to sit to rest
  - \* Bathroom, summertime ball games
  - \* Like Northside to be included
  - \* Need more local parks in citywide trail system
  - \* Need to include the whole town, Northside
  - \* No more trails. Too much money and only works for half of Sidney
  - \* We would like to see the trails continued and completed
  - \* Northside is not part of the town it seems. Soccer fields and pool and skate park or poor
  - \* Could be in need of a finished trail. Thank them
  - \* Control weeds, Sam Burse
  - \* Something in the hills
  - \* Additional maintenance is unnecessary
  - \* Enough of the size of town
  - \* Beautiful park and trail, but why the ice rink

## **Golf Course**

- \* Price too high
  - \* Poor management
  - \* Who cares
  - \* Do not need it
  - \* Never been
  - \* Why does the city pay when only a few use
  - \* Need a tournament for all members. Free.... incentives to join
  - \* Only the wealthy to play not so wealthy get to help pay for it
  - \* Needs to be more affordable
  - \* Like to see monies put into the course
  - \* We spend too much money on golf course as most people cannot afford it.
  - \* Do not use it
  - \* Cost too much paid by taxes, why? Why do cities subsidize this, when it is a private course
  - \* Don't care, total waste of money
  - \* Never use
  - \* Do not use
  - \* Never use it! Too expensive
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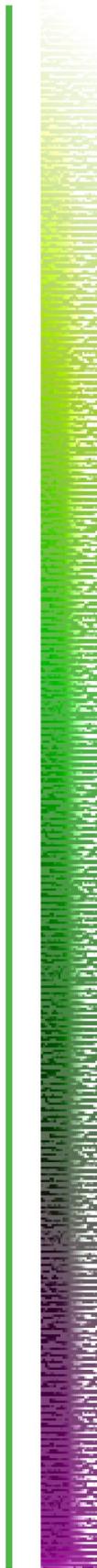
- \*Don't know
- \*Has went downhill
- \*uses too much tax money
- \*do not use
- \*do not use
- \*one of the nicest in the Panhandle
- \*too many people employed in pro shop. Get a greenskeeper who knows something about golf and how to model and maintain greens

## **Town Appearance**

- \*Awful. Try zoning
- \*Entering town from east or W. On Hwy. 30 junkyards. \*\*\* \*\*\*, ect
- \*Get rid of crap on east and west end of town. Force cleanup of trashy houses
- \*Northeast entrance to Illinois
- \*Get rid of the eyesores where a band in on gone to weeds
- \*Too many junk yards
- \*Both ends of town are now junkyards
- \*Some of it looks worse than the South Bronx
- \*Empty buildings
- \*As long as you don't come in from the east end or the west end of town. And the houses that have been burnt down over five years ago and nothing had been done to them
- \*Coming into town from either East and West looks like junk yards
- \*Lots of lots need cleaned too many abandoned
- \*Too many industrial zoned areas interspersed amongst the residential areas
- \*Some areas need cleaned up
- \*Junky yards, junk on all entrances
- \*When entering Highway 30, both sides, appearance could be improved
- \*It is getting better but the East access is collecting a lot of junk
- \*Some properties could be cleaned up
- \*Both in look like junk yards
- \* \*\*\* and \*\*\* on East
- \*From both directions West and East
- \*Do not care enough to spend any of my money on any of it
- \*Four. Junkyards on both ends of Highway 30
- \*Looks dirty
- \*So many dilapidated, meeting condemned in torn down buildings
- \*It is all about \*\*\*
- \*Needs to be more clean ,up dated
- \*No more garage sales in downtown businesses
- \*Could use a makeover in underpass, vandalized get (?)
- \*Junk at both ends of town \*\*\* and \*\*\* messes.
- \*Both entries into town from the east and west are eyesores, very disgusting
- \*When you come in to Sidney from East or West all you see is junk yards. This gives the impression Sidney is a junk town

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- \*Too many half burnt houses and buildings sitting around, both ends of town have junkyards
  - \*East and west ends of town look like junkyards
  - \*Need more local parks and citywide trail system
  - \*North side needs to be cleaned up. Offer 0% loans to fix up yards, houses
  - \*Dirty
  - \*Looks bad all those used vehicles coming into town Highway 30, Eastside
  - \*West end of town, bad
  - \*Getting better but needs work
  - \*Junkyards on every entry to town/junk cars in yards
  - \*Cleanup messed east of town
  - \*Junkyards are first thing seen on Highway 30
  - \*Fair to good

## **Downtown Area**

- \* Too many empty buildings. Need incentives for businesses
  - \*Empty stores not good. I do like revitalization program
  - \*A lot of empty buildings
  - \*(sat) "Great" (picture of sad face)
  - \*Need business!
  - \*Empty buildings
  - \*Need more businesses
  - \*Put the same effort into downtown as you put into the interstate
  - \*Some building need fixing up
  - \*Getting thin
  - \*Coming along. Need to attract businesses
  - \*Getting better, on the right track. Pigeons are the main problem
  - \*A lot of empty business buildings
  - \*Need for public restrooms
  - \*Needs more shopping
  - \*Do not care enough to spend any of my money on any of it
  - \*Needs to be more clean ,up dated
  - \*No more garage sales in downtown businesses
  - \*Empty stores need filled
  - \*Getting better all the time
  - \*Looking better all the time
  - \*Need more business
  - \*Roads across from/big lots/skating rink. Yards with cars looked terrible, everywhere. Mean streets look awful
  - \*Needs work
  - \*Bad
  - \*More business
  - \*Too many empty buildings because of who gets the need to start businesses
  - \*Need more shop
  - \*Lot of empty buildings
  - \*Empty buildings
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\*Neglected and forgotten again because of \*\*\*

\*Other than the age of the buildings, what is a stork about it? Not very historic if compared to Cheyenne, deadwood etc.

\*Same

\*Poor, empty buildings

\*Empty buildings

## **Economic Opportunities**

\*I feel that businesses are closing and not coming in is the cost of renting a building/space

\*No jobs, Cabela's won't hire Sidney people

\*More better paying jobs and existing businesses need pay a living wage

\*More jobs with better pay

\*Where are there any jobs available

\*There are few

\*Tax small

\*Trying in these bad economic times

\*Not sure what is available

\*Need more jobs, places for people to work for decent wages

\*Showing improvement. Can always use more jobs

\*Need more jobs

\*Do not care enough to spend any of my money on any of it

\*Slow economy

\*Too many empty buildings because of who gets the need to start businesses

\*Poor. Taxes stifle any development

\*Only \*\*\*

\*Unless you work at Cabell is, options are limited to make above minimum wage

\*Shut up and worship \*\*\*

\*Not many real jobs in Sidney. Fast food place but low wages

\*Poor

\*Bad

\*Every town needs this

\*Need to publicly publish detailed budget

\*Outstanding

\*Make taxes lower some more businesses are interested and able

\*New jobs needed. People do not want to work at \*\*\*

\*There is not much opportunity here

\*Why not hire local people with knowledge and not import people for jobs

## **Recreational opportunities**

\*Roller rink for kids

\*(ni) Affordable recreation

\*There is hardly any recreational opportunities

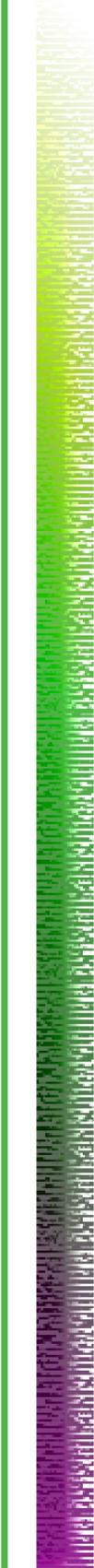
\*Indoor pool at community center

\*Community Center events \$ high

\*Need new indoor swimming pool

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- \*Soccer is expensive \$25 to sign up plus another \$20 for uniform not worth it for young kids
  - \*More free activities for children
  - \*Senior citizens
  - \*It is really hard to have anything nice for free recreation time since we have some that think broken equipment is a lot of fun to have
  - \*There are none
  - \*Almost nonexistent
  - \*Not much for kids to do here
  - \*One recreational facility had to be close because of economics
  - \*Nothing for our age group
  - \*Somewhat lacking
  - \*Would like indoor pool
  - \*Would like to see an indoor pool, maybe a skating rink for kids
  - \*There is none
  - \*Could use indoor pool
  - \*Need more for the kids other than drugs, sex, alcohol. Rec center
  - \*Needs indoor pool
  - \*poor
  - \*need indoor pool
  - \*none in town
  - \*could do for bit more sympathy. Kids, zone stuff
  - \*there was supposed to be a shooting range put in Sidney?
  - \*There isn't anything here for kids
  - \*(ni) More than community center
  - \*Nothing for kids/teens
  - \*(sat) But missing a good fishing hole close to town
  - \*Large indoor swimming pool
  - \*Did not know there were any
  - \*(ni) Go out of town!

## **Housing Market**

- \* Do not know
  - \*Lower the prices
  - \*For low income
  - \*Need to add more housing for families and services
  - \*Not a lot we can do about this in the current economic climate
  - \*Need more help with pricing
  - \*Price is way too high
  - \*Needs affordable housing for low income that is livable
  - \*Disabled
  - \*I feel we have enough housing without building more homes, just so the ones that need to be sold
  - \*Home is way too high
  - \*More low income housing
  - \*Own my home, but people are always having problems finding housing when they move here and is affordable for their wages
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- \*Do not know
- \*Expensive
- \*Prices too high for Sidney
- \*Need more low income housing in handicapped housing
- \*Too many stipulations on prairie winds
- \*Seriously, either overpriced or shacks. What about the middleman
- \*More homes for people with pets
- \*Need more for elderly
- \*Poor
- \*Bad
- \*Too high
- \*Taxes are ridiculous
- \*Overpriced for older homes, very limited affordable housing for residents
- \*Too high-priced due to \*\*\* higher ups
- \*Don't need any more housing projects. Go around and count the empty houses
- \*Houses are all priced like we live in Denver. Way too high for normal people
- \*Taxes are horrible, houses are way too expensive and the resale value on the north side is terrible
- \*Reduce city taxes, biggest thing I hear about why people are leaving
- \*Stop overpricing
- \*Too expensive
- \*Too many abandoned houses in town that need to be razed
- \*No one wants an older house, build new ones that locals cannot afford only imports can
- \*Bad everywhere

## *What do you like most about living in Sidney?*

### **Sidney Southside**

\*Small town

small town atmosphere, safety

I like the friendly people and small community feel. I enjoy that I have a good "corporate" job but am able to live in a small town

It is still peaceful community (except northside) too much drug activity, welfare lazy people

Olds friends, only thing keeping me here

Small town living

Nothing. I would move if we didn't have children or grandchildren here.

Small town living. Not having to travel to get what you want.

Having lived on the farm for many years, now in our senior years, we enjoy the convenience of being near doctors, stores etc

quiet small town

Sidney is friendly. I am glad Cablea's chose Sidney but I don't like the traffic much or the pot holes.

variety of jobs

low crime rate, school, hospital, church

That my family lives here. Shopping sucks

Family; not too large, kids feel safe

We like the people

The security, freedom we have

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small town living

The trail in the park and walmart and runza

People

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Small town feel

the people

Sidney is progressive

Small country city

I love the small town atmosphere

The tranquility

my job and the people I work with

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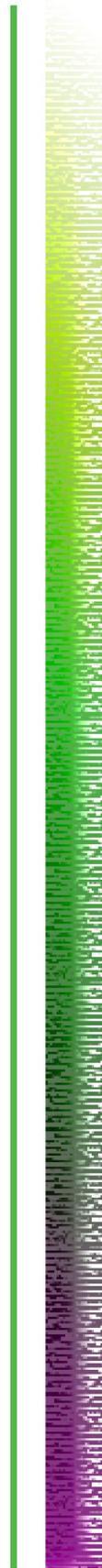
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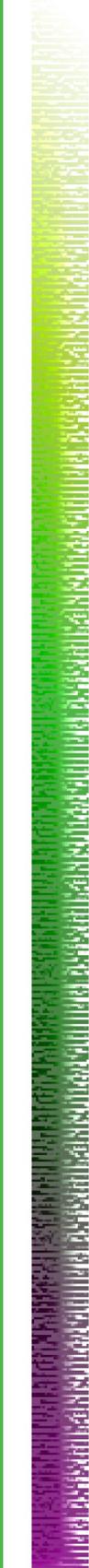
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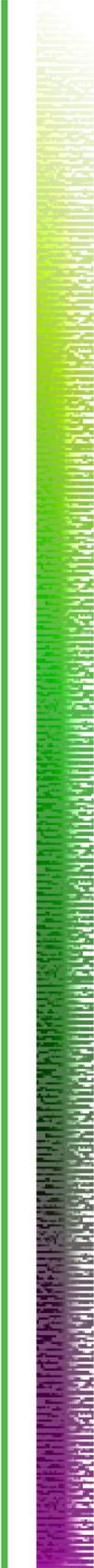
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\*rural setting, know most people in town and if you want to you can get to the rat race it is not that far away  
small-town, good people, Cabela's  
small-town atmosphere, small schools  
it is a very friendly town  
small-town closeness. Help each other. City officials live here and try hard to provide services to the best of their ability  
small-town atmosphere

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- \*small-town values and genuine friendliness among residents
  - \*it is okay
  - \*good place to raise your kids and grandkids
  - \*it is a small-town in my family is here
  - \*there is plenty to do for kids
  - \*small-town values
  - \*having my children in a smaller school. Not worrying when they walk a block or two to their friend's house
  - \*being a small-town, which is slowly changing
  - \*enjoy size of Sidney, school system and recreational(?) Facilities
  - \*it has got the basics to survive in relative convenience. Town seems to do a good job of making the most out of its location
  - \*the size
  - \*small-town life is nice
  - \*do not live in Sidney, I am representative of owner manager of apartment complex in Sidney
  - \*good helpful neighbors
  - \*I feel pretty safe in my home
  - \*quiet, relatively safe, good law enforcement, small-town atmosphere, WNCC, opportunities to pursue different interests,, strong Christian presence in community
  - \*small-town for kids to grow up, safe feeling, concerned about amount of drug traffic in Sidney
  - \*small community within easy reach of bigger towns for outside trips for shopping and relaxing activities
  - \*it is three hours to Denver in two hours to Fort Collins
  - \*sharing a great safe community with families that have similar values
  - \*feel safe and good place to raise kids
  - \*small-town feel, everyone works together for Sidney all community festivals
  - \*the friendly people and the small-town atmosphere
  - \*it is friendly and easy to become part of organizations. And I found a very affordable clean modern duplex to buy when I retired
  - \*it's how people are friendly and care
  - \*not a small-town but not a big city either
  - \*the small community life
  - \*small-town good weather
  - \*Hometown born and raised
  - \*small-town atmosphere the quiet environment and safety to raise my family
  - \*people, friendship, ease of access to all services, city maintenance
  - \*small-town but with some advantages of a larger city. Cost of living
  - \*small-town atmosphere that includes great hospitality. I think we have a good school system and great people
  - \*I have raised four children in Sidney. Never once has anyone of them been robbed stab and beat up separate place to raise a family
  - \*friends, available services, close to cities that can offer services, we don't have little crime rate
  - \*peace of mind, great values
  - \*good job opportunities, good services, friendly people. We came in 1955 planned to stay two years still here
  - \*the small-town values, when someone needs help to people ready to help
  - \*being close net community, people are very friendly
  - \*Clean air
  - \*this is my home where we built our home
  - \*friends will like from living so long
  - \*I like the small community but I believe it has become too selfish. People do wait on other people
  - \*good place to live
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- \*is like the small-town and friendly people
- \*we live here because the family only
- \*nice friendly people always ready to help others. I like the school system, the smaller class size and one-on-one the children get. I think the schools could use more Foster grandparent help
- \*safe
- \*Church and friendly people
- \*the people and especially good organizations like ABC and Cabela's
- \* nothing
- \*quiet and safe
- \*neighborhoods
- \*from this area
- \*safe neighborhoods/friendly neighbors, job opportunities
- \*small-town feeling and a better job opportunities
- \*Small-town atmosphere
- \*his only two houses to shopping and restaurants
- \* Not a lot of crime, safety
- \* It's a friendly town in very clean
- \*it's a good place to raise a family
- \*folks are friendly, close to her family,, progressive
- \*not having to lock your doors, but that will change extending the trails so every vagrant has a way down here
- \*Cabela's
- \*close-knit small-town atmosphere, most people are good, community growth is occurring
- \*small-town atmosphere
- \*most of the people are friendly, \*\*\* have a bad attitude, better than everyone
- \* generally a safe place to live
- \*weather, lack of traffic, more relaxed lifestyle, airport, parks, trails
- \*the people in Sidney are very friendly
- \*easy commute, small-town living
- \*small-town values, basically a nice town to live in, the downtown area is looking great
- \*the park and secondhand stores
- \*born here
- \*small-town feeling but my family moved because it was too expensive to live in the kids had nothing to do
- \*family, friends, only live here in summer so nice for retirement, excellent living for the elderly
- \*because of a corporation like Cabela's, the town has an opportunity to progress. Many communities will never have this kind of fortune
- \*quiet residential areas, relative safety, taking walks at night, sleep with the windows open many recreational activities
- \*high taxes, crappy streets, power outages, the list goes on, just drive around town a little
- \* Got my home and church
- \* nothing. I would move but I can't afford to
- \*small town
- \*friendly people
- \*what is to like? If you want decent healthcare you have to go out of town! Every time the city wants something they raise the taxes and get it. Most cities are making cuts, not Sidney
- \*small-town values
- \*I used to like the friendly people and the fact it is a small town. Now his drug driving and child molesters are everywhere. Don't feel safe at all
- \*what I liked about Sidney has been taken away

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- \*still has a small-town friendly atmosphere
  - \*location to job
  - \*it is a small town with a short drive to any place I might want to go and actually I could walk
  - \*good place to raise a family
  - \*safe community
  - \*nothing
  - \*I was able to keep the job during the recession, some of the people are wonderful
  - \*nice town, could use friendly people than \*\*\*. More people \*\*\* should shop in Sidney. Most business people on Illinois and downtown 10<sup>th</sup> are friendly people
  - \*We like the small-town atmosphere. Our children and grandchildren and being able to walk to school and park
  - \*small-town values-low crime. Small clean town, not anything much to do for children though. YMCA and we could afford it would be great
  - \*community activities like cruising night and sports activities
  - \*golfing
  - \*friends and family are here
  - \*the hometown feel, but, we may be forced to move due to the high taxes. Maybe the city could not waste so much money on purchases, fire equipment, new vehicles, that are not necessary
  - \*friendly small community
  - \*small town, very clean
  - \*friendly neighborhoods, community center, new high school
  - \*friendly people, easy to drive in, for the most part residences are quite well maintained
  - \*small town
  - \*I do not like it. It is boring and there is nothing to do
  - \*small-town environment. Easy access to downtown
  - \*safe community. Friendly. Easy access to Interstate 80. Majority of services available here. Progressive community. Enjoy the park, walking trails, golf course and numerous other services available here for residents to enjoy
  - \*people in growing at two goodies, WOW, High Plains arts Council
  - \*not really anything
  - \*it is still small-town
  - \*small-town atmosphere, convenience to facilities, friendly people,
  - \*small-town, have family that live here, we were born and raised here
  - \*no traffic, no crime, enjoyed most of the people here
  - \*small-town, little traffic
  - \*close to Wyoming and Colorado. We support seceding from Nebraska, becoming Colorado's or Wyoming's PAN-HANDLE. For lower taxes etc.
  - \*good question, we owned our home, our retired and our children grew up here but few are still living here
  - \*small-town
  - \*small and easily accessible
  - \*I like being able to walk down the street by myself and not worry. It has everything I need without having to shop out of town
  - \*the people in Sidney are ultra-friendly
  - \*small hometown living but needs to be about 15 to 20,000 people
  - \*the general good heartedness people
  - \*it's clean and inviting
  - \* small-town
  - \* The climate
  - \* the friendly small-town atmosphere
  - \* Small town, great to raise a family
  - \*quiet and low crime rate
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- \* Quiet, peaceful
- \*small town, jobs, shopping
- \* ease/less stress living in small-town versus city, traffic, etc
- \*less people, rural, not like Denver. History. Farmers markets. Fair. Hospital, Wal-Mart, small-town, promote whole foods
- \* Feeling and being safe. Excellent place to raise children
- \*I feel safe here. Pretty simple life
- \*Feeling safe in my home. Traffic not an issue
- \*Relatively safe place to live
- \*Not much traffic
- \*There is not a lot of people/traffic everywhere you go. The fact that we have a golf course in town is a very good thing
- \*Low crime, not as heavy traffic, weather is a plus
- \*Not much, other than church and friends
- \*Small-town feel
- \*Small-town, safe, a great place to grow up. Progressive downtown area
- \*The people and how nice everyone is. Join holy Trinity and really enjoy having such a great church family in place to worship, love the bike trail. Love to see it expanded
- \*There are some good things here that many towns the size do not have
- \*The small-town feel, smaller classroom sizes, a sense of community
- \*Safety
- \*Size of town, low crime rate
- \*I love my job, the only reason I am still here is to let my child finish school. After that I would like to move to a town that has more shopping and neck committees. I do love the rural atmosphere though
- \*Small-town, nice people
- \*It is home. But its flavor is changing. Sidney is full of good people who care about each other. If your child is out late and you need them. Someone will find them fast, people care
- \*Friendly, safe community
- \*Lived here all my life. Have nothing else to compare with Sidney, however the size of town is perfect. If it were any larger, would not be comfortable
- \*Living your own life at your own pace. A productive community of positive people to accomplish many tasks. I have lived here since 1967 and have seen many progressive changes happen in the crime level is somewhat low
- \*It is home and do not want to move to a new location
- \*Small-town atmosphere, quality people for the most part
- \*It is a great place to raise children in to retire and
- \*The people
- \*Size of town
- \*I feel safe living here, large amounts of crime
- \*small-town atmosphere
- \*don't you mean Cabela's Nebraska
- \*friends, church, ballfields, state tournament, entertainment, High Plains arts good shows, Legion Field is well kept.
- Nice comments
- \*people are so friendly and interesting to visit with
- \*Sidney is a good place to raise children. Our educational system is one of the best. The community center is also a very good for the size of the town
- \*No comment
- \*I have an appointment
- \*Nice place to raise children
- \*Progressive community. Lots of extra goodies, recreation

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- \*Small town, new school
  - \*Many kind, caring people and an awesome city manager who really loves and cares about Sidney. We are so blessed to have him and I pray he stays along time!
  - \*Smaller size community, friendly people and helpful citizens
  - \*Small town, seems like everybody is nice, not as much crime is in big towns
  - \*Small-town
  - \*Everything is closer in five minutes away
  - \*Nice people, Interstate 80
  - \*I enjoy knowing my community. I feel this is ace safe place to raise my child
  - \*Its location, small-town with access to larger cities
  - \*Location and size of town
  - \*The people and I do think it is very safe
  - \*Small-town feel. Great development and growth exclamation point
  - \*I like the friendly people and knowing so many of them and having them know me
  - \*Always improving
  - \*Park
  - \*Small-town activities, Fourth of July display, parades, County fair. Good walking trail
  - \*I have a good job in a small town atmosphere
  - \*Right by the interstates
  - \*Resident for 60 years, expensive, utilities run high
  - \*Cabela's. Thank heavens for this or this town would be a ghost town. Other towns the same size have more restaurants and nicer apartments in Sidney
  - \*My family is here, the only reason
  - \*Quiet area to live in
  - \*Peaceful
  - \*Clean, Sidney always has impressed me as being clean. Good water, nice wide streets
  - \*The people, churches, schools. For small-town great recreation. Cool kids club
  - \*Small-town feel
  - \*Values
  - \*Good school system. Small community
  - \*We have good teaching at schools, good people, community center, golf course and shooting part. I believe we need better school facilities. Keep the progress we made on the high school going with North and South
  - \*The small-town atmosphere, overall a nice place to live
  - \*Good people that pitch in to make community better. Progressive attitude that keeps us moving forward, positive thinking
  - \*Small-town environment
  - \*Small-town environment, slower paced life, lack of daily traffic problems, crime minimal, recreational facilities available and considering more. Friendly people, good values
  - \*Very friendly people. Small town values
  - \*Schools, safety, concerned the families
  - \*low crime, security
  - \*jobs, location of town relative to Denver and other places to travel
  - \*small town, family people
  - \*employment opportunities
  - \*quiet rural area, close to "city" amenities and air service
  - \*feel safe, opportunities are available
  - \*close to Interstate 80
  - \*I am a lifelong Panhandle resident

- \*Security of not having to lock door to worry about somebody not to trust
- \*small-town environment
- \*friendly people
- \*being right at Interstate 80 circuit easily come and go, small-town safety
- \*small town, no everyone good doctors, hospital and nursing home, Memorial
- \*yes, small-town and know everybody
- \*small-town environment. Not congested. For the most part feels safe
- \*accessibility to shopping areas
- \*clean and safe community. Note the time. Friendly people
- \*I can talk to anyone on any board or council at any time and I feel I will be heard. It is a friendly place full of interesting people. I feel safe living here
- \*The people
- \*Its home
- \*Small-town values
- \*Wal-Mart, salvation army
- \*Small community, lights traffic, friendly people
- \*The peace
- \*Small town with opportunity for good jobs. Good community support for recreation, league sports in high school activities
- \*Small town and everyone knows everyone
- \*Size and location
- \*Small-town
- \*Small and friendly community with the Wal-Mart and fast food
- \*Small-town
- \*Small-town
- \*Clean air and friendly people
- \*Trustworthy mechanics, plumbers, carpenters etc. Helpful neighbors, quietness of small-town,. Friendly helpful downtown merchants
- \*Convenience
- \*Atmosphere and safety
- \*The availability of all services
- \*Size of the town
- \*I've been here a long time and I like it
- \*Everything is close and convenient, good variety of things to do
- \*Small-town atmosphere
- \*Small
- \*Small-town
- \*The overall size of Sidney
- \*We used to like Sidney. Now the taxes are too high. While all \*\*\* wants to do is spend more money. Citizens don't count anymore. We are looking for another place to live.
- \*Small friendly town, good school
- \*It is a friendly town
- \*Size of town
- \*Close to my friends
- \*Low crime
- \*Availability of medical and hospital facilities
- \*Fairly friendly town, everything at a person's convenience
- \*My family, friends, lifetime,or here. Sadly to say, that is it
- \*Opportunities in a small town

## Central of Sidney

- \*Our is the best city to live compared to any city I know
- \*Only my job
- \*Quiet
- \* Being close to work
- \*Location, size of town, climate
- \*Fairly quiet
- \*I was born here and have lived most of my life here so Town is home to me. I've also lived in cities but much prefer the smaller city life. People are friendly, I like to be greeted with a smile when I walk down the street or enter a store . I feel safe here
- \*Small-town feeling and short commute
- \*My family is here
- \*Cabela's opportunities, sort of close to Denver/Cheyenne, Way out West is fun
- \*Location, close to Denver Colorado and Cheyenne Wyoming. Also family has a history of living here
- \*Close to interstate
- \*The simple life. The basics. People truly care about each other, if they have been here a long time or if they have moved in and plan to stay. Town is a good community with good life
- \*I was born and raised here. My great great grandfather was an early settler so a lot of history is here for my family. I moved away for 23 years but returned eight years ago
- \*Nothing, to hike taxes and extra fees on water, sewer, etc. the ease of the commute. The weather, lack of humidity. The new high school. the community center
- \*Small-town atmosphere, friendly people
- \*Small town, atmosphere, whether
- \*Only moved here to be close to family
- \*Community is very supportive to those in crisis
- \*People are very friendly, it is always been a positive community, lately it have been slipping, need to work on getting a more positive attitude back
- \*Work, wife can stay home with kids
- \*Quiet, small-town
- \*Not spending money on gas to live in the country. Being close to friends
- \*People are friendly. Nice amenities though Peschel the store shopping is limited. Neuheisel important, need to do something to replace North elementary
- \*Knowing so many people, the work ethic of the general population
- \*It is not a big city. People are nice enough to lend a helping hand. Slower pace
- \*Not much, taxes are too high, utilities rates too high, I live here all my life. The town to going backward
- \*I like the high taxes, poor streets, tax funded community center, terrible electrical system, new 4x4s for all city employees, I just love this town
- \*I like to family people, my church believe it or not the weather. I like the way people come together when a new project comes along, pond, community center, walking trail
- \*My church and my friends
- \*I like a small-town
- \*Small-town living
- \*We continue to progress forward, people returning after an absence can see the difference. Responsiveness of citizens to meet the needs IE community center, Angel of Hope, boot Hill, people working together, government (?), individuals to fulfill the need

\*I am a lifelong resident and love the clean, safe living Town offers. My biggest regret is that the streets have been allowed to disintegrate and the emphasis has been on recreational trails in taking our downtown out for the benefit of  
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\*Small-town values are good for raising a family. A city manager that has a vision for the future and is truly involved in everything community. The new high school

\*The friendliness

\*My job is here

\*It is a safe, friendly place to live. We have good medical facilities, good schools, many churches and many recreational opportunities for all ages

\*It is fairly safe here. Most of my neighbors are great. We look out for each other. Does not take very long to get to where ever you want to go

\*Small enough that I M. able to be involved and make a difference. My parish community at St. Patrick's. Safe and fun for kids. Cabela's!

\*Small-town, few stoplights

\*It is claimed and for the most part you feel safe

\*Easy access to the interstate, paycheck, park, walking trail, fishing pond. Larry's clothing, Finny's theater, quilt shop, salvation army, coffee corner, Cabela's

\*Small town, like my church

\*Alike a smaller town like Sidney. Very friendly people, neighbors helped each other out a lot

\*Small-town living, but I really do not like this town at all. For the fact that most people here are rude and not very helpful. I work here and really got stuck here

\*The DAV. Van service to Cheyenne

\*People are friendly. I like it that Town is on Interstate 80. Makes traveling easier. Town has the community center which gives us many recreational opportunities. For the most part I think Town is people friendly

\*Community Center

\*Small-town traffic

\*Traffic is not bad. No smog, air pollution, still feel safe walking around after dark. Gangs not prevalent

\*Small town, safe environment

\*Rural setting, good ag community

\*Nice town for children

\*Small-town values, friendly people, quiet place to live

\*Small town living, but at a high cost

\*Some people are friendly and, most have bad attitudes

\*Small-town environment and still has some shopping opportunities but could use more

\*Small-town

\*Small-town, safety, security

\*Schools are good, safe environment for raising kids, lots of chances for community involvement

\*Beautiful and progressive. It is nice to be in a town that worked so hard to stay alive

\*Everything is accessible, meaning commodities like the grocery store, pharmacy, businesses. It is a pretty clean town and it seems pretty safe

\*Feeling of safety and lack of violent crime/property crime. Town/deadwood Trail, Cheyenne County community Center, focus and interest in youth activities and sports. Only 2 ½ hours from Denver

\*I do not know. Have lived here for 30 years. I'm tired of Town and want to move back to home state of Colorado, but I cannot afford to. Am sick of property taxes going up. Want to live in country instead of town

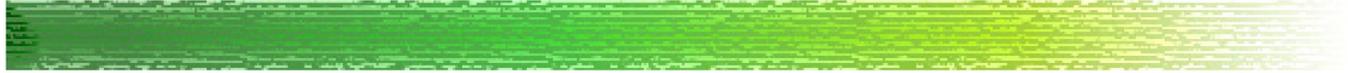
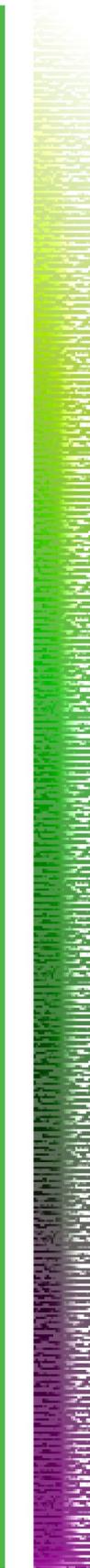
\*Friendly, people

\*Small-town

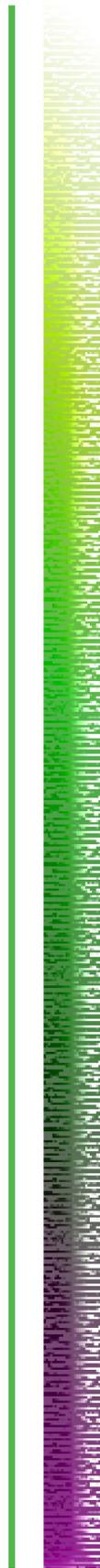
\*Nothing, hate this town

- \*The beautiful parks. Great job Tom and crew! Great teachers, K. – three elementary is excellent
- \*The scenery is beautiful and it is good to be able to know your neighbors and townspeople by name and family
- \*the school system
- \*small, relatively safe community
- \*the friendly, helpful people. We also feel safe
- \*the people, very friendly
- \*size, not too big but not too small
- \*good, clean, excellent area to raise children
- \*environment, friendly, business
- \*Small town, low crime, good schools
- \*Quiet, small-town atmosphere
- \*We like the small-town feel
- \*I used to like it more. There are many good family people, lots to do
- \*The friendly people
- \*Proximity to scenic/vacation/day or weekend trip places, Rocky Mountains, Badlands, Devils Tower, chimney rock, etc.
- \*Very little, cost of living has doubled. Downtown has too many vacant buildings
- \*Town is really a pretty safe community
- \*Lack of congestion
- \*I love the ease of life in Town, easy commute, great people, great school system, many social opportunities, awesome WOW play and HPAC show last weekend
- \*This is home. This is where I raise my family. Many of the problems we face we would face anywhere. I like the friendliness of the people in a relatively small town
- \*good people
- \*The small-town effect, quiet, friendly, neighborly
- \*Small town values
- \*Not the high taxes, not the disregard of public opinion, not the brand-new vehicles for the city! But enjoy local groceries, downtown eating, library, museum, and the good people. Also WOW and high plains arts Council
- \*With the fifth highest in the nation's property tax and the added tax for the new school, the new sewer system, one big firetruck that had to have his own new brick building, new water system, it seems we are overloaded on taxes and expenses. Actually not much at this time, about living here. It is expensive
- \*Friendly and helpful people, small-town living
- \*Small town, nice to know your neighbors, relatively safe
- \*A decent safe environment to raise kids
- \*Easy driving, no great traffic, and access to Interstate 80. Real estate is still cheaper than in larger towns. City employees tend to know many of the citizens, especially those who have lived here for five years or more
- \*Glad it is not any larger. Taxes way way out of line
- \*The small-town atmosphere
- \*Local business, not Corporation. Although we are losing them quickly, people forget shopping is a social event. Residents drive before Collins all the time to shop. Wish they could support our local business
- \*The thought of leaving
- \*Small-town atmosphere as opposed to large city
- \*Don't, they cost too much here
- \*Lack of humidity, quiet area in nice
- \*Easy time to a job I really don't like
- \*Small-town neighbors knowing neighbors
- \*The people

- \*My daughter lives here
- \*The kindness of the people and the conveniences of a small-town. Community center, golf course
- \*Good schools, for the most part clean and organized, East Highway 30 becoming a junkyard and West Highway 30 could use cleanup where \*\*\* used to be), friendly people, good stores
- \*When we moved here in 1966 there was a downtown area and we chose a place close by Terry at no longer have it, I love the people here
- \*The small town of personalities. We are really impressed with the religious aspect
- \*Friendly people and caring city employees
- \*Small-town with all the necessary services. One and a half hours from Cheyenne, three hours from Denver. Low crime rate, feel safe and secure. People stealing your property drives me crazy
- \*Small-town atmosphere, ample things to do and availability to get every place you want to go
- \*Friendly people around town, most willing to assist when needed. Little crime
- \*Average town life, relatively safe, friendly
- \*It is a small town
- \*Small town, great place to raise a family, my parents live here, I want outside Town as jobs are scarce and/or don't pay enough
- \*Job
- \*Small-town
- \*The community
- \*Mostly friendly people, familiarity, good roads to get about are easy to access
- \*Small-town values, friendly
- \*Small-town, less gang activity, drugs, violence than in larger cities
- \*Convenience stores and public facilities, except Interstate 80
- \*Light traffic,
- \*Clean the air, most of the time
- \*Short commute, small-town living
- \*The people
- \*Low crime
- \*Wide streets in Maine point of town, hospital is close enough not overcrowded on availability
- \*Small-town living
- \*All I need is available
- \*Location, close enough to larger cities while living in small-town atmosphere. Low crime rate
- \*The small but not too small town atmosphere
- \*The small-town atmosphere and community activities
- \*Small-town qualities. Least: air quality stinks at times. You can taste the steer menu or
- \*Small commute times, ample opportunities for involvement, friendly people
- \*Good people, plenty to do, good golf course
- \*No traffic, nice pace of life
- \*Overall good quality of life. Crime is not a huge problem
- \*Good neighbors, grocery shopping, Wal-Mart
- \*The feeling of safety
- \*The quiet. I grew up in a small town and am very satisfied to be living in a small town environment again. I love this town
- \*I like that it is not too busy and it is pretty quiet
- \*Small-town atmosphere. Knowing 70% of the people. How proud I am of how clean our town looks
- \*People are courteous, friendly. Wide streets and appreciate street cleaner. Mostly very well kept residential areas

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- \*Been my home for 60 years, friendly people, fire department, police, city crew, dependable
  - \*Small town yet you have all you need here
  - \*Little traffic issues, low crime, air quality
  - \*Friendly people, not a lot of traffic, good neighbors
  - \*The people/majority are willing to help you out
  - \*Small-town security and peace of mind
  - \*Quiet, small-town living
  - \*The friendliness
  - \*I work here
  - \*The small-town atmosphere with little congestion
  - \*Quiet, safe, friendly
  - \*Nothing
  - \*It is a friendly town and it is my home town. It is a good town to raise children and sent to school
  - \*Good question
  - \*Small-town atmosphere
  - \*Small-town atmosphere
  - \*Safe place to raise kids
  - \*Was born here and love my town. It is a great place to live and raise a family
  - \*Decent economy, low crime rate, okay schools, most people are fair
  - \*Friendliness, mostly good neighbors
  - \*Quiet small-town
  - \*Drs. And medical facilities
  - \*Small-town feel with plenty of opportunity for activity
  - \*Small-town, most of time clean, good people
  - \*Convenience
  - \*It's citizens
  - \*Small-town values, less hustle and bustle of larger cities
  - \*The people in the conveniences
  - \*Great small-town living, people care about each other
  - \*Seems all organizations, city and county officials are working for betterment of area. Dislike all controversy over city management
  - \*Wish I knew
  - \*Easy access to interstate, golf course
  - \*Low traffic, most people are friendly. Nice churches, park, beautiful cemetery
  - \*Close to all family
  - \*Small-town community feel. People can have an immediate and direct impact on town issues
  - \*It is home and has been most of my life
  - \*Small-town feel
  - \*I feel safer on town. It doesn't take long to get to work in I can come home for lunch. Also, our trail
  - \*Love community events for kids, kids fishing days, hay days Festival, holiday Festival, wish there were more
  - \*Friendly people
  - \*Friendliness, peaceful, clean, safe, mostly
  - \*I've never lived in Town, this house was bought for a family member who moved from Town, because of work
  - \*Climatic conditions, less traffic, less crime rate, working distance nearby home, schools accessible from work and home
  - \*Community functions such as Oktoberfest, goldrush fireworks, Fourth of July
  - \*Friendliness of this town. No need to go out of town, everything I want is here
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- \*Nothing
- \*Friendly and safe
- \*My home is paid for though I am sure I do miss Alco, Pamida, Dollar General, and I do not believe Wal-Mart's entrance caused all the problem. It is the economic problems as well
- \*Lack of crime
- \*Good small town
- \*For the most part it is nice town and the people are friendly a lot of people don't think so but we've have many things to do
- \*Small community, not a ton of crimes
- \*Small town
- \*Small-town values in children can be kids
- \*Great place to raise a family. Close to mountains. Larger cities close
- \*Family and friends
- \*The people. The people are Town's biggest asset
- \*Small-town feeling
- \*Small, no rush like cities
- \*Everyone is willing to pitch in and help out
- \*Friendly people
- \*Safety, schools, progressive, parks
- \*Its proximity to Scottsbluff where you can purchase what you want and receive specialized medical treatment when needed
- \*People
- \*Safety
- \*Friendly people, clean water
- \*Is close to work and we have nice neighbors
- \*The town is calm
- \*My job is here
- \*Small, friendly
- \*68 years
- \*We like the small community that still presents some good opportunities. It is a growing community when so many are shrinking
- \*Knowing people, light traffic, neighbors watching out for each other
- \*Low crime, school system, church
- \*Friendly people
- \*Nothing
- \*It is quiet place to live
- \*Small-town
- \*The people are great
- \*It is quiet and the people are almost always very friendly. I like how everyone knows each other when you go downtown or in the schools
- \*That this is a small town
- \*Small-town atmosphere
- \*Safety of small-town
- \*Small-town, excellent schools, community
- \*Friendly people, clean town/easy to get around, safe, clean air, good location
- \*Population, friendliness
- \*Small community

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- \*My family, most have stayed
  - \*Town is a very up-and-coming town, compared to towns of similar size in Nebraska
  - \*Small-town environment
  - \*Small-town
  - \*The friendly people in walking distance for cafés, parks, and grocery store
  - \*My job. My house. Longtime friends. Small-town ways
  - \*I like the friendly people. It may be time to split the city manager/economic development job. Are our tax dollars being spent wisely? Does one job/objectives override the other? Please look at this objectively to make the best decision for our city
  - \*Big question, born raised here
  - \*my check marks tell the story
  - \*it is a friendly community and I enjoy a small town
  - \*great climate, health care, small city
  - \*small-town atmosphere, safe
  - \*friendly people, security
  - \*my children are happy living here
  - \*we have a very friendly police, share a and fire department. Very friendly people live here
  - \*medication delivery, medical help, grocery delivery
  - \*friends. Access to metro areas, Denver, Cheyenne, in a matter of hours
  - \*nothing, would like to move
  - \*small-town
  - \*small city
  - \*it is not a bad town. Have lots of friends. Not a lot of elegal here, there are some and would like to see them go
  - \*fairly safe place
  - \*the whole community except some of the city Council is
  - \*friends and church
  - \*not like a city
  - \*nothing, he can hardly afford to live in this high dollar town
  - \*nice quiet friendly hometown, good quality of life. City employees are responsible and trustworthy. Law enforcement fire Department, city government very capable and responsible! Keep It the way it is. It works
  - \*it is a nice clean town. We feel safe here
  - \*we are able to participate in and with our local government and make a difference. I'm able to know the people who protect and serve us
  - \*smaller schools, better teacher to student ratios. Small enough to be able to meet and know several people that you interact with often, work and recreation. Helps to be more involved with community programs and activities
  - \*It is not Dalton
  - \*It is a small town
  - \*Smaller town, good to raise kids
  - \*It is in western Nebraska
  - \*Nothing
  - \*It is a small community, would you not like large
  - \*We like a smaller town, where we have many close friends
  - \*Small-town
  - \*For me what makes a good town our city is that the people are courteous and friendly. I have seen that in Town
  - \*People, small-town living and sense of community
  - \*Good people. No big-city traffic
  - \*Small community
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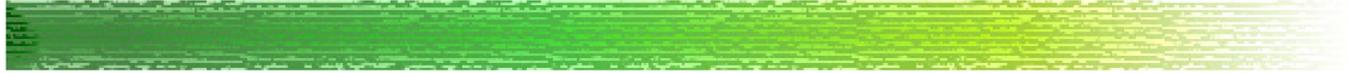
- \*People are friendly, city is pretty claimed
- \*?
- \*Friendly
- \*All my needs are available
- \*Small town near enough to larger towns to take advantage of their offerings, including better quality dress stores and fabric stores. Plenty of things to do but people do not take advantage of them have family here, Cabela's
- \*Working for Cabela's
- \*Size of the town
- \*Climate, a safe community
- \*That is a hard one
- \*Community activities, chamber involvement
- \*Quiet streets, respected police force, low crime, good community facilities
- \*Nice robust town
- \*Just okay
- \*Small-town
- \*Small-town values, children are relatively safe, you usually know your kids friends/parents, little traffic, slow pace of life, quiet, (?)
- \*History, short commutes
- \*Small, and people are very friendly
- \*It is relatively safe
- \*Small-town values
- \*I like the medical services we have and the number of churches
- \*As the hallway like the people that live here. Get tired of Cabela's this and Cabela's that and the way they treat some of their employees
- \*Safe, small town
- \*Small town, clean air, not very noisy
- \*Close to my job
- \*The people
- \*Small towns they know a lot of people and it seems when you need something someone there to lend a hand
- \*Size
- \*Near interstate, good schools, walking trails, community center, park
- \*I liked peacefulness of the town I like the low crime rates and most of the people
- \*You can get anywhere you need in 5 to 10 minutes
- \*No stress and commute to work/home
- \*The people of Town
- \*Small-town atmosphere. My job
- \*The small-town atmosphere, for the most part people are friendly
- \*Not much If I could sell our house I would move
- \*The people
- \*Mostly it is because I own my home and I enjoy the neighborhood
- \*Can't think of any
- \*I don't
- \*Small-town atmosphere, the places you do business know you. Safe environment for kids going to school
- \*Small-town values. Feel safe
- \*People and work. Everything else is expected to be better but having an amenity requires that it should be of quality
- \*Only my job

- \*I like the small-town atmosphere
- \*Clean town and friendly people
- \*Safe for my children, good schools, the teachers here do care and are helpful
- \*Peaceful, not too busy yet downtown looks nice, enjoy all the lights, not too much traffic, yet I love that the children can safely ride their bikes around town
- \*It is a good place to raise children

## Sidney North Side

- \*Don't currently reside in Sidney. Brother 65+ resides in house
- \*No traffic jams, no gangs, low cost of living
- \*it was a fun town years ago and you knew everyone and they were friendly. Now there are too many people with too much money and power they look down on older Sidney people
- \*Small-town atmosphere
- \*Small, good people
- \*Small-town living
- \*Peaceful. Not a lot of people
- \*Small-town, people are friendly
- \*Used to be the golf course, no nothing
- \*Small-town, family located here
- \*Small-town values.... Big-time opportunities
- \*Lived here most of **my** life, and close to retiring, but there really is not a lot here, especially for my grandkid to do
- \*Small-town attitude
- \*Small-town
- \*I like living in a smaller community
- \*The town's population, not too small or too big. Taxes are way too high, spending is out of control, curbing economic development for the city to grow. I have lived in Sidney all of my life and it's still has the same population, as in the 1980s. What is wrong here?
- \*Friendly small town
- \*Friendly people. Excess ability to hospital, school, stores, etc. Good city services in general
- \*The jobs and family is here
- \*Short drive to work. Ask what I don't like next time
- \*Cabela's, otherwise would move due to expensive taxes
- \*It is safe. Lived here a lifetime. Know folks
- \*That it is a small town and it is cheaper than a big city. And the people have heart. And the schools are better than the big city. The teachers are more one-on-one with the kids
- \*It is a small town and I would like to see it stay that way
- \*Small town,, everyone knows everyone, you could walk almost everywhere
- \*Cannot think of anything
- \*It is okay
- \*Small-town feel, but not at the expense of jobs in new business
- \*Small town, no hustle and bustle
- \*Close drive to my job. People are friendly. Not too much crime
- \*The small-town atmosphere, easy to make friends, when I first visited and then moved to Sidney 19 years old, I really enjoyed the friendliness of the people
- \*The people
- \*The people. Good arts program. Wish more people attended

- \*The small-town values
- \*I have lived here a long time and know quite a few people. It is basically safe, most people try to be helpful, other than taxes, it is a nice place to live
- \*The only thing that really keeps me here, is that my entire family is here
- \*It is home area just a nice place to live
- \*Class sizes in the schools
- \*Lack of crime
- \*That I know my neighbors
- \*Friendly
- \*It is a very nice community to live in. The people are friendly. I am happy that we nice business in our town
- \*Small-town
- \*The safety of the area
- \*Church
- \* Not much. I am accustomed to large metropolis. Where there are is a variety of food, clothing, entertainment, etc.
- \*There are a lot of activities to partake in. The parks and trails are terrific
- \*Taxes going to high also utilities
- \*What is there? High taxes!
- \*The small-town feel and relaxed quality
- \*Small-town atmosphere, feel safe, and
- \*Not much anymore except for the small-town living
- \*My home is here. It has grown some. Good Schooling
- \*I'm only here because I have children and grandchildren. I do not like this town. All it wants is more money and more money!
- \* Anywhere is quick to get to
- \*Small town
- \*Small-town
- \*Big enough and small enough
- \*It is just big enough to have what we need most of the time without having to go out of town to deal with the traffic and other big-city issues
- \*Small-town, good place to raise children
- \*Peace and quiet
- \*Quiet life, small town
- \*Low crime rate
- \*Hope you can read this, filled out while riding in a car. Relatively safe, mostly clean, the lights on the downtown buildings, the Christmas lights, following an Easter decorations downtown
- \*Hometown
- \*Small-town atmosphere, low crime rate
- \*Small-town feel yet available to you of large town amenities
- \*Close to my hometown, Potter. Close to my doctor. Dr. come from out of town
- \*Clean, friendly people
- \*small-town values
- \*lately not much
- \*I was much as I was then and raised in Sidney. I have lived nowhere else
- \*Being able to walk everywhere
- \*Nice town
- \*Not much

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- \*Just the right size to raise a family without the big town worries
  - \*Small community
  - \*Small town, it used to be a small town with a small-town attitude. Now it is a small-town with the big-city attitude and it sucks
  - \*Good shopping, nice parks, good job base
  - \*I like Wal-Mart except they are cutting back now because of remodel
  - \*Small-town, friendly
  - \*I do not
  - \*it is a quiet and good to raise a family
  - \*the small-town atmosphere in the school district
  - \*the people, although small-towns tend to be a bit clicky, and believe me Sidney has its clicky crowd but mostly the people are nice
  - \*small-town values
  - \*small-town
  - \*what I like most about living in Sidney as it is a very calm place. No need to worry about anything. Residents are very nice and helpful
  - \*the people
  - \*smaller sized community
  - \*Hometown or small-town environment
  - \*Quiet people most part are friendly, things are convenient
  - \*It is my home
  - \*Small-town
  - \*Town is fine, Ben here
  - \*It is my hometown, lots of friends and neighbors here
  - \*Small comfortable town. Low crime.
  - \*Small-town
  - \*Easy to get around, not many illegal immigrants
  - \*Low crime rate
  - \*Small-town schools
  - \*Size, ease of getting around. Friendly people. Great neighbors
  - \*Small-town
  - \*Small-town living
  - \*Size of town
  - \*The small-town feel. Most everyone you meet on the street says hi
  - \*Small-town and easy to get around
  - \*Small-town values, kids safety
  - \*Good people
  - \*I like saying the sun come up in the East and set in the west. I like the fact that no matter where I go I will run into someone I know or knows me. Sorry that's about it
  - \* The small-town atmosphere. People
  - \*Job
  - \*Lower cost of living
  - \*The people, except \*\*\* and \*\*\*. They don't seem to care about the residents of the city
  - \*Small-town
  - \*I lived here over 50 years and this community is getting worse over the last 15 years in my opinion
  - \*Small-town atmosphere
  - \*Fair town
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## *Are there any opportunities or improvements that you believe Sidney needs to pursue?*

### **Sidney Southside**

- \*Small-town values. There are no opportunities
- \*The small-town and peaceful
- \*Raised here, family is here. No lot of people
- \*Small-town
- \*People are great
- \*The town itself is very nice. I've always been able to work in able to get help from law enforcement and city officers
- \*Friendly people, not the big city rush, nice place to raise a family
- Recreation for kids; town history
- Slow drivers of street down before some child is injured, people are going too fast most times for conditions
- \*Train noise reduction. I would like the city to T Pickens and cell-purchased energy credits to finance the building of our own wind/solar farm
- \*We need more entertainment! Get bands, events. Anything to come to Sidney. We would love to have something to do
- \*Fix all of roads, heavy damage, more police present in north side (Villa area)
- \*Sidney has become a company town controlled by the corporation on the hill. No more TIFS for the already haves.
- \* Need a \*\*\* that has training and education for such a position. A \*\*\* just doesn't qualify.
- \*I believe we are too aggressive and need to stop and regroup before moving forward.
- \*Fix the roads
- \*The \*\*\* lots of junk (9 in all) should be outside the city limits. Cabelas's compliment the City and \*\*\*insults the city. It's the topic at all coffee shops.
- \*Indoor, year round pool, work on expanding tax base by hiring a economic development coordinator
- \*Bring in businesses so we don't have to go to Scottsbluff, Cheyenne or Denver area to buy item
- \*I believe that we have a lot of city workers but seems to be very little done. Street crew could be lots better. Snow removal is horrible. Also our taxes paying for many things in this town little seems to get done. What are they paid to do? Streets could be better cared for.
- \*The streets being cleared after it snows or while it is snowing
- \*When it snows, to have all roads cleared, side streets
- \*Need to get development that will pay wages so the whole family doesn't need to have a job
- \*Fire all the good ol Boys. Start over. \*\*\* has already destroyed Sidney year's ago
- \*Some type of recreation for teenagers
- \*Indoor swimming pool; soccer field to I-80 walking trail
- \*Sidney needs more restaurants and stores
- \*Cut taxes
- \*Clean up east and west highway coming into town, what a bunch of junk!! First impression of Sidney are junk yards
- \*Need promote downtown and encourage growth. Tourism is secondary to a viable retail downtown.
- \*Would be great if we could get one or two more mid-sized businesses to town to add more employment opportunities and draw other businesses (stores, restaurants) to town

- \*Is there a point of diminishing returns
- \* Street improvements. Fight to keep Gary Person in his present position
- \*More shopping stores JC Penny, Walmart fabric
- \*Job improvements, malls, entertainment
- \*I think parts of downtown need improvement
- \*Small business for downtown
- \*Ladies dress shop or two
- \*There is no good houses or apartments to rent we I speak of apartments. I mean houses as well. Housing in Sidney is the worst. I am talking about apartment living. It seems as if the City of Sidney want to keep such unlivable places just because they believe in the people who own the rentals. When I came here, I couldn't believe what was considered livable. Mold carpet that was black not the color the list would fill this page. Two different real estate agents showed apartments One said if you don't take it, it will be gone by the end of the day. I thought a barn would be a huge improvement. WHY do you what to force people to have to live in such places? Why do you not want new apartments to be built? Why do you believe people need to live in the dumps? People all said apartment living is bad. I offered to build apartment. I was told there was a city deal not to improve living conditions. No apartments. The city believe what is here is good. The city dump would be better. On Fort Sidney Road there is a few good apartments. Good luck getting one, full.
- \*The Elk Lodge needs to do more on weekends. Dancing would be nice on Friday and Saturday nights.
- \*No. Just quit chip sealing. It is stupid. Get tar all over my car. Tired of cleaning it off. Do the roads right A lot of that just need re-paved.
- \*Indoor swimming pool would be very nice. I feel Sidney is lacking in things to do in the winter months
- \*The city should provide basic services, they don't have the taxes to subsidize everything. Review department heads, especially \*\*\*, they aren't getting the job done
- \*I fear for this town's future. Economically, it's eggs are in one basket. God forbid any economic downturn causes layoffs or corporate relocation. Economic development is non-existent. Only pursuit of high-tech and energy resources industries can save this town by bringing people here.
- \*Healthcare IE Drs. hospitals etc. is not competitive. Sidney only offers one medical clinic, SMA. People have no choice but to go out of town for medical
- \*we need a pediatrician, we're losing people to Scottsbluff. Once you lose them you don't get them back
- \*downtown businesses
- \*need stores to stay open on Saturdays Sundays for people who work 9 to 5 on weekdays.! More selections so you don't have to go out of town to shop if you need something. Wal-Mart should be super Wal-Mart
- \*as I said we need to remove and clean up the junk on east and west sides. Right off when you enter town you get a bad impression. Lots of yards need cleaning up also
- \*(?) Get the electrical improvements from last year finished
- \*we need an indoor swimming pool
- \*condition of streets
- \*Sidney needs more general shopping areas, more clothing, now we need a fabric and yarn store, since Wal-Mart, even they tell you go to Cheyenne. If you have to go to Cheyenne to buy yarn we may decide to do a lot more shopping there. I'm elderly and can't drive out of town
- \*need a viaduct! Streets are kind of bad
- \*indoor swimming pool!
- \*This town needs more options for shopping, Cabela's and Wal-Mart are not enough choices. I prefer to shop out of town
- \*continue to pursue economic possibilities. Kerry has done a great job so far
- \*we don't have indoor swimming pool that is open all year long. No swim (????) no indoor skating ground all seasons
- \*streets don't have timely and proper maintenance. West central part of town has knee-high weeds growing out of streets 16th 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of Maple, Newton and Osage.

- \*Some way I don't know how, we should make it less expensive! To live here
- \*yes! The biggest disadvantage is a public space for families, the park needs work, the pool needs to be redone in the library needs to be renovated. Also this town needs a new restaurant that could draw interstate traffic i.e. chilies Applebee's red Robin
- \*yes and indoor rec creation area for small children. The outdoor playground at the community center should be a year-round playground for small children if a roof and he were extended or added to the present community center. Also an indoor swimming pool should be added to the community center
- \* our city Council will its constant private agenda
- \*Indoor pool
- \*The city needs to stop crying about no funds and fix the streets. Filling potholes with armor coating is not working
- \*The expense to live in Sidney has gotten too high! Water utility bills
- \*Better code enforcement
- \*Do not know
- \*Some streets are neglected badly neglected. In my street is never gone over after a bad snowstorm, maybe it's impossible, but that only help has been a guy who lives in the country and comes in with his tractor
- \*They need to get streets all over town repaired. Get rid of all that old empty houses all over town
- \*Roads
- \*Extend trail to interstate area
- \*cleanup this town. Enforce codes. Make \*\*\* clean up his own junkyard. Junkiest town I have ever lived in. Ramshackle houses. People who have in their yards. Clean the \*\*\*up
- \*it's town is starting to grow the careful not to over spend and tax the locals to make room for new
- \*roads need a lot of improvement. Lots of potholes, snow removal, why start when people are going to work, need late night early a.m. removal. Pilate in the middle of world and don't make access to cross roads, if you have a car you have to go around the block
- \*there many unappealing properties that are left to just decompose as if there are no standards to be met. Should people be required to meet a certain criteria win some buildings are just dumps?
- \*Yes more downtown businesses, department store, shoe store, women's wear. Lower tax base city Council be more cautious with spending
- \*Cleanup demo abandoned residences
- \*Nice to focus on economic development at mid-level and higher jobs
- \*noted on front lure more Cabela's complementary companies i.e. manufacturing companies for outdoor lifestyle goods
- \*economic development has been great, need more specialty shops downtown
- \*I believe there needs to be more opportunities for young people to start business with economic development or T. I F. money rather than giving it to the big established companies
- \*Find way to keep the young people here find ways to improve social opportunities
- \*Yes more stuff for people of all ages to do. Also it's sad so much money is spent on building and the old ones just sit empty
- \*Need to cleanup the west and east and its of Illinois Street. Doesn't look good, if I was a tourist coming into Sidney I wouldn't think much of this town, too many junkyards in town/10<sup>th</sup> Streett 13<sup>th</sup> St. Take them out of the city limits Sidney is getting too junky the whole town needs weed control
- \*Yes more room for industry and companies serving residents needs and likes.( side thought it 50s and 60s station
- \*Fix the roads. Snow removal should it start 12 hours after it stops snowing. In the residential areas push the snow to the side of the road, there is no need to push it to the middle and scoop it up, people can shovel out their driveways, just push it to the sides of people can drive
- \*Regardless of what you have been told, Sidney has a turbo drug problem. In this slap on the hands that our court system gives this scum only makes it worse

\*This town isn't wheelchair accessible especially downtown. Often activities there and at the fairgrounds are hard for people in wheelchairs. No sidewalks curb cuts, parking so this often stay home instead

\*One, indoor pool would provide a way for all ages to exercise year around. Two, library could expand. Three, sidewalks and parks south toward the village would be good. For, larger bowling lane and roller skating rink. Five, walk-in medical service like 24 hour ER care no appointment or wait

\*Better a more housing and affordable for disabled and handicapped

\*Absolutely! Spend a lot of time traveling outside of Sidney for better dining opportunities in shopping for children's clothes and shoes

\*Indoor swimming pool. More things to do. Festivals, fairs, shows, street dances, summer activities

\*Recreational activities

\*Sidney needs a nice clothing store and a place to buy quality shoes

\*A better downtown and overall appearance for outsiders coming in and for locals. Work on trash that blows all over in the wind. Looks run down, make/improve appearance to invite people to want to move here

\*I think the town needs more things to keep people busy and here on the weekends. Needs more things for kids to do. Could also benefit from general cleanup

\*taxes, jobs

\*no

\*golf course needs a greenskeeper, not just someone who can grow grass and fix sprinklers. Less golf tournaments

\*get rid of \*\*\*junkyard and \*\*\* junk yard on west end of town and \*\*\*junkyard on the east part of town. It is the first thing that people coming into Sidney see, first impressions are the most lasting, so clean it up

\*I believe an indoor swimming pool could really be an asset to the community

\*The roads and streets need work there are a lot of deep potholes

\*Yes, more entertainment for young folks

\*Control of traffic during busy periods of day

\*More small businesses to occupy unused building downtown

\*Street improvements, lower taxes, the main reason to not live here after retirement

\*Sidney needs to improve the overall look, too many abandoned buildings left to fall into disrepair, too many junk storage lots especially on Main Street, doesn't look like we have much pride

\*Lower taxes and fees

\*The cities, fairly, new hole patching machine is just a bad armor coat that leaves expensive, size gravel loose on the street. Nothing is overlaid, even with a thin overlay to smooth surface, before chips still which leaves streets rough

\*Miss having a good shoe store in ladies ready to wear but understand we do not have the population to support these

\*More reasonable housing and rentals is too high a person can buy cheaper in Denver than here. Rentals are few and way overpriced

\*Another nursing home. More available rentals, rent too expensive for area. Most rental apartments available are for low income

\*Indoor pool

\*Walking/biking trail complete throughout community. Connecting your side and continue out to interstate

\*Lower taxes

\*You need to modernize all the apartment buildings. They are old and outdated apartment buildings are not a code

\*more shopping

\*we need to seriously look at improving our streets, hard to look at better removal of snow in residential neighborhoods

\*more things for entertainment, more committees

\*clothing and shoe stores. Steak and seafood eatery i.e. Texas roadhouse, red lobster, Olive Garden

\*it would be good to have an indoor pool with an area for adults only

- \*the city needs more activities for all ages in the retail places need to have all supplies available to college students and all merchant owners need to realize there is a college here
- \*shops downtown never open during lunch when you need to run errands, lumberyards closing before noon on Saturdays
- \*police chief. Snow removal is a joke. Maybe they should be told snow happens before after 9-to-5 and on weekends. That is their job
- \*always wonder why sterling has all the goods stores and restaurants. So everyone spends their money there in Colorado. We should keep revenue here, women's clothing, Maurice's, Payless, Burger King, Wendy's, drugstore, skate rink, putt putt golf, etc.
- \*downtown business, we need some
- \*needs to clean up both ends of town so people coming into Sidney won't think it's a dump. I think the street department needs to clean snow in front on the business on Illinois Street in front of Larry's, dimestore, adjacent our place. Clean it early in the mornings
- \*in the vacant lot between runs and Wal-Mart there's been an abandoned car sitting there for months, trash on the right of ways, no rules for junk/trash in yards. This whole area needs attention
- \*I would like to see a bigger push for people to recycle area curbside pickup would be nice
- \*No
- \*One, indoor pool, two, speed limit signs, speed bump on Summitt drive. Speeding is a major issue on this road and there are many children around this area
- \*The streets are horrible
- \*There are but most are being pursued the pending upon revenues availability. The street leading to Wal-Mart needs replaced but that is being pursued in in progress
- \*Live a year in Sidney and take stock of what Sidney is about, saying what it needs, it lacks and then ask yourself this question. It needs a lot
- \*Bring in something for the kids. Get a hold on the drugs and cleanup the east and W. Ends of Hwy. 30 (Van Natters) and Hrbeks
- \*Better restaurant choices
- \*Kids need an indoor swimming pool for families can enjoy swimming all year long
- \*We have a new school, but still have the old teachers that don't seem to want to teach. The students are not getting the education they deserve
- \*These are trying times right now, but needs to find a way to keep businesses from leaving
- \*Sidney needs to improve the shopping. Sidney needs to find other income other than always raising taxes
- \*no
- \*more taxpaying business instead of TIF business
- \*again, an indoor pool. Opportunities for interaction for all age groups, the elderly pay a fair share of taxes so efforts should be made to include every group
- \*taxes on older homes to high. Roads in town need improvement. Someone let the road skid out of control. Some road repairs have not been done for years
- \*the more things there are for children of middle school and high school age to do the better. As it stands they have nothing to do but drink and get into trouble
- \*streetlights residential, better streets repair, potholes
- \*bringing business, a place to shop. Clothing store and shoe store. We need a Home Depot a place where you can find anything you need. Sidney needs places for people to work, no jobs here
- \*we need decent streets to drive on. Making improvements to the park area is great, but don't we need to take care of the basics also?
- \*Continue to support small business
- \*Something for teenagers to do to keep them busy
- \*Keeping our youth in Sidney

- \*Adult lap swim in the mornings at the pool in the summer. Only offered during the lunch hour and that's not convenient
- \*Get rid of the junkyard appearance coming in and out of town on Highway 30
- \*Cleanup junk areas. Filsinger needs to start following the laws. City council attitude
- \*We need the retirement living units that were planned and not carried out
- \*Need to take care of streets. I know Grant are okay but we could spend our share of matching to do some of need things. Streets
- \*Taxes and utility bills. Where is the hometown values? This is not the big city
- \*Create a sincere sense of North side pride. Go to a ward system for electing city Council members. Sinise to have concerts in the park during the summer, I miss those
- \*Yes, more shopping like a small mall, also it would be nice if we had a shoe store and lady's store for clothes. All we have is Wal-Mart, big deal
- \*More independent businesses downtown. Get rid of \*\*\*
- \*Additional employers
- \*Paint a yellow line going south on 10<sup>th</sup> St. to old Post Road
- \*Indoor pool, more trails (dirt, not paved) more restaurants, a downtown atmosphere, curbside recycling, rifle, pistol at shooting part
- \*I would like to see more paths and out by Cabela's for those who work out in that area
- \*Manage tax revenues more efficiently. Safe late night out for youths and young adults, maybe a coffee store that stayed open later and played live music
- \*No more, especially if taxes are needed
- \*Lower total number of taxes paid
- \*Take care of what we have first and then think about improvements
- \*Improve softball fields. Too many rocks on in fields, dangerous
- \*Trail extension
- \*Yes, streets
- \*Streets need help
- \*Replace \*\*\*
- \*Extend the sidewalk on the Parkside on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the walking trail
- \*Streets
- \*House cost middle or low income can get into
- \*Capture more of the tax money, improve street maintenance/physical appearance of city
- \*co-op clothing store
- \*no
- \*street maintenance
- \*street paving
- \*do not know
- \*require businesses and homeowners to cut tall weeds
- \*housing market and economic opportunities
- \*street conditions
- \*Senior living, affordable
- \*Lowering taxes, spending tax dollars wiser
- \*Some residential areas really look unkept, is there anything the city can do?
- \*More employment opportunities besides \*\*\* as they are not doing their job as far as employing people and will not give the employee a chance to make their own discoveries
- \*We need more industry, we need more mid level entry jobs
- \*Restaurants

- \*More shopping opportunities and eating establishments
- \*The taxes versus return in Sidney as compared to other communities is disappointing. I am aware of the issue Sidney has had with the state and tax monies to support the efforts some have made to level the playing field. But I believe Sidney is also at fault and their applying them towards city infrastructure. For example, of poorly plowed streets is? Sure money is saved in not hiring crew to maintain this, but the snowmelt causes serious damage every winter and leaving the snow on the streets causes excess wear. In many situations like this the town is complacent and tends to be reactive rather than proactive. I hope the state will listen to our concerns but in the meantime Sidney needs to improve his own budgeting issues
- \*Number of city employees versus services provided, more trucks, stand around not much accomplished
- \*Out-of-town transportation services like bus or train. Lack of downtown businesses. Shopping, shoes, clothing (adult)
- \*Quality food establishments
- \*Keep our W. N C. College. It is well run and the necessary part of education here. We need more jobs particularly for the young and those with limited opportunity
- \*Indoor pool and community center. Improve schools for elementary, middle school
- \*The junk cars etc. setting all over. Like: there is a limo that has not been moved once, that I know of, setting off Highway 30, look so bad
- \*I believe that the city manager/economic developing individual is working very hard to bring in my business job opportunities to this community. Need to cash in on Sidney's history
- \*Town could be cleaner, cleaned out. Old vehicles etc. or property fenced
- \*The street department seems to get worse every year. Snow and ice removal was a worse in a lot of years
- \*Bigger farmers market/craft market in summer. I would pay more for a water park, nothing too over the top but similar to Scottsbluffs West pool facilities.stop all the push for alcohol events, fair, Oktoberfest, it is sad. Foodfest/music Fest, like Lincoln's July jams, ribfest
- \*Employment opportunities
- \*None
- \*Cleaning up the trash in Sidney such as 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. and \*\*\* supposed to be a car repair lot and sale and it is just a junk yard. Clean up vacant lots and houses. The appearance of coming into Sidney or leaving West is terrible
- \*=another major employer, manufacturing or something to provide more job options
- \*Lower taxes
- \*Growth of community Center, growth of sports programs
- \*I believe the city should do everything they can including permanent tower space so that when the disaster hits the ham radio operators in the area can do their job providing emergency communications
- \*They've all streets, hire more full-time street maintenance and snow removal and employees. Increase recreational opportunities and cultural events
- \*Cleanup the lots of junk on Highway 30 when you come in town from both East and West
- \*I like to see us more involved in animal welfare and explore a community animal shelter lower taxes and stop talking about it
- \*The city needs to clean up the town. The rundown houses are deteriorating home values. Also the junk yards on the east and west sides of town severely impact the impression of town. It is embarrassing when I have business people in town and I have to drive through the junkyards
- \*Street maintenance and snow removal
- \*Streets
- \*Four year college
- \*City needs to grow economically
- \*One, taxes are too high. Two, gas prices are too high far more other areas are. Three, lowering costs on senior citizen that \*\*\* has control of. Four, better healthcare, doctors, hospital, clinic. Lower taxes to bring in more businesses and people

- \*Fair, recruiting better in her time it. Used to be good, what happened?
- \*More restaurants, more shopping, rentals: ? is number one, less subsidized housing, built for middle management at \*\*\*. We all do not own
- \*Less taxes
- \*Need street maintenance
- \*Current housing prices are too high. Available residential lots are priced too high with too many restrictive covenants. Property taxes are way too high
- \*Bring in more restaurants, sonic would be great. More shopping, new blood (ideas) on city Council. OB/GYN care, quality eyecare, children dentists
- \*Fix streets, underground electrical, more landscaping,
- \*Streets are horrible! And force businesses to keep clean grounds and not pile junk up
- \*A community center or swimming pool. Street repair, downtown needs more improvements to make it appealing. Getting better, but still has a long way to go to be updated
- \*Continue town in building appearance improvements especially streets
- \*Yes while I believe it is a safe place to raise a child I believe there should be more for the kids to do to keep them out of trouble
- \*It would be nice if some of the landlords downtown would give a year free rent to future tenants
- \*Healthcare, Sidney needs to bring more specialist doctors to Sidney
- \*Home improvement chain, i.e. Sutherland's, Home Depot, etc.
- \*Street improvements. Shopping, clothing and shoe stores for women and children. Restaurants
- \*Drive to Julesburg and see what a nice looking, clean town they have, keep W. in mind as you drive into Sidney, junk everywhere! Council needs to make ordinances and force them explanation point
- \*More for young people ages 12 to 21. The hot dog/arcade was perfect, rollerskating quit
- \*purchasing new expense of police cars
- \*infrastructure, especially streets. Junk vehicle/heavy equipment lots are getting out of control, have them on East and West entrances to downtown and in central part of town. Need to pass ordinances against this at least requirements for privacy fences, looks bad
- \*more retail stores, more recreational things for kids to do
- \*outside of the obvious ones, no
- \*the streets need repair. Too many new vehicles and employees and not enough output
- \*I think the city deftly needs more retail business. You say shop at home, have no shoe store, not enough women's dress shops, we have one store except Cabello's
- \*Get some shopping areas. Quit spending money/restoring historic sites
- \*Code enforcement not the same for everyone, broken tree branches should be allowed in the illegal pile where grass clippings are
- \*Get rid of \*\*\* and \*\*\* so this town can finally move on with new improvements and stop sucking up to \*\*\*. We need more industry
- \*Cleanup the empty lots in rundown properties in the heart of the town as well as the North Side
- \*I've lived they need to give incentives to existing businesses
- \*More shopping, street repair
- \*Due to the extremes in weather, I believe more indoor recreation opportunities, swimming pool, ice arena etc. would benefit our town
- \*More summer at today's for children
- \*Need to keep current and city manager and economic development in process to attract more businesses to our area
- \*Someone needs to watch code enforcement \*\*\*\* job isn't to just sit in office. During last snow for days \*\*\* city pickup never moved. I am sure codes needed enforced like snow removal or sidewalks

\*A frontage road extension in front of Wal-Mart. One, Access to the hospital when BNSF is on the crossing, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Two, not using taxpayer money to pay someone to please city ordinances. This is a waste of money. Three, we need another or many other kid friendly businesses. The doghouse was a good example. Just a bad location next to a 21 bar. Incentives for small-business

\*Split economic development and city manager job Big conflict of interest

\*Anything to decrease the amount of taxes paid. His wind energy possible? Stop the city from adding hidden taxes, water, sewer, etc. It is believed that the city can cut wasteful spending such as new vehicles can be used longer, every vehicle we get is brand-new. How about a motor pool, not only for cars and trucks but also for tractors and their equipment

\*Economic development. More retail opportunities

\*Better shopping. More business to support community so if Cabela's leaves, town will survive

\*Need more stores, restaurants downtown and out at the interchange

\*We need more shopping/clothing stores, Kohl's, bed Bath and beyond, Christopher and Banks, bath and body works, JCPenney's, Payless shoes. I believe most residents frustrated at having to always travel out of town for shopping. I know I do. Would much rather spend the money in Sidney

\*Taxes and utilities are too high, income from wind turbines or solar panel would help

\*We need to remember we are a small town not Denver, North Platte, Kearny

\*Entertainment options for children, young adults and families. Public transportation to get drunks home safely from the bar

\*Many of the things that inspired above answer aren't properly maintained ( there are some good things here that many towns the size do not have)

\*More options and things to do, more places to eat out at, not fast food! Better movie selection at Fox theater, has been better lately. Indoor lap swimming pool

\*Cleanup the junky business lots leading into town. Enforce nuisance yards/homes/junk. Raise rent on freeloading residents of \*\*\* stay in town if you want to work. If not..... leave

\*Rhodes, job opportunities, apartment availability, downtown area open evenings for convenience, businesses open for a few hours after five

\*A senior citizen center, please

\*Everyone goes elsewhere to shop or for medical needs. Young people leave at first opportunity never to return except to visit relatives. Nothing to draw people to stay.

\*A digital golf simulator at Hillside. It would keep the probe busy with legs throughout the winter and would generate more revenue. The grill would also see a boost through the winter months which might help it stay open.

\*Merchants need to stock more needed items

\*Snow removal, and get on it sooner L17J is usually a nightmare along with all other streets.code enforcement needs to be more uniform

\*Keep the taxes down. With all the taxes we pay, we almost cannot afford to live in Nebraska

\*More job opportunities to provide a livable wage to do so

\*Drug and other counselors to help young kids. Historical buildings fixed up. More shopping, clothes, even at Wal-Mart. Programs to save money, Green building and landscaping more nonprofessional jobs, competition for wages

\*More large name fast food restaurants and stores, like Burger King, Chili's, Blockbuster, Applebee's. Less alcohol events, too much access for teen drinking supported by adults. Headlines for local JC's always features alcohol events. In poor taste as role models for youth. Community center fundraisers have also served alcohol. Oktoberfest is enough

\*Downtown shopping

\*Intersection of 4 City Rd. in S. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. The southbound traffic should be forced to stay in the right lane to permit traffic from Fort Sidney Road to make a left-hand turn onto 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Almost impossible to do during the week at 8 AM 12 and 5 PM

\*Meat industry are small businesses that could have 50 or more people. Good well-paid blue-collar jobs

- \*Need a larger area for the skateboarders and rollerbladers. Many families and seniors cannot afford the fees at the community center
- \*Our streets are awful. It would be great to bring in more business
- \*Indoor public pool, lower taxes, repair streets, improve library, improved shooting park, improve outdoor pool
- \*Streets need fixed. Property tax is way too high! Clean up the area between the old \*\*\* and the train overpass. A bare lot is easier to look at than a whole pile of broken down trucks, trailers, railroad equipment, and other crap
- \*What a book? A book on how not to pursue! Think about it. Are you in business for electricity, water, recycling or health spas
- \*Pool, indoor, more outdoor activities and winter activities

## Central Section of Sidney

- \*More shopping options, more activities
- \*Not drawing in tons of people and businesses would be nice
- \*More places to eat out, that are affordable with families. \*\*\* has not much competition, the \*\* \*\*\* too expensive with kids family of five or more
- \*Jobs available needs more industrial opportunities for employment
- \*Restaurants. Fitness center only rates better/more exercise equipment. Please fix the cluster acts the entrance to Arby's. no one in their right mind would design that
- \*Better swimming pool, heated to a comfortable swimming temperature, better facilities, more attractions, for ideas visit scottsbluff or sterling pools
- \*Much needed dog park and improvement to soccer fields Semi truck traffic and panhandlers around Wal-Mart or a nuisance and eyesore
- \*Streets need to be fixed
- \*Downtown improvement. Need some shopping for department store, men's, women and children
- \*More jobs, street repairs
- \*Indoor swimming pool
- \*Need better jobs other than Cabela's, Wal-Mart and fast food
- \*Clean up the town, fix the streets
- \*W continue to support WNCC a real asset to the community
- \*Needs a fine arts Center
- \*We simply need more to do, so many people go out of town for recreational activities. Also, we need something better for the animals. The saddle club is a big dump and we need a dog park
- \*Clean both east and W. Ends of Hwy. 30
- \*No
- \*We need to keep our ears open for eateries in town and cleanup on codes with the car and junk piles in town, there is a junk yard already
- \*Small-town women's clothing stores. Lower taxes
- \*Jobs
- \*Restrooms at the WNCC and of the trail. Potholes/streets to be replaced = 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. town soof Sonny's. 13<sup>th</sup> and Newton is a terrible intersection. Railroad crossings on 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
- \*Appearance and streets. When you come into town from the West its looks like a junkyard, semi trailers etc. nice school but when you drive by the hit five potholes
- \*downtown development
- \*More kids activities, more family related activities
- \*We need to have more shopping in downtown. Cleanup the dog do on the walking trails. People need to clean up after their animals
- \*Stop benchmarking to adequate, go for excellence
- \*Home Recycling pickup

- \*Reduced taxes
- \*Extend trails, more things for young people, to do, indoor swimming pool
- \*More retail opportunities, more dining opportunities. More supermarket opportunities. There are no choices
- \*Town needs some business downtown or downtown has nothing which forces people to shop out of town
- \*Yes
- \*A good drug treatment center again
- \*Street repairs and upkeep
- \*The streets really need work. My car really takes a beating when driving on these roads
- \*Town needs more places to shop such as clothing and etc. That is why so many people go out of town to do their shopping
- \*Yes, new shopping areas. Restaurants, etc. activities for children to get together
- \*Need more shopping
- \*Lower property tax, get businesses and empty buildings downtown, better shopping
- \*Encourage new chain restaurants, fast and dine in; sequence or synchronized downtown traffic lights, review and possible after major thoroughfare speed limits
- \*Town needs to improve their side streets. There are way too many potholes. I also feel that Town could benefit in indoor pool. It would be used by all ages and would be an added selling point to newcomers
- \*Better street and the people need to work a little harder and not goof off, some answer question, right, not just a later dates if work on street got a whole across from it fill it
- \*Downtown businesses
- \*The swimming pool. The park.
- \*At least one fast food in town
- \*Need to fix alley too much water holes
- \*Lower real estate taxes, see street maintenance
- \*Streets
- \*We need downtown hamburger/ice cream/family restaurants
- \*Expand the history of Town
- \*More open jobs
- \*Street improvements, rail crossings, fill potholes
- \*There seems to be a lot of clothes boarded up businesses that need to be cleaned up, maybe some sort of rent deal to give incentive for new businesses
- \*More flame at a fire wage and lower the cost of living. Lower homeowner tax and sales tax. Treat the hard water problem or provide water softener aid, fix the potholes in the streets
- \*More information about town events
- \*I think they need to build more baseball fields the(?) one are okay but they need update with new fields the old one could be used to practice
- \*Not at this time
- \*Need to encourage more downtown retail stores
- \*It's just a change of times, businesses have gotten so large that small towns cannot support them. I remember as a child, 30s and 40s in Town, on Saturday you could not find a place to park. It is a ghost town now, on Saturday. Penny's and all their competitors did great, but have gotten so big to compete with the others they would not consider us at all
- \*Build a dam turning bogs and make a lake
- \*Improved snow removal. Have not seen a snow plow on our street in two and a half years, 1500 block of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- \*Streets
- \*More restaurants and shopping downtown
- \*Control of pigeons and keys



\*Upgrade Street maintenance and electrical service, has been put off too many years. Monies directed elsewhere, personal pockets and fun travel and adventure

\*Streets

\*Increased economic opportunities, more retail

\*Continued efforts towards street repair, unique downtown businesses

\*More recreational opportunities for young teenagers in people from ages 25 to 35

\*Business downtown, nothing now for people to shop

\*Control spending

\*Town needs to improve its tax situation. Stop spending until some things are paid

\*Lower property taxes

\*Need to haul lawn clippings to the compost area. Would save many vehicles and gas hauling to compost areas

\*More affordable housing, street maintenance

\*Reduce property taxes. Attract other businesses that offer career oriented, full-time positions like additional manufacturing facilities and/or corporate headquarters. We are too dependent economically on one company, Cabela's

\*Because no one including myself likes to pay taxes we keep ours low and it costs us money on federal and state level. I wished current city Council would just raise the property tax rate and get our streets fixed

\*We need to be able to lawfully forced residents to remove the junk from their yards, business. Council members need to set a good example! We need a better connection between Interstate 80 and downtown

\*Streets, forget the trail as I've seen city trucks, crew cab, driving on trail as well as a city police car. Not no motorized vehicles are allowed on trail

\*Streets. Forget about the trail to Cabela's, spend the money where it will do the most good for all. A lot of people do not go for walks. Why can't they walk around town

\*Extend the walk/bike path

\*Recreational. Historical. Pride

\*Not keep adding debt fees etc. to our utility bills

\*The streets are bad. Getting the ice and snow removed northside Catholic Church. The drainage is bad. Move the ice skating rink to a level part of the park

\*None

\*Dog Park. More opportunities/activities, dining, entertainment, shopping

\*Work on the streets

\*In light of top economic times I'm not for spending your tax dollars. Of anything if taxes can be lowered would be great

\*More participation of residence for the programs presented byWOW and High Plains arts Council. I see very few of our Council members attending, there is a lot offered residents will take advantage of the programs

\* We need the streets fixed. The potholes are terrible. We do not need direct ways on the downtown streets, we need the streets repaired so they are drivable. Also, the snow removal is not good. We need to see the street department improve

\*Homestyle ethics

\*The sidewalks are mostly terrible and vacant lots need cleaning. No women clothing stores downtown

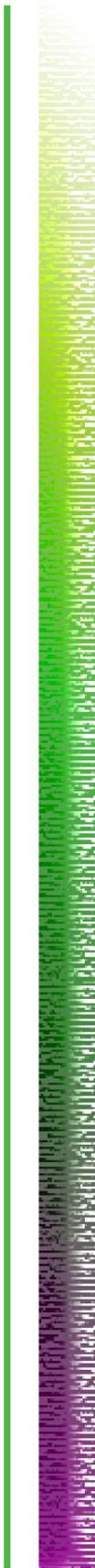
\*Cheaper utilities and cheaper taxes on property and vehicles

\*Town needs to be a more affordable place to live. Housing prices are beyond ridiculous

\*Sidewalk improvement in the older parts of town would be very nice including handicap access on all corners from where we live, I cannot even let my kids walk to school because of lack of sidewalks

\*Taxes are still too high, some improvements will increase taxes and therefore I am against that

\*Need more recreational activities for all age groups. We need more choices and shopping. Our taxes and utilities are too high



- \*Tax reductions
- \*Our city manager does a good job of keeping business coming to Town
- \*More jobs and companies coming here
- \*More companies, factories, industries, shops will provide opportunities, more trees
- \*Some, now get property owners to clean up their places. Like the \*\*\* area
- \*I admire the Gold Rush committee and others who work to preserve and capitalize on Town's colorful past
- \*Indoor pool would be great. It would also be nice if you could buy a season pass to the outdoor pool. It is the only pool I've ever known that you could not buy a pass
- \*Sidewalks are very uneven and nonexistent in many places
- \*The mob(?) personnel needs to be a lot more friendly, do not speak(?) Acknowledge(?) you or nothing. Both(?) moles (?) or the worst females are pretty good
- \*More large retail stores
- \*Need a paintball course
- \*More senior citizen activities
- \*I am sure
- \*Street repair needs to be considered. Truck routes should be created and enforced to reduce heavy traffic on residential streets
- \*Cleanup old entries into town! More sit down good restaurants, clothing and shoe stores
- \*Downtown shopping
- \*Incentives to/for local businesses trying to survive
- \*More outdoor attractions
- \*Outlets for Twain's and teens. Recreational areas for them, arcade, skating rink etc.
- \*Enforcement of noise ordinance on loud, baaa, car stereos. They are a grave invasion of my right to peace and sense of well-being, [www.lowertheboom.org](http://www.lowertheboom.org)
- \*More business
- \*Property taxes are too high. The smaller Strachan in town seemed to make do with older and less equipment. Maybe we could learn from this. In every city employee needs their own vehicle and I cannot remember the last time that I passed one older than the one that I was driving
- \*Why is one of the roads to the hospital not on emergency snow route. Apparently it is more important to get downtown than it is to get to the hospital
- \*Improvements to things that matter like streets and electrical infrastructure area not wasting money on extending bike and walk pass. Just because a prominent business wants extension have the landfill open use extension
- \*A strong push to fix the streets and railroad crossings in town. Get rid of the junk yard at \*\*\* and Illinois is the first thing you see coming into town
- \*More higher paying jobs, street repair
- \*Bringing activities in winter, give kids something to do, lower property taxes
- \*Cleanup, follow-through with things that you start
- \*The streets are in need of resurfacing, our budget needs to reflect the fact that our streets need attention
- \*Streets are terrible. Plow the snow to the curb or shoulder instead of metal, then pick it up. The runoff when the snow is in the middle freezes and bus up to streets. Also, it would help if the plows were actually help and plowed the streets before the traffic drives on them
- \*To find out a better way to patch potholes, need to square out and level the bottom so the patching stay in
- \*More company to come in to increase base pay
- \*Stay progressive, expand the library
- \*Offer downtown building owners incentives to rehab their second floor spaces into usable retail or living spaces
- \*Tax is way too high on property
- \*Senior citizen housing for those with above poverty incomes
- \*More decent places to eat, Applebee's, pizza

## \*Growth

- \*The city needs to improve on using the history of Town to attract tourism. Examples, use history for the haunted house
- \*Most, jobs are at the low end, people cannot afford to send Town as taxes are too high
- \*Attract more quality restaurants, recreational opportunities and family activities
- \*See front
- \*The road going out to Cabela's at stoplight is impossible at 7:45 AM Monday to Friday. The split, divide, needs to be further north. Hard to get on at stop sign from Fort Town Road
- \*An indoor swimming pool and more workout items at the community center or a larger area upstairs for working part
- \*Absolutely hate \*\*\*. They grossly overcharge and (?) to reach someone by phone/fax/mail or e-mail is damned near impossible. I wish everything was electric. Gas...boo! Solar/electric...yeah!!
- \*More grant funding
- \*Continue to attract new industry/businesses. Build an indoor pool on East and of the community center
- \*Attract new businesses so it would attract young people to stay in Town. We need new restaurants with better management and quality of food e.g. Olive Garden, red lobster etc.
- \*Would love to see the price of housing come down, but that would be a market correction, out of the hands of the city
- \*Streets are horrible, fix my street lights that have been out for months, Deborah Drive, Street improvements!
- \*More options for youth activities in winter
- \*Get the trucks of the Wal-Mart parking lot. They are tearing up the streets
- \*I believe Sidney needs to hold the owners of dilapidated homes/buildings accountable to be refurbished or torn down
- \*Businesses with a higher pay scale
- \*National chain restaurant/bar, such as Applebee's, Chili's etc. that moderate income families could enjoy and afford. Intersection of 35 in Old Post Rd., Eastside, Wal-Mart, is a very unsafe and congested, needs widened, service road, Arby's, rerouted etc.
- \*No
- \*Property tax is too high
- \*A small clothing store would be nice, one that affordable for older people and accessible. Not so many (?) stores
- \*Lower real estate taxes
- \*Chain city leaders
- \*Better streets/sidewalks/gutters
- \*Are we doing all necessary to get business here or are we too concerned with the salary scale going up on existing business. If the jobs and pay were here people would come
- \*Public transportation for evenings and weekends. They walk bridge from north side of town over Yuki tracks close to schools 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Splash pad. Close North and South schools and rebuild
- \*More recreational activities for kids to do, arcade, indoor swimming
- \*Continue regular maintenance schedules so things don't get too far behind
- \*Better job opportunities
- \*Need indoor pool for winter, streets need to be cleaned during snow time, some streets do not get touched at all like ,Beverly, Deborah, Lucille, 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and so on
- \*Cleanup the junky properties and junk around houses and around town specially as you coming into Town
- \*Roads, recycling pickup program, better plan for dumping grass clippings, like pickup. Get \*\*\* to do her job and get some of those dumpy houses with 5 foot weeds cleaned up. do something about \*\*\*, why make rules if you do not enforce them?
- \*Clean up yards. Keep lawns mowed in weeds taking care of! \*\*\*! Puncture weeds and dandelions. Promote city happenings/people, business within the city, all
- \*Quit harassing residents about the care of their property, they paid for it, do not make more people hurt with the economy

- \*Better snow removing from street. Better street machines patched potholes and deweeding
- \*Especially street repair, unsightly areas and some better zoning, specially in housing areas. More low income housing for seniors
- \*Noise control, train whistles, dogs, people need to be more considerate
- \*I think we need to quit going after grants and using our money to match grants instead of using our money for keeping infrastructure up-to-date such as streets, water system, city property. Free money is not free leads to more taxes
- \*Indoor/outdoor swimming pool connected to the community center. Get rid of all the junk cars and lots of junk in the town, also clean up the east and west entrances to Town
- \*More for seniors
- \*More things for young kids to do. More stores for clothing and shoes
- \*Need to have people running the city that does not think they have everything you can keep spending money like we all have it these extra fees and taxes are killing residents budgets and savings
- \*Need to cleanup junk that litters every entry into town. Better and more pedestrian and bike railroad crossing. Very dangerous for kids on bikes
- \*Women's clothing store, light manufacturing and assemble. Business center that is open early and weekends and late not 9-to-5. Transportation that operates evenings and weekends! More trees
- \*Do funding drives instead of more taxes
- \*Indoor swimming pool, boys/girls club a YMCA type facility for kids
- \*Streets and sidewalk need lots of work
- \*We need retail stores, lumber stores, etc. on Saturday when a lot of people are off work most stores are closed, local, not Wal-Mart when they made this swimming pool it should have been an indoor swimming pool
- \*Council needs to get on the ball and do something about cost of living. We go to Colorado to fill tank for gas, shop and sterling Colorado, much cheaper than Town also go to Wyoming.
- \*Enforce the laws that are on the books, such as residents are supposed to clean the sidewalks of snow, some do, some do not grade those who do not clear the snow thereby causing danger to Walker's. Those who do not clear or walks should be fined
- \*Taxes need to stay in Town otherwise the property taxes will make this town unattractive to move to our live-in
- \*Humane animal shelter and rescue facilities. Senior activities and facilities at the community center
- \*I think Gary person does a good job with this
- \*More industry would lead to more population, and better opportunities for everyone
- \*Need more doctors, specialists. Need a women's store
- \*I think they should redirect its tracks outside of town. They contribute nothing to the community and detract greatly! Leave the city manager alone and deal with the business of improving the community. Cut down on city vehicles
- \*We need few new council members, three with fewer agendas
- \*Fixed the city Council mess, a tough item for new people in town to understand
- \*Music venues, air taxi are selected charter air service to the east in Denver/Salt Lake. Better dining facilities
- \*Cleanup high with 30 entrances to town. Is it a contest to see which side can be the tackiest? They both win
- \*Clean house, get rid of all five council members and start over again. The voters of Town are tired of all the bickering
- \*Animal shelter! Swimming pool, we had a visitor here for two weeks and he drove to sterling every day so he could use the pool there because the one in Town was not big enough and was like a kiddie pool
- \*Yes, the downtown is very ugly, especially for being historic. Town needs to tell the story that claims itself as being historic. Storefronts need to improve as well as sidewalks. Add lights, flower boxes, music, etc. Do research! There are small towns everywhere that accomplish this

\*Too much emphasis on economic development and higher taxes. Way too much. A town should grow organically, not by force in catering to people associated with \*\*\*. That is so counterproductive and high-handed. Relieve tax burden. \*\*\* needs to get a life when he talks about increasing taxes. \*\*\* can not feel punch but he loves to pinch us

\*Too many employees, not enough work, with all the driving around

\*Too many drug dealers lurking around

\*You are trying but somehow lower real estate taxes

\*None

\*Need better roads, trails, more, and improve the overall appearance of the town

\*Street improvement

\*The shopping is poor for retail, mostly in women's, teens and children. I know they have tried before to only want to carry the high dollar items that if you can afford. Town is one of the highest property taxes towns I know of. We have family in CA, OK, IA. SD, FL whose taxes on same or larger homes and their taxes are lower

\*I would love to see us upgrade the pool, have more water play equipment, a slide, a fountain to play under

\*Improve business, shopping and spore, cannot shop at home because there are no businesses

\*Streets and sidewalks need fixed, stop the chaos(?) in city. Will for repairs, we should not be charged for the improvements that needed to be fixed years ago

\*More high-paying jobs

\*More food outlets and things to do

\*Fort Town area needs improvement. Alley east of fifth Avenue is awful! kids made big holes, with four wheelers and motorcycles, and are about 1 to 2 feet deep! Afraid to drive down alley as make it flat tire. \*\* is on \*\*\* and Illinois and it looks like Sidney salvage yard coming in from east to town! Why did City allow him to do this! Eye-sore

\*Need more things to do. Population needs to grow and businesses need to come here. If there was more to get involved in people would not focus on living a high school mentality and Phil town with gossip and negativity. Town is a community in a bubble from the outside world which has more disadvantages than advantages. Town needs some new blood

\*Town needs more cultural opportunities for its citizens, to encourage diversity and acceptance. I also believe that WNCC could use the support of the city in pushing wind mill maintenance education programs.

\*Bring in a Chili's or Applebee's Perkins is good but it gets old

\*Citizens need to elect a council that will move as for and invest in our future, not drag us into the dark ages and make us a ghost town. We as a town need to pursue a council that will bring us together and have the best intentions on making this a place people want to stay and grow a family and move business here

\*How about a sonic drive-in where a Chili's? Or something to a Chili's

\*More things for kids like skate land, funplex for older kids

\*Rhodes seemed to be the biggest area of improvement. When there is construction, it seems to take six months to get work on one section of the road, while potholes in normal asphalt maintenance or ignored. There also should be in overpass for the North side. There should be more than one way across the tracks, flooding of underpass etc. main roads need to be addressed by it actual streets and residential property that sits along them streets. We need to get the downtown buildings filled or it will become more of a maintenance nightmare

\*Street repair, maintenance and snow removal

\*Taxes too high for services received, cops drive too fast in residential areas, and write tickets for dumb things

\*Citywide high-speed Internet offered as a city utility

\*Lower the extortion called taxes. Skate park is a joke, feel like we live in a police state with so many local, county and state officers on the street

\*Get rid of the eyesores at each end of town. \*\*\*, they have no pride in Town at all. \*\*\*, \*\*\*, no excuse for the junk they have got laying around. Really makes folks proud to be from Town. These folks could pack up and leave town and nobody would miss them

\*Tax reductions

- \*Need to improve the help at the \*\*\*in the \*\*\*. I was in there a few days ago to \*\*\* and they were standing around doing nothing may be wait 40 minutes before I got helped and they all just looked at me. I guess it depends on who you are. Those \*\*\* in there are very rude when they do finally help you
- \*Giving new businesses rent in tax-free opportunities are great but you have to remember, somebody has to still pay for them, you are killing already established businesses
- \*Need an indoor swimming pool
- \*Close off 10<sup>th</sup> St. by railroad and turn into a Street Mall like 16<sup>th</sup> St., Mall in Denver, you could have festivals, street dances, promote community and downtown businesses
- \*Town needs to clean up their act for spending money recklessly, like the new signs around Town, what a waste!
- \*Focus on drug problem
- \*Long-term strategic plan for roads, infrastructure, etc. what will her town look like in five, 10, 20 years? Where should we have residential versus commercial How will we flow traffic better from town to interchange. Need to expand Park Lane Dr. or College drive to the east offering another, more direct route to interchange would alleviate traffic, congestion on Fort Town Road
- \*We need to figure out how to track. There are too many empty stores. I wish we hadn't lost the Hallmark store. Also, I think we need a couple more apartment buildings like Crestview. Some people do not want to own a home and have all the responsibilities of owning a home. Rentals are hard to find especially if you have a pet
- \*One, our person in charge of economic opportunities is doing an excellent job. . People in town have a very negative attitude about the town area did I wish that could be changed and we had more positive presentation to others about our town
- \*The town of Sidney should not determine its improvements by Cabela's standards
- \*Town needs a woman's clothing store, maybe more than one. No place to shop for close except Wal-Mart or Cabela's
- \*The narrow-minded nature of some of our councilman. The high property taxes, as a whole, not just the city portion
- \*Town needs to pursue bringing in better choice of shopping for women's and children's clothing and shoes. We have an excellent men's store, only \*\*\* and \*\*\* poor quality for women and children
- \*An arts center would be a nice addition. Local government working together rather than squabbling over nonprogressive issues.
- \*Cleaner, affordable places to live, taxes are so high here
- \*I said on the other side, indoor walking for low income elders
- \*More stores, too bad someone did not take over the arcade
- \*Too many junk vehicle on the east and west end of town. To invite people to Town need to clean up the town and the homes to messy in the neighborhoods
- \*Attract tax paying entities not TIFs. Most local, small biz, need to pay decent wages, they do not. Two new business in February, both located out of Town tax district, good move Gary and Don. Really good move
- \*City police, better communication with the public, big drug problems, clean the city up
- \*Businesses give a reward to loyal customers, not just new customers. Lower taxes. Solve own problems not use other communities solutions. More cooperation so families can spend more time together excluding school activities. Bring generations together. Discipline at schools needs to improve. Schedule activities so there are free days for families to spend together
- \*Tourism, recreation. Perhaps a theme park of the old West by the interstate, a go kart Raceway, but put golf all could go by the Interstate 80 interchange. Paddle boats in the park
- \*No comment above. Continued effort to expand the need companies recently announced and through the SIP panel company develop the city industrial park
- \*Improvement would entertain more and better maintenance of streets. We have too much talk of new fix. What we have with more or better repairs more effort and pride in fix to be better at best cost not always used cheapest but what lasts

\*I think the junkyard mentality of many residents needs to be adjusted. Take care of the property and houses. Additionally, outskirts of town, especially E. On Hwy. 30, are now junkyards. What a great thing to see driving into Town

\*Indoor swimming pool, so we would not have to drive to sterling in the winter

\*More restaurants, more shopping, clothes, sporting goods, general. More corporations. Better community center, expensive compared to other locations

\*Just need to keep working on economic development. We need to get Town to grow to around 10,000 people, it would bring more shopping, more recreational opportunities

\*Need to have more job opportunities. There is nothing to do for family entertainment

\*We need more and better restaurants. Like a Chili's, Applebee's type. We need another pizza type restaurant.

We are all tired of \*\*\*. New outdoor pool complex and CCCC have an indoor pool

\*Expansion of deadwood Trail, south and north, discontinue wasted effort and expense on ice skating rink no one uses. Make a commitment to replace streets that are beyond repair over 7 to 10 years, priority to those around schools, medical facilities, and other places where potential employees and new citizens will tour. Zone all properties on thorough fairs leading into town such that vehicles, equipment, salvage, etc. cannot be collected, abandoned, and seen from the road

\*Get rid of \*\*\*, get someone who knows something

\*I would like to see the railroad crossing be moved outside city limits e.g. Basset Nebraska, they turned the railroad lines into a walking path, it is so nice not to have the noise of the trains in town and the inconvenience of the railroad crossings

\*Downtown shopping would be great, hard to compete with Wal-Mart and Cabela's. specialty shops would be great, take clues fromBookeeps. Use our historic features to our advantage. Antique shops, maybe a series of them, would help bring shoppers downtown and into town

\*Many, higher wages, lower taxes

\*Garbage rates should be figured on number of people using and household, example senior citizens on limited incomes. Find it hard to pay bills.CC haveCC becomes self supportive. Senior citizens need their own center

\*Improved outdoor opportunities, biking/hiking trails, create a better ice rink experience, have a parts in rec department, whose summer activities for youth and adults, provide part-time jobs are returning college kids. Arts, crafts, sports etc. Small fee to participate to find the program. I would apply for that job

\*Stop catering to \*\*\* and start concentrating on the individual people. Get rid of \*\*\* is hurting this town. The Mayor should be elected by the people not the city Council

\*Indoor swimming pool, more youth activity opportunities, meet a dog park

\*We need to do more to support the arts instead of everything going for sports. We have enough ballfields. We need to arts Center. I think the city should take over what Jessie Nelson started and finish the renovation of the art center and also preserve the beautiful building

\*Bring in another business, not a drink, restaurant, a real industry. If or should I say when Cabela's leaves the town will perish within a year

\*Continue to keep (??) of medical opportunities

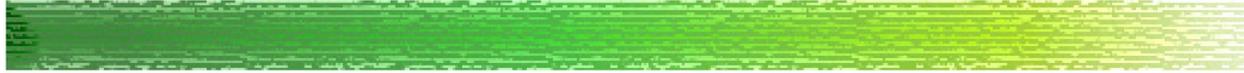
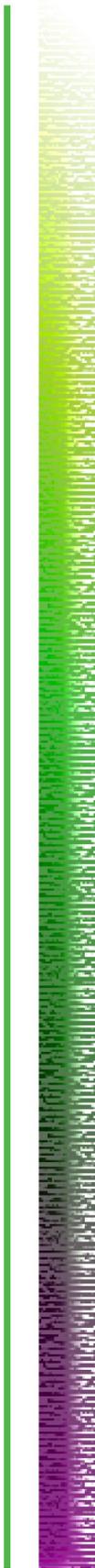
\*Need more senior activities. Since Sidney as second busy highway exit in state an outlet mall development would be nice. No signage encourages traffic downtown. No wonder it is vacant

\*A few more businesses and restaurants. Quit fighting City Hall. Work for the better of our community please

\*Why not, the government has several type phone centers all over the country. Social Security has 37 service centers. That not counting Medicare center

## Sidney North Side

- \*Streets. Yards. Need basic yard and sanitation requirements. Northside looks like a junk yard
- \*Wind turbines for low cost electricity.
- \*All new housing must replace decaying existing housing on north side
- \*Lower taxes that would make older citizens to be able to live better without struggling to pay higher bills
- \*Fast food places in town
- \*Family recreational areas/opportunities, pools, larger/indoor, park areas need to grow with population
- \*Streets are terrible
- \*To get the library the funding it needs to complete improvements
- \*Streets, the facing of our downtown is a cluster of eras. Looks like \*\*\*
- \*Anything to improve the town. We need recreational activities for adults and children that do not include bars
- \*Streets
- \*More policing of our streets are necessary, for the kids are not getting the policing at home. Instead of wasting money on trails let us fix our streets
- \*Sidney needs to lower the prices of their services. Do away with KN Energy's distribution charges
- \*A lot more activities for kids
- \*Streets, sidewalks
- \*We need more shopping and eating establishments. Sidney also needs to get a street sweeper out and clean the streets on a regular basis. They should also keep trees in the alleys once a year. Trash men should be reporting that alleys that are difficult to drive through
- \*Maybe have less bars and more good entertainment in town. Such as pool hall, go kart center, mini golf, something more for families or people who do not drink or not into sports so much
- \*A walkway over railroad tracks, produce more jobs
- \*The North side could see some improvements
- \*More grocery stores, filled downtown storefronts, some yards need to be cleaned up. Dogs, loose and barking, need to be controlled
- \*Property taxes are too high
- \*More middle-class housing
- \*More shopping and more recreation
- \*Anyone traveling into Sidney on Highway 30 from the West and from the east can not save the hospital signs well, and there is not enough of them
- \*The streets are bad all over town but you people only fixed the ones downtown or on the south side, not the north side
- \*Indoor pool, more child activity
- \*The kids need more to do, like a skating rink or an arcade. The movies are just too expensive for them to go to frequently
- \*No
- \*Nice to fire at least for dirty cops. They take bribes and use law enforcement nly on the ones they want. The evidence room is missing items. And some is replaced with fake items
- \*Enforcement control needs improvement, don't be so worried about offending people. No control over dogs and no control over yards being cleaned up
- \*Lower taxes and utilities
- \*City of Sidney pound needs to be in the city limits, it is in the residence of Sidney who have to pay for their animals and the current pound does not pay city taxes
- \*Better snow removal in street repairs. I believe property taxes are way too high
- \*Street repairs, reviews owning. Too many unsightly areas
- \*Maybe some entertaining places
- \*The cost of community Center and other recreation

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- \*Small animal vet clinic, computer shop, new, used, repairs
  - \*No
  - \*I believe Sidney needs to slow down on all of the improvements made, so that taxpayers can catch up
  - \*Improve streets and cleanup town
  - \*Stop trying to be like other cities outside western Nebraska, like California weighs our New York ways like renters taxes are work taxes in Sidney Nebraska
  - \*Indoor swimming pool and sauna as part of community Center. More family restaurants/activities
  - \*Need more recreational opportunities for kids
  - \*Make neighbors clean up yards. Next door to me it looks like a junkyard, makes the value of my place also coming into town either from East or West
  - \*Leave the downtown area alone, do not fill in Main Street was silly planters and benches that narrow the streets such as North Platte, we want drivable streets not roundabouts and other wasteful obstacles
  - \*Jobs, public attractions so that we keep stores open
  - \*More entertainment, more things to do
  - \*More job opportunities
  - \*More stores with good hours for working people
  - \*Lower taxes, fix streets, bring in more businesses, clean up the town
  - \*Yes we need good paying jobs, a living wage
  - \*More recreational things to do. That do not cost a small fortune
  - \*Need to get rid of Gary Pearson, he is money hungry
  - \*More restaurants
  - \*Yes
  - \*Make the community center more affordable
  - \*I think we need more businesses in town to improve job opportunities and to lower taxes they are too high
  - \*Having \*\*\*\*pay taxes on their home now not after they are donating, the money could help the city's financial problems
  - \*Get taxes lower on senior citizens like other places have
  - \*The streets in the community are generally in poor condition. The streets say all ought for Sidney. They should be improved. Also there are a lot of poorly kept homes in town. They seem to have a lot of old cars or unsightly items exposed.
  - \*The city Council. They are emulating the current Congress. Not fiscally responsible. Elitist. Arrogant. Giving themselves raises on a regular basis
  - \*Nor side every area
  - \*More restaurants other businesses
  - \*More job/business opportunities. More action on drug problem. Especially Cheyenne Villa
  - \*I would like to see a North Side Trail and we really need an indoor swimming pool, so students and schools could learn to swim. Many people would use it all year around
  - \*Programs, affordable, for children and teens
  - \*Not too much. I believe we are in the right path and strongly support Gary Person on the job he is doing
  - \*Need to have better shopping so we do not have to drive 100 miles of the time
  - \*Cleaning out Colbert's will help with runoff of water on roads
  - \*Too many empty buildings. Businesses have closed since Wal-Mart moved in, but still thankful for Wal-Mart
  - \*The agreement to the community center was an indoor swimming pool in phase 2. This needs to be completed as per the promise of voters. What an attraction to Sidney it would provide
  - \*We need more shopping opportunities other than Wal-Mart, some that offer quality gifts, women, men, children's quality. Every day and dress clothing and shoes. A really nice family restaurant is clean atmosphere, friendly, service, it is not out of sight in price and is open early to late hours
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- \*We need to repair 90% of the roads in Sidney espresso after the major moisture we have gotten over the last year. We definitely need an indoor pool for year-round pool exercise, lessons and therapy
- \*Give stimulus money to fix streets
- \*Sidney needs more family activities and jobs and shopping. We also need better medical services
- \*Do not know
- \*We need more job opportunities that offer higher wages. Less property taxes! More shopping, chore to go out of town for most purchases, especially clothing, shoes and for the better pricing on most major appliances, furniture, home improvement items
- \*The roads in cleanup should be top on the city list
- \*Hated to see so many of the college classes moved to Scott's Bluff. Taxes are high. If Joe down the street improves his house \$250,000 by 35,000 or house goes up, this is wrong
- \*A new \*\*\*
- \*Decrease in taxes, real estate, gas prices. Competitive shopping, more jobs. City needs to look at the number of employees, do we need as many parks employees in the winter, three or four to work on streets when only one person is actually working. Quit adding additional charges to city Bill that never are removed, like extra water expense
- \*One, indoor pool include Northside in the walking path, paid the dirt roads
- \*Getting illegal drugs off the street would be a good place to start
- \*Jobs, more day care for the low income. A recreation center, for kids that have dances, games, a place they can hang out other than the bars we need to encourage small-business, shoe store, ladies clothing store
- \*Improve healthcare providers/hospital
- \*Better employment opportunities, more industry
- \*Midprice housing under \$100,000, another pass through to Northside, fix the roads. Our property taxes are ridiculous
- \*More businesses downtown. Someplace for her all can come to dance, country style, not just one Sunday a month
- \*Attract new businesses in town. Retain those that open up
- \*More shopping, recreation and fix our streets
- \*Housing for elderly
- \*Pave the gravel streets in town, cut spending, get rid of \*\*\*\*
- \*The streets are a mess. I was born and raised in Sidney, and this is the first time I have ever seen the streets in such bad shape. Fix the streets! We pay very high taxes, where's that money going?
- \*Take better care of streets, do better snow removal for all streets
- \*Cleanup Main Street and entrances to town , \*\*\* \*\*
- \*More jobs. People do not want to work for \*\*\*
- \*It will just raise our taxes and as I get near retirement I will not be able to pay taxes, just like the ridiculous school, it raised my taxes quite a bit
- \*Get the darn trail extended to Interstate 80 Park, and our visitor center could use a nice grass area for visitors to stop and look over our town, maybe bring in a Applebee's or Chili's restaurant
- \*Need something constructive for the kids to do, keep them out of trouble. Not all kids are into sports, community center activities
- \*Something downtown, jobs that pay more than \$10 an hour
- \*Help the teenagers find rides to and from work. The Dare program was great. When new companies come to town getting grants to build a need to hire our local people not bring in outside help
- \*More jobs with better pay not low income jobs at lower wages. Not have one business to keep Sidney alive. Lower taxes in our town. House taxes or wait too high for this area. Also car taxes are high also
- \*Reduce the amount of taxes and try and attract national business be side Cabela's to keep money here locally
- \*Business diversity
- \*Clean up all the junk of both ends of town and cleanup junkyards and houses, Sidney is giving anyone that drives around town it is a junky place to live, not clean town like Chappel

\*North side streets are just nasty, never see the street sweeper on the north side, never see Chip sealing on North side, always on south side

Affordable housing

\*Quit spending money on new vehicles

\*The streets definitely need to be repaired, they are awful

\*There needs to be a place for the teenagers to go

\*They need to get a gas station or convenience store on the north side

\*Yes

\*Recreational facilities for youth. Indoor outdoor pool, afterschool busing, cool kids

\*When they look to hire people, they need to go by experience not by looks alone

\*The property tax is high in Sidney, lowering it would be very attractive to outsiders moving into area

\*Indoor swimming, another exit off the north side, department store downtown

***If you have children who live outside of Sidney, what do you believe could motivate them to move to Sidney?***

## **Sidney Southside**

\*Better job opportunities

\*Nothing. Cost of utilities and taxes in Sidney would keep most people away.

\*Nothing. They are well established in their careers.

\* Nothing outside of family would bring them back.

\*They have great jobs in the city of Omaha. and North Platte NE and we are so glad.

\*None, nothing for them to do for fun

\*More entertainment

\*The type of work they have Sidney could never motivate them to return

\*They are not stupid enough to move to this \*\*\*hole

\*Job opportunities

\*More opportunities

\*Support and promote youth activities Additional recreation which could also provide more youth jobs through employment at these recreational venues

\*Nothing

\*They are established outside of Sidney

\*More job opportunities and more shopping area

\*Better job opportunities and more entertainment

\*Nothing

\*Career opportunities in their field. Possibly schools when children are a factor

\*High technical jobs aren't here

\*Nothing

\*No

\*- Lower taxes, lower fees, better paying jobs, fewer bars and better infrastructure. And in annexation by Wyoming is at all a possibility for the Panhandle, do it.

\*none. What would motivate is to take this?? Wasteland and brain fine arts etc. back to the community not everyone likes football and hunting

\*career opportunities

\*jobs other than Cabell is in fast food. Better facilities for their elementary age children. More places shop other than Wal-Mart, Larry's and Western drugs give shop

\*nuclear holocaust would work! But only if they were on some kind of cleanup crew! Seriously, they would not move back here for any reason

\*I don't

\*I don't think any of my children would move back to Sidney. One reason is we are too far from the sports and arts venues. They can live in a small town to be minutes away from these events

\*Job openings in their particular field

\*Daughter lived in Sidney 1996 to 1998 (age 19 to 21) and found it a dull town in terms of entertainment

\*One friend and family

\*Good jobs, better jobs, higher paying jobs. Good medical services. More cultural activities. More young people. Middle age.

\*At this point nothing

\*Great for married couples, young single parents there is no reason for them to stay. Town just not big enough, not enough to do, theater concerts

\*More job opportunities, more stores

\*Keep working to have jobs for them

\*Business/employment opportunities and affordable 5 to 6 person family homes. They have lived here before and would not come back

\*No children

\*They don't want to come back to small-town. Wages in Sidney don't compare to what they make where they live, you are living expenses in Sidney are higher!

\*Lack of good jobs keeps my kids living in Colorado. (??) not everyone wants to work for \*\*\*or \*\*\*. Especially when they have a masters degree

\*I don't have children living outside of Sidney but the aforementioned would help! It is important to have Sidney be competitive in terms of offerings to young adults and young families as other towns. Look at Stirling Alliance getting Lexington etc. nothing

\*Think there will settle

\*Mine have already said the things they don't want to come back to are: for hospital services, no place to shop but Wal-Mart, Fennny's or Cabela's

\* Nothing

\*There are no jobs except for Cabelas

\*Nothing

\*Nothing, they would not come back, no shopping etc.

\*More things to do on week nights/weekends. Lower taxes, cost of living is outrageous. No one can afford to live in Sidney, pay is low, expenses are higher than other towns/cities

\*More professional or entrepreneurial opportunities

\*Jobs that pay a fair wage. People cannot afford to live on minimum wage or even \$10 an hour. I make \$15 an hour and scrape to survive. Benefits need to be offered

\*Unlikely

\*Nothing

\*Lower taxes

\*Good paying jobs and lower taxes. But her high school sports programs

\*Lower housing and rental costs in line

\*not too many professional jobs in Sidney

\*career opportunities

\*job opportunities

\*job opportunities

\*not one thing

\*lower taxes

- \*what does Sidney have to offer them? College student, graduate, cannot find a career here. Very(?)
- \*there are well-established elsewhere
- \*the right jobs
- \*nothing
- \*they have stated that they will only come back for visits. No opportunities, high taxes and lack of anything to do
- \*better jobs higher wages, more friendly people
- \*no good paying jobs
- \*more jobs
- \*more house rentals, kids can't buy right away, more jobs, Cabela's is basically all people move here for jobs, better shopping
- \*Sidney would need better schools and teachers. Soon he would also need all activities for all ages year-round
- \*Jobs are not here, and if they would come either cost of housing need to go down or employers need to give a cost-of-living raise. This could be a top topic at their monthly business meeting
- \*Places to go to
- \*More employment opportunities. More shopping
- \*Do not have any children
- \*Probably nothing, not much for young families although it is a safe place, taxes are high
- \*Quality jobs so they can make a good living. Clean and appealing community that is aggressive and proactive, continually looking for ways/opportunities to grow jobs, recreation, etc. quality schools that offer a large variety of opportunities for you
- \*Nothing
- \*Same things as listed in reply to first question. New high school
- \*Be realistic about what the average Sidney salaries are. Take the top 20 employees from Cabela's off the average it would show
  
- \*what the average pay really is
- \*Lower taxes
- \*Nothing, they did live here after college for a while but there wasn't enough to do nothing to keep them here
- \*Sorry but... absolutely nothing. They couldn't wait to leave
- \*Nothing, all our employed in good opportunities
- \*Having something to do
- \*Lower taxes, fair housing price is, more variety of restaurants and clothing stores at reasonable prices
- \*Employment opportunities, lower taxes
- \*Already addressed elsewhere. This is where to live if you don't ever want to be prosecuted, courts too lenient and too blind
- \*Only God knows
- \*Jobs that pay well for those who are not outdoor enthusiast or lovers of the Cabela's culture. Bring in new shopping opportunities so we don't have to travel and spend money and other communities
- \*Small-town life
- \*Only employers paying decent wages are Cabela's, local kids do not care to come back to work for \*\*\* due to their burning bridges/lack of support of local employees, laid off to fund the \*\*\*\*. Other decent paying employer is \*\*\*who also has experienced layoffs, even before the present recession. Why move back to be laid off. Need decent paying jobs, with benefits, to entice kids to return
- \*Poor people cannot afford to live here. Losing small-town values. One child laugh due to the people. Employers are caring less about people. Trying to be big town. More stress on jobs for young kids with children, money. High-er out-of-town workers who buy houses out of town and do not pay taxes. Rent high
- \*A decent paying jobs and affordable housing
- \*Job opportunities other than Cabell is in lower taxes

- \*To already live here. We are good
- \*Nothing, the cost of living and taxes are too high, have talked to several people who have moved here from the cities and they cannot believe the high cost of living here i.e. taxes, housing, and city services leave a lot to be desired. Snow removal not good at all
- \*Nothing
- \*We don't
- \*Experiences in larger towns and cities. To realize Sidney isn't so bad
- \*With children or anyone, jobs will bring people. Good health care and day care
- \*Nothing
- \*Pay/cost-of-living. Recreation
- \*Jobs
- \*Jobs, good jobs not with Cabela's. Not everyone hunts. Jobs a bull can use degrees not at Cabela's
- \*Economic development
- \*Reasonable housing and rentals. It is unbelievable that a town the size of Sidney does not have many rentals, and the rentals that are available are out of reason high. Why should everything be income-based? Affordable housing is not over \$100,000 for most people. \*\*\*needs to realize this fact
- \*One, job diversification. Two, sizes Sidney. Three, house pricing to buy is ridiculously high. For, kid friendly businesses something besides the theater. Five, low crime rate is a positive reason. Add more to skate park. Higher pay scale
- \*Better jobs, lower taxes, affordable housing
- \*30,000 more people
- \*More industry for jobs
- \*More economic development
- \*Higher wage job opportunities and people his age to socialize with and activities
- \*You have to make it more to their style of living. They need more shopping that meets their needs. They also need these kind of activities they enjoy and jobs that they are looking for and it is not working for Cabela's
- \*They would not, Cabela says store in both of their areas. East Nebraska in East US coast
- \*They are satisfied where they live. North Platte in Laramie Wyoming
- \*I do not think you could unless they appreciate growing up in a small town. One thing that would make them stop and think is the higher taxes
- \*No comment
- \*Education, employment, wages, housing that is suitable to their needs
- \*Employment/career opportunities
- \*Do not think they would move back as housing is very costly and property taxes are as well. That is why many other people have had to move to Cheyenne Wyoming. I checked out the valuation on \*\*\*, which is in a nice neighborhood and a large home. My home is smaller in need of a lot of repair, on a busy street. \*\*\* taxes are cheaper than mine.
- Very interesting
- \*More business opportunities in engineering, construction, design
- \*I have three kids live in Lincoln, Maybe we could get some kind of roller rink? Not really sure what else just kid oriented stuff
- \*No children
- \*Again more for kids and adults to do
- \*Jobs with pay comparable to what they make elsewhere
- \*Activities for families, restaurants, opportunities for work
- \*Lower taxes, better wages, more businesses, better shopping, bigger business to offer better paying jobs
- \*Few more midsize employers and good paying jobs
- \*Job opportunities
- \*Job opportunities

- \*No children living outside of Sidney
- \*Lower taxes, employment opportunities
- \*Better jobs, lower taxes, more things to do as a family and for kids
- \*Nothing
- \*Decent paying jobs and lower costs toward her housing
- \*Employment opportunities
- \*Nothing, refer to items above. Sidney's appearance has to change to attract new people to our town
- \*Nothing, Sidney cannot compete with city wage scales for professional employment such as architects engineers etc.
- \*More jobs than Cabela's and ADC
- \*Nothing because your \*\*\* are lousy
- \*Higher wages and more assortment of job opportunities
- \*Businesses are job of Cheney's
- \*Two of them already live here and are doing well. My third requires a more academic atmosphere and the amenities of a large city and would not return
- \*Employment opportunities
- \*People are friendly and kind
- \*Good employment
- \*Job opportunities, lower tax
- \*Not applicable, but employment opportunity is the one big asset Sidney has in its favor
- \*More work and job opportunities
- \*Job opportunities other than Cabello's
- \*Nothing, they prefer city living
- \*Family to be near
- \*Additional employment besides the bills
- \*Jobs
- \*Better shopping in downtown, family clothing stores
- \*Recreational opportunities
- \*No
- \*I have one son here but the rest would not come back
- \*Better shopping for women
- \*School, part, housing
- \*Jobs
- \*Better paying jobs
- \*None
- \*Yes, salaries
- \*No
- \*Career opportunities
- \*Apartment complex that is not income-based. It is hard for a single person to rent a place here without paying too much. The apartments are impossible to get in if you have a good job
- \*Not a damn thing! They would be better off left in the country  
my children live throughout Nebraska. All have positive views and the memories, but are apparently happy and established in communities of their choice
- \*if the schools would go back to being a top-notch educational system right now they are more concerned with looks and building structures that the education of students
- \*absolutely nothing
- \*nothing
- \*my children said they would not move back here because there is nothing to do here
- \*reduce property taxes

## Central Section of Sidney

\*No

\*Jobs

\*Jobs

\*I don't think that's possible

\*Higher paying jobs, property taxes are too high! Our daughter and husband live in link in and they say their property taxes are less than Sidney's

\*No

\*Jobs that pay well and not at Cabela's. More security of town if \*\*\* would move out. They hold us hostage. We need more diversity in employment

\*All of the four mentioned likely helps me retain more of the current young people, but you can forget about those over the age of 15, as they have lived here too long and are of the belief that this town is decaying, provides no economic opportunities, presents no social opportunities compared to larger cities

\*Jobs

\*More entertainment and shopping. If you need something besides the essentials you have to go out of town to find it. For example close and shoes

\*It is hard to get them to move back with our high tax rate. That is why we need to work on the above opportunities and improvements. Keep this town growing

\*There is nothing that could be done to bring them back to the small town with its limited services and opportunities

\*More jobs of a higher or better pay scale. Fit into the high cost of living, too many average or low wages, preset scale, everyone agrees to pay a low-wage most employees, all the way from fast food to \*\*\*, low pay

\*Great jobs. If they can make a better living here than elsewhere, they will return

\*Have more fun things for them to do besides go to the bar

\*Better paying jobs, lower taxes. We do not need to get Ridge just have enough to concentrate on the important things in life, faith, values, family and friends.

\*Very little, drug problems

\*Atomic bomb, lovely, allow a new start with town named to \*\*\* after \*\*\* that has already destroyed this town

\*For downtown area there is no major shopping stores. All there is is downtown is a movie theater, hardware store, drugstores, banks and nothing for kids to do

\*I have one son who lives here, six children who do not. Nothing in the world would bring them back

\*Nothing, he lives in Oregon

\*Nothing

\*Employment opportunities

\*More job opportunities with higher wages

\*Better paying jobs, more entertainment

\*Town cannot compete with opportunities outside like places in Colorado

\*I do not know, my kids live in Lincoln. I do not think they would come back here unless they were getting married and were planning a family and wanted a quieter, slower paced lifestyle. At this point they enjoyed all the things, more things to do, shopping, etc. also there are just not enough jobs of higher quality here. They do not want to work at fast food restaurants or Wal-Mart. There is nothing wrong with them, is just not what they want to do

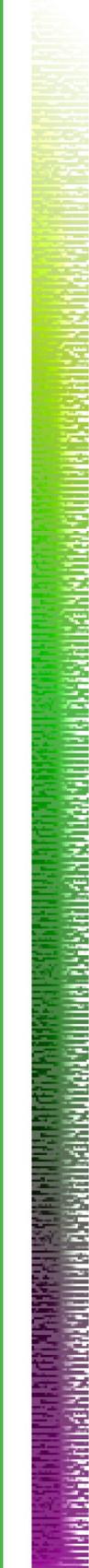
\*It is too expensive, nothing to do

\*Not much really, unless they would want to be rural and leave the big city

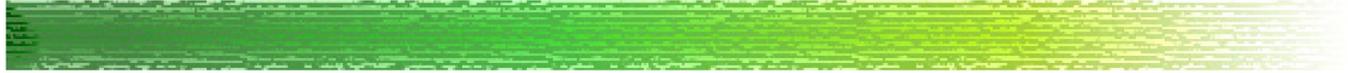
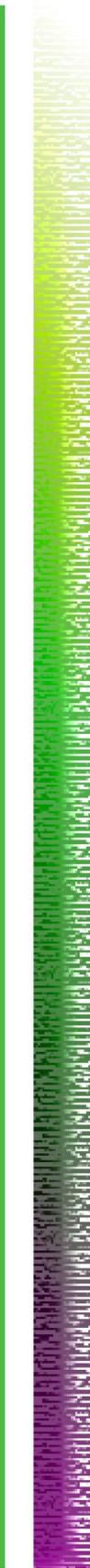
\*Jobs, lower taxes

\*More things for kids to do, no one can afford living here because of the taxes. Town has always been higher than almost anywhere! Property, food, gas, especially now, this is not the time to raise taxes

\*Nothing

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- \*Do not have children, but do not know if there is anything that comes to mind to motivate them to move to Town
  - \*Good jobs and a future with good pay and benefits
  - \*None
  - \*Nothing will bring them here
  - \*More jobs for people with college degrees
  - \*Some of our family has moved back only to leave, often one or two years, mainly because of real estate tax, cost and the lack of finding something to do in free time
  - \*Employment opportunities with higher wage scales
  - \*Better restaurants
  - \*One is moving back. I would love to move back but his profession is not available in Town
  - \*Nothing
  - \*Weather like Southern Arizona
  - \*Schools, job employment
  - \*Quite good schools, close-knit community, strong economy
  - \*We need more job opportunities
  - \*Nothing at this time, city needs to make a complete turnaround
  - \*Quality. affordable housing, wages slashed employment at professional/technical level
  - \*Nothing
  - \*An employer who pays enough to cover their cost of living. With property values going down in property taxes going up, it is tough to impress on them that is a good financial move
  - \*I wish we could, I do not know
  - \*No, they would not move here
  - \*A fair compensation for a well educated employee with years of experience. When \*\*\*found out he was from the area and would have come back, the lowballed him. I have heard of this happening many times before
  - \*Putting the brakes on local expenditures and long time levies. This is an expensive town to live in
  - \*Nothing, move for better employment opportunities. Most companies do not offer good salaries. There are some good salaried jobs, but not many
  - \*Nothing here to come home for
  - \*I do not have
  - \*Nothing. They do not have fond memories of Town or growing up here
  - \*Nothing
  - \*Restaurants/recreation open past 7 PM. More/better shopping
  - \*Lower taxes and fees are just quit raising them
  - \*Not much job opportunities for kids who do not go to college
  - \*Our children still live with us
  - \*Family
  - \*Cleaning up the town, some in the businesses and maybe people would stay in town to do their shopping. It is a Catch-22, if the young people would have incentives to start their own shops
  - \*Knowing that they could find a job and be able to live a good life
  - \*Good paying jobs, more job opportunities, lower taxes
  - \*Need more employment opportunities. Need more fun things for young people, too bad arcade no longer here, they need a place to call their own, not all kids are into sports
  - \*Nothing, they are all settled and happy
  - \*No
  - \*Jobs that would pay more money that could support a family
  - \*Probably not much
  - \*A bigger city staff, malls, theater, food

- \*Lower cost housing, more shopping
- \*Employment in professional field
- \*Good jobs
- \*Less reliance on Cabela's for good jobs
- \*Yes
- \*Nothing
- \*Higher wages
- \*Ample job opportunities
- \*Good paying jobs and lower cost housing
- \*Your housing prices are so far from reality that it forces people to surrounding communities do you think young people with no money will move here? That's pretty simple there
- \*Job opportunity in their career fields
- \*No children
- \*Higher wages, less taxes
- \*All ours live here or nearby
- \*More job opportunities other than restaurants
- \*No comment
- \*Growth, selection/options for shopping, dining, social opportunities
- \*More affordable housing, \$625 a month is not affordable for single people not wanting apartment housing. Start punishing crimes instead of plea bargaining with sex offenders and drug dealers
- \*A great job
- \*Jobs and affordable housing
- \*Hey, entertainment, things to do, without going to the bar, housing, people
- \*High pay scale and lower taxes on homes and real estate, property
- \*Nothing
- \*Jobs with insurance
- \*Jobs, plus higher wages, more stores to shop in
- \*None
- \*A good job
- \*Job opportunities
- \*I believe the federal government and its policies do not favor small towns and small town businesses. They prefer fewer big businesses as they are easier to control. Our children both are employed in the world of big business so doubt they could be enticed to move back
- \*I would not encourage it
- \*Lower-cost housing, jobs, child friendly, and we need to be more tolerant of our young boys example skateboarding and bike riding
- \*Jobs that pay a living income for a family
- \*Town has very little to offer younger generation were born to shop
- \*Jobs
- \*Nothing
- \*The right job
- \*Higher paying jobs, expanded college opportunities
- \*Better starting wage is \$10 or above
- \*More jobs and companies coming here
- \*Would not recommend
- \*Work
- \*More job opportunities, better paying jobs, more affordable housing, not one clue as to how this could be done

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- \*No
  - \*No, live in Colorado and will stay there
  - \*Finally, seeing two more younger families are moving in
  - \*Much lower taxes
  - \*They moved out of town, there was nothing for them to do
  - \*Nothing, their careers not available here
  - \*What would they do?
  - \*More entertainment
  - \*Better pay and better jobs
  - \*Schools
  - \*Nothing
  - \*To go to school here and work for Cabela's
  - \*Jobs, other than Cabela's on again and off again
  - \*Nothing
  - \*Better job opportunities, lower taxes
  - \*Higher pay scale. Chance for advancement in company
  - \*Will never move back, too small, too high of taxes, no entertainment
  - \*Nothing
  - \*I do not want my kids to live here because I think they would struggle financially, more so than other towns
  - \*Their house burning down or other catastrophic circumstances
  - \*Good jobs that provide health insurance benefits. There are not a lot of job opportunities that would pull them here
  - \*Lower taxes, more business in downtown Town
  - \*None
  - \*Lower property taxes
  - \*Nothing
  - \*Opportunities for employment. Lower taxes
  - \*Nothing
  - \*More jobs, better pay
  - \*Job opportunities
  - \*None
  - \*Pay scale would have to be higher
  - \*Nothing
  - \*Jobs
  - \*Lower taxes
  - \*Jobs
  - \*Our son is a musician. Do not think anything could get him here
  - \*Children are still at home
  - \*I believe it is fine how it is, anymore expansion may drive more away and change the whole peaceful feel of the wonderful town
  - \*Nothing could entice them to come back. We are considering moving out because of high taxes
  - \*Wish I had an answer
  - \*Nothing, no jobs for advancement are excellent pay
  - \*I do not
  - \*Economic opportunities
  - \*More businesses downtown, clothing, sewing, variety stores. Too many bars, gas stations
  - \*Stores offering reasonable price close of good quality and size selection
  - \*Pay scale, job opportunities

- \*Only if Town was within two or 3 miles from Omaha or Kansas City. Otherwise it ain't going to happen
- \*Nothing
- \*Nothing, too few opportunities
- \*More things to do and more employment
- \*More recreation opportunity and more places for children and teens. Like after five hour opportunities other than bars
- \*Lower house taxes
- \*Cannot compare to big city

## **Sidney North Side**

- \*Economics
- \*Lower taxes
- \*Not with taxes this high
- \*Nothing. Located in two eastern Nebraska. Spouses have careers not offered in Town
- \*Nothing
- \*Higher wages
- \*Safety, extra curricular activities, school system, friendliness of community
- \*A thriving restaurant/cultural/arts community, continuing in higher education
- \*More opportunities and more activities
- \*Lower taxes
- \*Job opportunities with better pay
- \*Better school structure outside of sports in helping with more community projects for kids, it seems our kids losing the drive to work hard and respecting elders
- \*They say it is too small for them to come back and there are not any job opportunities, provide the jobs and they will come
- \*Schools, community
- \*There is no future here for them
- \*Better wages
- \*None, they have lived other places for 40 years
- \*Higher wages, this town is run like a big city. Lower utilities, the cost of living needs to go down
- \*Job opportunities, more shopping choices
- \*Nothing
- \*Waterslides like Scottsbluff in sterling. Miniature golf, the golf course is too expensive and does not rent golf
- \*Clubs
- \*Jobs!
- \*Job opportunities, nightlife opportunities
- \*No children
- \*Good jobs not eight dollars hour jobs
- \*Some people are working on minimum wage not surviving
- \*Nothing
- \*If I did, I think the only reason they might consider coming back would be the small community
- \*Jobs that pay a decent wage not at the federal poverty level
- \*Variety of Jobs
- \*More and better jobs

- \*More jobs
- \*More jobs that pay more than minimum wage, lower taxes and lower housing
- \*Good jobs, lower property taxes
- \*No children
- \*Jobs that pay well and offer a true honest way to advance with opportunity to grow educationally, clean, safe playgrounds at the parks, family oriented entertainment without all the liquor and booze. What happened to Fort Sidney days? All we have now is the booze centered Oktoberfest
- \*Good entertainment place and they may move back then, but must live in cities for good jobs and benefits
- \*More jobs, full-time with benefits
- \*Yes, jobs
- \*Nothing for teens to do here is their excuse in learning is slower
- \*Employment opportunities
- \*They were glad to leave
- \*Better jobs with good wages
- \*Nothing would motivate them to move to Sidney. They do not like the town. Rent is too high, schools are not good
- \*Nothing
- \*A job that pays a living wage
- \*Housing cost
- \*We only have grade schoolers right now so we do not have to deal with that right now
- \*More jobs
- \*Jobs and pay
- \*Job opportunities
- \*Nothing at present
- \*Lower taxes, lower housing costs, better paying jobs
- \*None
- \*Improvement on law enforcement on drugs and convictions on those who do not obey the laws to be put in jail or prison for long sentences
- \*Price of living too high
- \*Not being turned into CPS all the time in finding out who turns people in without going to court
- \*Jobs
- \*A special needs school for special kids handicapped
- \*Won't happen
- \*My husband and I grew up in this town and moved out when we were 20. The only reason we are back is because he just got out of the military and our families are here. There needs to be more for the younger crowd who is not into the bar scene
- \*Extremely high-paying jobs
- \*Jobs other than Cabell was
- \*None, to higher taxes and other city costs
- \*Calm place not too much traffic like in big cities. Great place to live
- \*Nothing
- \*Better shopping and recreational opportunities
- \*Nothing, they have better jobs and opportunities and cheaper living
- \*Age of retirement to come home. Work available
- \*Good jobs
- \*No
- \*We need more opportunities for people. Not everyone is suited for Cabell is
- \*Less property tax. Affordable housing and good job opportunities

- \*Nothing good line nothing they like where they are
- \*More recreation for them and more jobs that pay more than \$6.15 per hour
- \*Places for them to hang out. Jobs after high school
- \*More job opportunities and entertainment
- \*I would never recommend living here, it costs too much! Taxes are deplorable especially property taxes. Cabela's brought in big wigs, they built big expensive homes, raised everyone's property values then they move away in the values will go down
- \*Nothing
- \*Tenleytown
- \*Better paying jobs
- \*Better job market and housing, shopping
- \*If there is anything to do here or any employment opportunities
- \*Employment that paid a decent wage with benefits
- \*More recreational things to do
- \*Quality jobs
- \*Jobs that pay high wages and also have insurance coverage for families
- \*Nothing, my son refuses to live in what he calls a racist town where you cannot fit in if your parents do not have high-paying jobs \*\*\*
- \*Not much. Lack of shopping, entertainment. There are very few high wage jobs \$50,000 or more
- \*Things for them to do
- \*Nothing, they are content where they are
- \*My son tried to move back to Sidney bulletin able to get a job that paid well enough even though he has a college diploma and a paralegal degree
- \*Job market would have to increase, all year round swim team, girls softball in school
- \*Affordable living and good jobs, one income families seem to be a thing of the past

## Other Comments

### Sidney Southside

- \*The crosswalk on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the park needs improvement. Some of the citizens of Sidney do not stop when the light is flashing yellow to let people cross. I have had cars gun the engine or speed up while I am in the crosswalk would flashing red or solid red light be better. Someone is going to get severely hurt
- \*Seems that there is a conflict of interest going on with three of the city Council members, that is hampering and will hamper Sidney's growth
- \*All in all great place. Just need to remember small-town values the opportunity. I would love to see a shoulder on Fort Sidney Road. I see a lot of people walking, they have to be in the ditch to be safe
- \*I believe it short stop by Wal-Mart. Too many trucks parking, but good money spent at Wal-Mart
- \*Too many old cars and pickups are packed on streets. Many cities have rules requiring that all vehicles are moved at least every 72 hours, except holidays. Such an ordinance would remove most such vehicles and certainly improve the city.
- \*We see plenty of City of Sidney trucks that appear to be just driving around town. They need to be filling the potholes and making intersections passable.
- \*I could go on forever but what the use
- \*City workers are lazy drive around all day watching the clock
- \*Snow removal is a real joke
- \*The City Council and the \*\*\*\* are the worst Sidney has ever had in years
- \*City Council needs to lay off city employees and work together for the good of Sidney

\*Full service gas station would be helpful! Do not build walkway to McDonalds area! Will cause those transients to come into town and be scary for young folks walking! Streets need to be Milled as getting too high for drive-ways and manholes.

\*It seems like whatever \*\*\* want \*\*\* get at our expense. My property taxes are ridiculous

\*If and when the electric lines get buried, how long will it take to get the "unsafe" posts out? We moved to Sidney 35 years ago and the lines were already there We had no choice about where they went. So why do I have to pay to charge them.

\*City employees could use some customer service skills

\*Glad you are doing this survey. Lets see if it helps

\*A nice dress shop downtown for middle age and older women. Moderate price

\*Wal-Mart is killing Sidney. Look at the downtown. Sidney needs to figure out how to keep people shopping local, keeping their money local. Wal-Mart does not keep the money spent store local. Support local businesses

\*I live on dead end Monterey, I have a ditch drainage system in my backyard. It was not maintained, but it was okay. I had lots of trees, I was okay with it. Last spring the city came in and cut down the trees leaving 3 to 4 foot stumps, it has been a year and they did not come back to clean it up. I am very upset that they destroyed the look of my backyard. The stumps true shoots, I now look at 8 foot weeds, the walls of the ditch(20' deep) are eroding because the trees are not protecting the earth. The city said they were going to fill in the ditch, most of my neighbors built 8 foot privacy fences so they do not have to look at the disgusting damage the city did. I however, do not have the money to invest in defense. I want the city to come back and finish what they started! If they do not have the funds to finish something then they should not start a project! This should be the city's first consideration!

\*Finish the projects you haven't before you start more projects

\*Then need more stores to improve like Safeway did, they need to get their prices lower, but it's a pleasure shopping there. They need to get rid of \*\*\* and bring back Alco bring back places like JCPenney's, Sears, Gambles, Greenbus (?), a fabric and yarn store. So people don't always have to find a ride (as in my car) to find even minor merchandise in Scottsbluff or Cheyenne or Denver. We have built a new high school, which is a very big plus, the ice skating rink a plus. We can get by with the trail in walking area we have, the park is beautiful, a plus. An indoor swimming pool would be good. All this a plus for Sidney but we have lost more than we have gained. We definitely need more shopping areas and stores

\*I believe Sidney is a great place to live but I feel we need more businesses stores fast food and restaurants perhaps the major truckstop. This would create more jobs and revenue for our great town, something I strongly feel we need. Also a large truckstop would help out the congestion at Wal-Mart during road closures. This town has great potential. I have lived here twice. I just feel is awful but I have to go out of town to shop my hometown doesn't offer any more such as a pet supply store and a fabric store for a couple of examples. Thank you!

\*I think Sidney has a lot going for it if the city Council who hired to city manager will let him do his job instead of trying to run the city themselves

\*We need more kids entertainment options. We have to go to Denver for any of the options and it is not good. The schools are great there may be opportunities to analyze the big city schools and import this successful curriculum and implement in our town. Thank you on this opportunity to let us participate in this survey and hope that we will more kids entertainment options and community center expansion of AAN indoor swimming pool. Thanks.

\*We have way too much TIF financing for housing, elderly are taxed for school improvement, by those who have children do not and will not pay to school district until they are out of school

\*I think our park is excellent in a great city crew keep it that way

\*Sidney loses so many of the residents to sterling Scottsbluff gering, even Bridgeport when it comes to using parks like the swimming pool. The area communities (go see Alliance) as far and above better services to offer their families than Sidney.. In the summer we go to sterling almost 3 times a week to use their indoor outdoor water park and see numerous Sidney families doing the same. This also causes all these families to spend money and sterling versus Sidney .( IE E. being lunch, shopping, groceries etc.)

- \*Sidney is badly in need in two areas one, in adequate library space, too, wintertime recreation facilities for children. Additions made to community center could solve this need. See suggestions on page 1
- \*Cleanup the \*\*\*junkyard. Anybody else would have been fined and taken to court by now
- \*The Northside Park is a disgrace to the community. Just a few in adequate toys and no restrooms. Seriously there are children who play there also. Neither Park has decent grass. Swimming pool is outdated and really should. be enclosed so that it can be used year-round. Since the city is so worried about money it is time to come into the 20<sup>th</sup> century at least and have an indoor pool. It's too much to ask for them to enter the current century even though his 10 years into it. Kids and adults like to swim even in the winter. An amazing concept for the city I know. Community center is too expensive. No wonder no one joins. The tennis courts are a joke. Might as well get rid of them. The city doesn't maintain them anyway. I know "Lack of Funds" tried and true excuse of the city
- \*When I was a kid living north of Kearney we would go to the park where there was shade over the swings, slide, and merry-go-round where we could play in reasonable comfort. That's what I don't see in this park, shade for the kids. It took my grandchildren in July 09 and everything was too hot to play on and in. You could get burned. So we didn't go back. Find some plants to retard mosquitoes in the pond
- \*Tom and his crew do an above average job and should be commended. The park system has never looked as good as it does now. I have been here all of my 50 years. Great job guys keep it up. Only downfall I see is the geese there cool to look at but are noisy, filthy and sometimes dangerous to younger and older users of park facilities. Thank you for letting me vent my opinions! All in all our little city is still worth all its ups and downs, a great place to live and raise a family area things to all the city and business leaders keep us great.
- \*Please please do not raise our property taxes
- \*Don't think we need walking path added onto. If Walker are bikers want to go further turn around and come back
- \*I believe we are spending too much money and putting in the wrong place for a walking trail especially when very few people will use it. I feel the original place was okay but where the city proposes to put it now is ridiculous. We have we have streets all over town that need repaired or replaced and hundreds of people use them every day but it seems that the trail to Cabela's is more important just for a few people. I believe there needs to be more parking made around the tee ball fields. I think the rest of the horseshoe pits need to be covered. I liked the park, it is nice to walk around at all like to go to Memorial Gardens in Angel of Hope, it is so calming there although I would like to see something done about the geese in the park.
- \*Cindy has been a decent town to live in but the taxes and utility rates are much too high and and I probably will be moving soon
- \*The shooting part is never open
- \*This town definitely needs more to do. It would help keep people here who constantly go out of town every weekend because they are bored here
- \*Picnic covered area is nice. Perhaps to another? Expand pool or attach covered facility? Make skate park larger and move tennis over need to add boot Hill, use funds to implement need to add museums and promote
- \*The trail system is great. The only thing that bothers me is that the geese poop all over the sidewalks around the fishing pond. You have to walk around in between so your shoes don't get soiled. I like walking around the pond but I choose not to because the sidewalk is a mess can sidewalks be cleaned periodically?
- \*Try to raise support/donations are gay community volunteers to keep fund projects as opposed to raising taxes
- \*The T-ball feels would benefit from grass in the outfield. The swimming pool would benefit from lounge chairs and table with umbrellas for shade
- \*The streets are in bad shape. The potholes, cracks. You could ruin your car driving on them
- \*Need to develop the north side and bring it into the "community." It is an treated as an ugly stepchild. By being included a greater sense of pride in self and property may prevail
- \*Feel that there are city department managers that have appeared very arrogant during discussions at the televised council meetings. The majority of citizens strive to be law abiding citizens and good neighbors. Being threatened/ bullied doesn't bring us on board. Has it ever been considered that there may be more ordinances now than the ordinary citizen can keep up with and that city government can explain/define when applying for permits or perhaps even enforce?

\*We are strongly opposed to extend the walking trail up the hill. We realize we will lose the \$500,000 grant as well as over \$80,000 already owed. Maybe the citizens should have been asked before the money was spent? Why have all the planning done for something we don't have the money for, nor the people to use it, nor those that really want it? Let's ask yourselves is this necessary before steps are taken next time. We all need to be more frugal these days. Yes work classified as senior citizens, as income is fixed. Our kids didn't need all the extras people want today, they played in our extra lot with all the neighborhood kids without a coach or referee are criticizing parents. Maybe were offering too much for kids today

\*If the economy ever turns around it might make a lot of difference on how people vote on the survey. All ideas on potential new park uses are great but we cannot afford the taxes is going to take

\*Would love to see an indoor swimming area for community use

\*The lodgepole Valley used camp needs major renovation. We are pursuing that endeavor

\*I honestly just want to know how much money the city wasted on \*\*\*\* new office? I definitely think that someone with a brain would have put the money towards a larger weight room/more racquetball courts. But it does not surprise me that the money was so wastefully used, look who is running the place. The center has ruined adult and youth leagues because \*\*\* is so lazy and does what \*\*\* does to collect a paycheck and not to give adults and kids the best sports programs available. Sidney is to have a summer softball tournament that was booked year-over-year. Now they cannot get more than two teams to sign up because \*\*\* is a joke

\*One, Sidney needs indoor swimming pool. Many people leave town or use hotel pools. Two, it would be nice to have a family pass at the swimming pool

\*We are fortunate to have the new Sidney high school facility. It is a pain new families. Sidney has an excellent city manager and combined with economic developer. As of last week the county sheriff at only three inmates in jail, plus one at a different facility

\*I would like to see some type of solar lights on the trail so it feels safer to use at night

\*You could use basketball court in North side Park and the main park. The cricket field is just another thing that \*\*\* probably wants for their people that come from other countries to work here. Seems that what \*\*\* wants it gets anyway.. More taxes for the city to have to come up with. The streets are not good.. In the summer have weeds growing out of every crack in town makes our city look ragtag. Spray them or burn them out

\*Some very poor decisions have been made. The ice skating pond is despicable. We used to relish the skating on the frozen creek. If Sidney doesn't fix the streets we will turn them into gravel roads almost there now. Too much money is being spent for things that make someone look good, the deadwood Trail is a prime example. Let's get back to real life and take care of what we know, repair, fix, mend

\*The city needs to enforce, fine, penalize people who do not keep up their property and have junk in their yards. Need to reduce gate Park, make it larger and with better equipment. Downtown needs fast food places to eat. Business owners need to be rewarded to try and keep businesses downtown and not on the Hill. Wal-Mart needs to be larger and have more products available like Wal-Mart and sterling. Need another furniture store that isn't as expensive as the one now. A mall would be great.

\*I feel it is vital to the growth and success of our community to have a safe and inviting park system as well. The more activities/recreational things we have available here the better, as long as they are maintained

\*Need to fix up abandoned homes and need to fill in vacant business buildings with new business. Need to pay better wages and local companies need to provide better health insurance to employees

\*It would be nice to have an indoor cement pole at the community center if it isn't too expensive

\*Sidney needs a swimming pool indoors available to all including all incomes. The college are also needs more activities for their students

\*Indoor pool would help greatly, then schools could use it for PE. I have an €11 old can't swim still, training would be great. Give kids more to do in winter, there is nothing for them, basketball courts outside good, many kids parents can afford to be the center. The city pool is way too small it is overpacked in the summer. Chappell has a bigger better pool with slides. We should have more like that or sterling's even. With one ram, they need more ramps, Opal would be good also. Could use another bathroom also buy upon and perhaps on Hill that would make good dog park area fenced some off for it

\*No more grants unless matched by private funds No tax dollars are sales tax dollars were unnecessary thing, like the trail, the bus system. We really need better streets. I can't believe we spend so much on the Trail, parts, pond and have the large potholes. The city manager should listen to the older citizens, we want the spending to stop! Pay the bills. Pay off the water system. Sewage system and no more adding fees to the city bills

\*Dog poop disposal stations, please. Indoor pool would provide much-needed winter recreation. Thank you for asking! This is pointless, your rent do whatever you want, another waste

\*Emmett Clark subdivision was built up so far by an engineer that the runoff floods the houses behind the new houses to the north. No one wants to take responsibility for this mess. Has been taking to city Council meeting and just a lot of talk. It's costing these homeowners lots of money to repair their retaining walls that keep washing out. Also free Church floods and washes dirt into the street, no proper drainage. Another home was flooded last summer because of the new housing going up and no one was looking at the water runoff. Someone needs to take care of these issues

\*You are all worried about the city's appearance. How about cleaning up the west and east entrance to Sidney on US 30. Both are real eyesoars. Most of this is private property and would be of no cost to the city to get cleaned up. The city needs to utilize their manpower more efficiently. They have codes that are not being enforced. For the property taxes I pay, not getting anything in return

\*The community center needs much improvement. Our taxes support the center and still you have to pay to use it. The membership fees are too high, the wages made in this town. They charge too much for the used to play soccer, football and baseball. Families with more than one child should not have to choose a sport to play because they cannot afford them to try all the sports. The center is too overpriced. The golf courses also overpriced. I feel they have priced it this way so they can cater to their special group of people

\*I think Sidney is trying to live like a big town, Denver, on a small town budget. Let us catch up

\*Even though we use the trail, probably way more than the average person, we're concerned about extending it to the interstate. We believe it may allow young children a passage to the interstate area without proper supervision. With the number of travelers that use the interstate this could expose young children to many dangers. We're also concerned that some undesirable people may come from the interstate or via the trail and come in contact with young children heading to the pool, soccer fields, or ballparks. We do not need lights at the soccer fields. Some of the coaches are practicing teams fairly late into the evenings. We do not need to allow them to go even later when the use of the soccer fields are taking place during school months. Taxes aren't savory for too many in the nation, but to be in the desirable locales taxes are the only fair means to generate the necessary funds

\*The indoor swimming pool would be beneficial to every age group in Sidney. Young, mom/child, used, adult, couples, elderly, including extending living and nursing home patients. Schedules could be arranged throughout the week so no person would feel out of place. Our indoor pool is kept well and well managed, but the addition of the indoor pool which show Taligent forward thinking

\*I was born here, left in 1965 because of low income, moved back 1997 to take care of family. In the 50s and 60s this was a great town

\*I wish Sidney had good doctors, one doctor told someone I knew you better see a doctor and a short time later he was found dead

\*Indoor pool would be very beneficial. No cricket field! It would be nice to have walking/jogging trails around the golf course. Not paved. We do not need all of the trails paved. Dirt is fine and good for getting outdoors

\*Don't care what you do just don't raise the taxes are costs is not our fault you waited too long to start doing what should have been started years ago

\*Consider accuracy of historical locations before monetary advantage of location. Before investing in historical building consider if money is well spent when you are monthly discussing city budget cuts and deficits. Also verify historical accuracy

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- \*After 20+ years of living in Sidney where no choice but to move to gain better opportunities. For small town the taxes and cost of living are too high. There are not that many good paying jobs to be had unless you work for Cabela's and they are even letting people go. Our children have nothing they could go do or keep busy but a handful of things. That leads to being bored to do which may not be legal or healthy. Personally I think Sidney has catered to an older group of people not thinking that the young ones will then decided to move away so that children will have more opportunities. Sidney is a nice place to visit and see old friends but we would not move back with our children. If you were just us that would be different
  - \*The threesome of \*\*\* needs to end. They look to what's best for them and their businesses instead of the good of the community
  - \*Please use additional space behind the softball fields as dog park or basketball court. A community center needs to have an indoor pool and better scheduled/organized sports league like volleyball. Games go until 930 which is unnecessary. It is too late for most families and there would be better participation
  - \*One, the salvage yards on highway 30 E. and West should be fenced to block unsightly views. To, clean up south and east corner house and yard on \*\*\* Street
  - \*We do not need any more trails, the one we have is adequate. Should do a traffic count as I see a lot of people still walking in street
  - \*My concern with the dog part is that if we have one Will dogs in the end from other areas. Community center was expanded then expansion is for private use. His rent being paid for that space. Because that space is being used by a private person the cardio equipment wasn't moved as originally planned. The weight area is so congested in places that it is dangerous. Just observations, we are lucky to have the parks in center and these guys do a great job. Sidney is a great place to live and I thank you all for your efforts to make it better
  - \*We need to keep the city manager/city Council form of government. Gary Person must stay, he gets things done. City Council candidates should not run on land, vague platitudes and then spring major changes on the public when they get elected. Hypocrisy is too kind of a word for this action
  - \*Decrease \*\*\* exorbitant salary and could get rid of the water debt fee and the SDD. Shows no sympathy for those lost businesses
  - \*Dump the walking trail
  - \*Mayor: have you ever driven down Trail Road? Due to the inefficiency of \*\*\*, the city of Sidney allowed the contractor to install a street material that did not meet industry standards! Therefore, the street has deep potholes and is now starting to buckle. For the high amount of taxes that Trail Road pays we feel that the comments from the city "the road does not meet our standards, and so we cannot repair it" is unacceptable. Please address this issue. I also feel there's a conflict of interest with \*\*\*. Either keep him as a \*\*\* or \*\*\*, not both
  - \*Place items for improvement on a priority list which includes cost a number of persons involved. Possibly two lists. Expense number operator then match them for feasibility
  - \*We appreciate all that cavities of center does but is just way too costly for a larger family
  - \*They really should look at the trash collection issue. Take surveys to see what people think, or make it an election issue. We are already hauling our own yard waste to the dump so why not have those with excessive ways halt to the dump what they cannot put in their barrel? The Problem is out of control. A responsible cat owners need to be penalized and cats should be wearing a collar just like for dogs
  - \*Swimming pool/outdoor pool is nice. Would like to swim laps and adults doing ours did not work out. Would be nice if they would have evening hours and/or have swimming lanes for swimmers. Indoor pool would be great! The bike trail is great, would love to see it expanded. CCCC is very nice. Like to see a cardio spin class implemented. Bigger indoor track
  - \*Why is a survey being sent to Gering? Is this another waste of our taxpayer dollars? Can't our city employees at the city office tabulate the information? The \*\*\* should be required to pass all necessary testing to hold the position. If not, hire one that can so outside \*\*\*don't need to be hired. Why do all city department heads drive a city vehicle from residents to work? Hopefully they are being charged as income to do so according to IRS laws
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\*Albuquerque New Mexico uses flood canal for soccer fields. Why can't we? We need more doggy station pickups. Need more seating along trails for resting plus more trash cans for doggy do do. Do not need trail to Cabella's, will allow vagrants a direct path into housing area. Plus children out playing. Why wasn't public asked before Grant applied for? Beside, it is too steep. Separate trail on north side fine the but too expensive to join over or under trains. If you cannot afford walk over for schoolchildren why now for walkers? New pond was built to prevent ducks or geese and spend money from tax dollars. Well guess what ducks and geese still use it, fishing not as good as old pond. Skating ring a joke and not family-friendly. No place in part to play now because pond used up the spaces for family gatherings

\*One, I do not believe anything except restrooms should be added to the soccer fields are extending the walking trails, or a dog park, until more restrooms are added to the golf course. Many married couples are paying members of the golf course and feel that restroom locations in amount or an adequate for female guests especially. As a quality of course we have there virtually are no restrooms. people are allowed to drink beer on a city owned golf course. Let's provide relief to golfers so they do not have to pick a tree or bush to go on. Please! My other comment is to require the city to use vehicles that should not be replace for at least 10 years. With the money saved, the street repair budget could move forward without extra taxation. Taxpayers need to pay attention to where her public money is going

\*Someone needs to promote new things for Sidney, like why can't we have an olive garden, old navy, bed Bath and beyond. Why can't we have a Home Depot, Lowes, or a mall of some sort. Why did our city manager/economic man (?) over Cabela's corporate office. why does Sidney favor code violators. Why does Sidney punish citizens for trying. Has anyone wonder why Scottsbluff is bigger and better than Sidney without a major interstate through it

\*The city had better get on top of the graffiti problems are the new games coming to town will ruin this place. Remove it daily. Prosecute persons to the max. No slack! Otherwise these wannabe bad guys will become killers and rapists. Nail them down now, and they will gain respect for themselves and other people's property. If not this place will look like Denver, Dallas, Cheyenne, Albuquerque in a few months. Stop the ice skating rink before somebody gets hurt on the ice and sues the city

\*Do not put trail past soccer field. Two, we already have a dog Park alibi Cemetery. Just enforce the law. Dog owners pick up after your dog. Three, priority number one indoor pool

\*The city needs to be able to go ahead with the senior housing (?) places. Do not have garages are enough handicap parking and heritage does not have washer and dryer spaces in the apartment residents have to go out in bad weather to wash and dry their clothes

\*The refurbishing of the shelter house is much appreciated. Trees and grass are well kept. Good idea to not have a car road all the way through the park. Angel of Hope project and the veterans memorial plaque area are highlights. Keep them safe. Dog parks have proved to be successful in other places. We could try it and see. Dogs need socialization since our city laws keep them fenced or leashed all the time. Soccer fields are important, keep these kids running. Outdoor basketball courts, keep them simple, would be a good idea

\*Having just moved into Sidney, I have noticed a lacking of properly painted markings on city streets, particularly left turning lanes. We rely on these for safety reasons. Another improvement that I think everyone would appreciate, taking care of the potholes by the post office. Appreciate your allowing my opinion with the survey

\*When I moved back here nine years ago I was told by many people that monies had been donated to build an indoor pool, what happened to that monies for this, if this is accurate

\*the city has proven they cannot handle any more improvements. I'm referring to additional facilities. Taxes are too high already and additional improvements will surely mean higher taxes. I would like to see more accountability and openness about the city budget. Where do our tax dollars go? Thank you

\*with the way the country is going I do not think we need to put a lot of money in the recreation, and put our minds on promoting business and jobs, and working on things that we already have in place, such as maintaining these things. I just do not think we can afford needless development. Times are rough in our city needs to remember that and stop spending money and raising taxes to pay for them

\*one of the best stores downtown is a salvation army store, courteous help and good bargain

\*Sidney's Highway 30/Illinois Street is worse than an eyesore on East and West ends of town, junk and equipment etc. get rid of it are high fences you can't see them

\*I am very disappointed about the way things were handled with burying lines. I was told several years ago I had to do it so I did. Now the city is paying part of the expense to do it but won't help those of us who already did it and had to pay for it all. That is very unfair. Then last summer a huge box was placed in my yard. I was assured the lawn would be left as it had been but now most of that strip has lumpy dirt and weeds but not much grass. When I complained I was told it would be fixed but it never was

\*The indoor swimming pool open your round not connected to community center because their fees are too high. A dog park would be okay as long as it is not at one of the city public parks unless there is a designated area a people are going to clean up after their dog, they do not want the walking trails

\*I understand the need to bury electrical lines, and perhaps even the need to share the expense with homeowners, however, not the way the process has been handled. I rent, you have been held responsible for making arrangements on my landlord's behalf, as I was told my power would be cut off if I did not comply. In fact the city has still not even notified my landlord. Also, I have no clue on the timeline involved. By the time the city gets around to burying the lines here, I may have moved, yet I will be held responsible financially? Poor planning! Get organized and do your homework! Note: I have never made a late payment, and I, as a renter, I'm not responsible for any part of the process. Legally, to my power be cut off? Not cool!

\*CCCC need an indoor pool our summer are too short also the center gets, is it big enough. two, the trail system, resident north of UPRR can use one instead of which will only benefit a few. Three, Legion Park need more covered picnic area, some may be half the size of existing one, but at least two more some size as we have now. It gets a lot of use. Get donations and memorial markers. For, cars for parts, lowers housing values. **Old empty** house need to be removed and lots cleaned up five, businesses like car repair shops who by necessity keep cars and car parts need to be moved out of town in an area for that type of business. In town they make the Talon dirty and junky and lower property value next to them. No one chooses to live next to one. Yet our Talon change residential location to business locations. Not in their neighborhood. Six, cause the same problem as junk around business, plus rodents and very unsightly, they need to be removed and owner required to keep premises clean. Seven, railroad crossings, noise level to loud and frequent. Scottsbluff seems to have a good idea of installing their own automatic corns at each crossing. With two railroads going through town is very noisy. Eight, when in improving the appearance of Sidney you need to look at history that a certain area's and no means need in each. Drive around Chapell Nebraska and example of a meets, clean town and at least up to a few years ago. When last we visited I am sure it still is. Thank you for listening.

\*How can you say is swimming pool use three months of the year is a moneymaker same as a trail to nowhere used to or three months of the year, because of snow cold,

\*Again, ridiculous. As for the community center, when it was built it was not to cash the taxpayers it was to support itself by members, here it is costing us the city 30,000 a month what say you!

\*Indoor swimming pool mainly used when outside pool closed. Off-season for hotels with pools, would better benefit those that would enjoy using a pool on occasion, motels make money too. Dog park, what is the liability? Spread disease among all pets then transfer to family who control attacks and traumatized pets? Would muscles be required? Who cleans parts and repairs grass and foliage? Where does land come from to build dog park? How many are homeless in Sidney?

\*it is legal to pile up junk where they are, so let's change the codes make Sidney more appealing to our visitors. Heaven forbid we hurt \*\*\*feelings, I know he helps the city a lot I do not think the street department should be going to breakfast every Friday morning. If I understand right they work from 4 AM to noon. On Friday that is eight hours, why do they get to take time for breakfast? If you consider that their lunch break then they should work till 1 PM. It irritates me as a taxpayer to see all those city vehicles sitting in front of the dudes are behind grandma Jo's. Christmas bonuses should be abolished, as a taxpayer irks me. How many other government agencies give Christmas bonuses. Not many. I know state and federal governments do not. Why should you? That is my money. Let's clean up both ends of town. I know the way they are zoned

\*one, Legion Park is so much better than when I moved here in 1951. Two, the ballfields are dead but access to them as poor. Three, I like the swimming pool but the parking lot is muddy a lot of the time. Maybe he needs some kind of better surface. The ice skating pond is a joke. I used to skate there as a youngster and it was great. That skating pond now is like skating in a bathtub.

\*We need an indoor pool. The hotels are not enough to support swimming. We are in a cold climate which requires an indoor facility. Our school doesn't even have one. We compete against sterling Colorado for employees of our large companies

\*Suggestion to city Council: do not separate city manager and economic development director position. Mr. Person is underpaid!

\*I think it is unfortunate we have this beautiful new pond that is not being kept up as well as it should be. I just got back from Arizona where I enjoyed a walk around a pond that had a bunch of geese, but what it didn't have was a bunch of goose poop on the sidewalk around the pond. Hmm... why can't Sidney's pond have a sidewalk you can walk on without having to hopscotch over to? Please, please improve this so the pond can be more enjoyable. Thank you

\*Not to deviate from my wife's comments, but I would also like to share an opinion. The successful growth of town is strongly affected by the first impression it makes to visiting families and businesses. While I think the city has done a great job with in town improvements, I think consideration is needed for the outskirts of town, what I like to call the first impression. From the east or north, rundown motels, an abandoned hops processing plant, and what can only be described as Sanford and Sons used rusted trucks and equipment pasture. From the west, the fairgrounds are not kept up well enough, looks more like an abandoned demo Derby ring. Then as you enter town there are more rundown motels and wrecking yards. From the South, \*\*\* truckstop, complete with nearly destroyed parking lots and the most poorly designed intersection in the history of traffic control, between Arby's and Ruza

\*I feel that certain areas of the bike path to better maintenance than others along with better improvements. On the area west of 10<sup>th</sup> St. there is no grass only leads to many times the weeds are so tall that you have a fear of snakes. You also have no stretch in our exercise areas. The Eastside of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., as you well know, as bluegrass, is well groomed and has exercise stations. I feel it is unfair that that area has gotten preferential treatment

\*I'm not sure what the issue is with the city Council and Gary Pearson but I feel we have a gem in Gary. He works well with the department heads. Gary works his tail off to make Sidney a better place than city we can be proud of. The personal garbage that is being brought out with certain members of our so-called city leaders is pathetic! I hope the next few elections allows our citizens to make better choices about who should serve our town

\*As a former business owner Sidney has been good to us over the years but is retired resident expenses are high and

\*Fishing pond needs better trash pickup, too much trash in the water. Skating rink needs snow removal while it is cold enough to use. Could be put up earlier, maybe. Lighting at fishing pond needs to be checked. Light closest to the North East dock has been burnt out for many months. More Dog-I-Pots along the trail. Too much poop or educate residents about the polluting qualities of dog feces. Better patrol of trail/street crossings. I've almost been hit several times, even after activating the lights on 11<sup>th</sup>

\*I would support an indoor playground for an indoor pool. I skating rink was poorly maintained this winter, water level low and surface extremely rough. If this is how city intends to maintain this was a bad addition to city. I have seen a police cruiser driving on the walking trail twice! I've got no motorized vehicle work to be on trail. I cannot imagine concrete was late picking off to carry vehicle weight.

\*We need an indoor pool. It is cold most of the year

\*The shooting park needs a rifle/pistol range

\*Additional baseball fields would be great however last year Sidney did not even have enough boys sign up for the Babe Ruth league, 13 to 15 year old boys. What has happened to the baseball program? It seems like more emphasis should be placed on scheduling baseball games against other towns and not just settling for games Sidney Cal Ripken vs Sidney Babe Ruth. Boring. A dog park would be great. But I doubt that people would stop using the soccer fields as a doggie bathroom. The soccer fields should be zoned as a no dog area. \*\*\*\* needs to do a better job with scheduling. Chappell has an excellent program, why can't Sidney???

- \*Bigger open space for rollerblading, skating
- \*There could be a novel! A movie like Rambo one, two, and three! Novel name/movie equals
- \*Old pond area is terrible. Looks bad driving over it. Nice work. Trees, flowers, bushes
- \*Longer trail, indoor pool, addition of hot tub/sauna/steam rooms at community center

## Central Section of Sidney

- \*I am 85 years old and use very few of these (services?) I visit the cemetery 2 or 3 times a week and it is kept in excellent condition. Thank you.
- \*We have very nice parks
- \*Plow the snow in people's yards. It is a waste of time to wind row and then remove snow. You could cover more of town by pushing towards yards
- \*Need rate \$.25-\$.50 per trip. Many people cannot afford. On fixed income
- \*We grew up here but accepted company transferred to California in 1963. We returned to Town for the school system for our grandson
- \*City Council needs to get along and work for the people that elected them and not personal agendas and vendettas. City workers need to take pride in the work and quit standing around and driving city vehicles for personal use
- \*Work with railroads to eliminate train whistles in city limits
- \*Why do we need to bring in special people for estimates, advice, survey etc. when we have local people capable of administering the same?
- \*We have lived here three different times
- \*No new taxes
- \*I grew up in Town, graduated from Town high school, moved out of state after college but returned to raise children in a small town
- \*It would be great to have more DVDs at the library to check out. Movies in the park on summer nights. Why is there so much fighting going on with the city Council? Is everyone trying to do the best things for Town?
- \*Town is a great place. Keep your eye on maintaining what we already have and be diligent on working on new projects so they come together well area project management is key. City crews are great and the city manager/economic development position needs to stay as is, it is very beneficial to us all. Public works director is honest, involved in the community and is someone you can tell really cares about Town. Other superintendents are dedicated to the success of their departments. Keep up the good job!
- \*Do not believe that we need to extend the walking trail. We could use the money for something else. People do not take care of the trail we have. Need to have the people that own the junkyards clean them up
- \*Swimming pool bad shape also could be opened from May 1 to October 1 or 15<sup>th</sup> and get more money for a summer's use, a covered pool would be even better. Shooting part should be self-supporting, no city money. Community center should be self-sustaining, no city money
- \*Love the idea of skating rink, unfortunately it is really too small to encourage much skating or for the kids to play hockey. How about extending walking trail up to Cabela's, many would ride bikes to work, good and healthy, alleviate some traffic, etc.
- \*Town has such a long way to go to become a classy town. I think if I were a business looking to locate here I would go elsewhere. Why? The town is dirty, it looks dirty, yards and property are cluttered and \*\*\* stinks at all up. We have no businesses that complement one another. We do not have the infrastructure, fixed the streets, to expand

\*Do something about Park, restrooms and Park food stand

\*Trail walkers and joggers need to clean up as they go, after their pets go and go and go. We shut them off at the cemetery, let's shut them off the trail, cleaned up or stay home. Someday, some young child will die when the goose \*\*\*, e-coli, in the part in his/her family will sue the pants off the city, it is coming be very afraid. Goose e-coli is very toxic. It is high time to quit \*\*\*, Town survived before them and we can do it again. I know I have been through 3 to 4 boom/bust in Town in my lifetime. Town has never gave away

\*Why do all Sudanese citizens get to vote on property tax issues? Of course people who do not own property vote for all improvements, like the school for example. The property owner can not pay for all improvements when you give rent in tax-free incentives, you may get one or two new businesses here but look how many businesses have closed downtown because they cannot afford paying for everybody who gets tax relief, for years, stupid! Try helping the businesses that help build Town for years. They are the people who are supportive and loyal to Town, most have grown up here and wanted to raise their kids here to. Look how many have moved away. Maybe you ought to try to keep the people who are already here, here

\*Parks are great. The manager of the parks should be commended. Thanks, does a great job. A new pool should be considered are a water park that has outdoor and indoor facility so it could be used year-round. I understand \*\*\* has junk eyesore lot. How does he get by with that?

\*When we go to the park with the children we have to really watch because of the pond. Having a fence with one entrance would also provide security to prevent anyone taking a child unnoticed. Also have noticed older children wanting to play the equipment not available. Would like to see the city live within their means. Just like we have to do. As the city continues to raise fees we have noticed citizens on fixed incomes struggling to live. Five dollars does make a difference with many people. Would ask that every income level is taken into consideration when making decisions that affect everyone

\*Town has done well, the many services and facilities are more than adequate. Suggest putting new potential parklands on the back burner for a while in making more use of existing areas. Kite flying areas, go kart races, summer picnic in the park evenings, without vendor's, with perhaps an hour of good entertainment, volleyball and badminton court areas and perhaps a \*\*\* recreation director could organize and run innovative summer programs without a large expenditure. Let's take care of what we have

\*I would like to see more enforcement of cutting down the time around Fourth of July 21 week of using firecrackers and also to end the time of shooting them off to 10 PM. They start selling them the end of the third week in June and then it goes into the Fourth week in June and then to the 2 to 3 days after the Fourth of July. Now that is absolutely terrible

\*Pool is good but again small for city. Community center is not a community center, cost too much and is only for rich, sporty people. What about a place for low income people? We do not seem to get a lot of services for the taxes

\*Replace the fire pit that was at the skating rink and stock with wood for the skaters. Enlarge the rink. The new size is ridiculous. Two, you wasted money planting nice trees in these pots downtown and then they died. Trees would be nice to finally downtown but make some area for them by moving some concrete so they can be planted in the ground. Anything to improve all of Illinois would maybe encourage perhaps to move here. Three, the city should follow their own laws. If an area is zoned for single residence they should not merge multiple residences in with the. A lot of laws are broken in this town. Four, \*\*\*, is one of the worst offenders for junk. At \*\*\*, all by \*\*\*, next to the \*\*\*, etc. etc. etc.

\*Let's get roads and other things in order before spending more money. The roads in this town are complete \*\*\*. It is nice that you replaced 100 yards of road in front of Sunday's but the other 10 miles the street in this town are still \*\*\*. Let's do something, I realized that can fix them all this summer but let's take on some of them each year. Everybody wants new recreation but before long you will be able to get across town without four-wheel drive to get out of the pot holes

\*We use trail system to bike. Maintenance for things such as broken glass and rocks and bikes weight need to be improved

\*The police should give tickets for speed no just verbal warning. You do not see them on street at a most any times. Leave the kids alone enforce curfew. They do not, they go after child already in trouble, they do not try to give them a break. I know some kids that need to be sent away. They have one that was sent away for two or three times but still gave back to his mother and she does not care about the kid

\*Again, the trails are good but the doggie poop station is in the middle of the trail. At more stations than they would be used more. Add one at each end. Might consider establishing a program where people that live along the trail would join a volunteer association that enforce their home as a safe place. Where walkers could go if they need help. Signs posted where folks with medical problems or feel threatened by others on the walking trail could go

\*I very much support a dog park. The leash laws or so strips, I do agree with this law, but if you have a large dog there is no safe place that you can let them safely run and exercise. Need more safe activities for teenagers in a place that they can hang out. The city pool is ready for an update. An indoor pool is much needed and I think it would be used a lot. My family would indeed utilize an indoor pool. The current hours of the city pool make it difficult to enjoy as a family

\*Asker City Councilman to be more positive, to not always be so negative

\*I think we need better qualified people to do the job they were hired to do. We need a qualified \*\*\*. Is not certified so is not qualified. Every time he has to \*\*\* he has to take a licensed person with them. Now we are paying two people to do the job of one. That is wasteful spending. Also why do we need a code enforcer. We live in a city three times as big as Town and I do not have one. The city inspector of police department did it. That is more wasteful spending. They need to send \*\*\* to personal and common sense school. They are trying to make Town a bigger town than it is. We need more better jobs and paying jobs so Town can grow

\*An indoor swimming pool has been in thoughts for about 10 years and it never happened when the community center went up everyone was thrilled but it never happened. Sterling Colorado has had their indoor pool for years, and it has been a big hit with their community and lots of surrounding areas including Town. I just fear if nothing gets brought in either by Sidney taxpayers are outside funding, our youth and parents along with education, respect, drug use or alcohol abuse and everyday folks will be affected by the lack of being able to have fun in this little town

\*Cost of living in Town is way too high, it is hard to make it. Taxes are running people out of town

\*Do not raise taxes

\*One, shooting part needs expansion for rifle and pistol courses out to 1000 yards. 22 two high power. Two, better economical management of existing services for one thing, someone who will not pick their or their friends pockets. Better management of street and electrical maintenance to keep all updated, without a raise in taxes. People on fixed incomes are low incomes who want to stay in their own homes cannot afford to. Nothing will be done, what happened to America, we fought for freedom from taxation once. Our taxes going to be taxed

\*You do not add taxes but you are admit to get money to change the word taxes and fees, all the same! Try living like the poor people have too. Take a couple days a month unpaid leave for all employees. You would save quite a bit of money. Wake up and smell the roses

\*The biggest problem that we see with the recreational programs are not facilities, it is in the management of the programs. For years we have \*\*\* those programs. \*\*\* does not have the drive or enthusiasm that the position requires. A youth baseball and softball programs have declined, number of participants. You need to find a knowledgeable, enthusiastic, energetic person to fill that position. Also, certain parents should not be allowed to coach. We need to weed out the over-the-top people were shown a lack of self-control and those coaching situations. Also, we need to advocate for students who cannot afford to pay the entry fee/equipment fees to participate

\*No new taxes! We cannot afford it. Additional taxes will force it me residents to move!

\*I feel that the office of economic development should be left with the Chamber of Commerce rather than with city management. I think they are two entirely different jobs in either job could be and should be full time. I do not think our city manager Cannon do both jobs, two people working together can accomplish more.

\*If we have a dog park, do not allow dogs in other parks

- \*We cannot afford anymore spending. Our taxes are too high now. Do not expand any services beyond where we are now. We have no place to buy most essentials sewing my as well have our fun out of town also. You ask us what would entice our children to come back to Town. Nothing. You are however encouraging us to move away from Town as soon as we retire to get away from your overtaxing. You encourage new residents with tax incentives but for longtime residents you do nothing. We who have been here so long have been the backbone of Town
- \*Do not need additional trails and walking track when we have miles of sidewalks to walk on
- \*Had a bad example of healthcare at hospital, in November/December therapy nurse did not know or do a damn thing reported (?) I was not alone
- \*We need to improve and support what we have. I would like to see more activities for children and senior citizens. The card clerks at heritage a closed(?) for family and friends, you can come if interested. A focus if a senior citizen. They should be all over that community Center
- \*Holy smokes, an indoor pool would be sooooo awesome given our long winter season. With lessons, cool rental etc. it could be a money maker
- \*The trail system is adequate. Does not need to go south or north of present path
- \*With all the upgrades and electric and water departments, it is disappointing that our monthly bills continue to go up instead of down. We need to work on boring those fees. Why do we bother to invest in these improvements if they do not reduce our costs in the end. If there's so much excess money in the coffers for a new fleet of city vehicles, maybe that money needs to come back to us, now that everything is new. We have curves that are crumbling and four streets. I think our street department is lacking. If they cannot do it because of the weather, then they should be laid off. Why pay them if they cannot do their jobs. Why does the city paid double contributions to city employee 401(k)s?
- \*Single parents are hard pressed to find someplace to live other than apartments. I also would like to see affordable day care without state assistance to pay for it. My daughter pays almost \$350 a month and struggles on what is the real average wage in Town, which is actually not much over minimum wage, unless you are fortunate enough to work for Cabela's corporate offices, or Miss fortunate enough to work in fast food for a downtown business. Weekend public transportation would also be a plus
- \*I am concerned because it seems like junk and old car lots just pop up on a vacant corner. Example \*\*\* \*\*\*\*
- \*Our city cannot develop before city Council remains divided. I'm totally embarrassed with three of our councilman. Taxes are ridiculous and I see new people choosing to live in sterling
- \*I really do not see the need to extend the walking trail out to the interchange area. Granted funds were available early on but we still would have come up with more money. I think we should save money when we can or spend it in a more pressing area like street repair/replacement
- \*Sooner or later this town will face the disaster. When it happens, amateur radio operators in the area will be seriously hampered by a lack of tower space. This will interfere with the ham's ability to provide emergency communications. When disaster strikes, hams are heroes. But afterward, when the world becomes normal again, everyone forgets until the next time they hams are needed. The city should and must make tower space available to the hams for communication equipment. They hams provide the equipment and talent and equipment!
- \*I know it is hard to do anything on streets when it is icy but common sense would tell anybody to stay off at home during dry conditions. Cancel any appointments(?) too much snow or dry conditions. It is just part of western Nebraska. An establishment for clothing store and (?) would be nice especially for older people, and something in affordable and stock larger size clothing
- \*In need of indoor swimming pool selections can be given all year long, and more people able to use it when school is in. Need to hire full-time people so it can be opened earlier and stay open longer. Northside Park needs a swimming pool and more playground equipment. Before new additions are added to the town developer should consider putting more amenities for the area, playground and such like they do in the cities. More affordable things for families to do. Maybe a family center, roller rink, miniature golf course, bumper boats, go carts, waterpark. Townwide cleanup month. Where things go to curb people can take free if they work for city hauls off at the end of the month like Cozad.

\*Animal control thing, we keep our dogs in kennels, neighbors don't, their dogs could be running for two blocks and they do not pick them up or find them, hours escape one's and we are charged. Neighbor had dogged that they did not even want their own kids to be around kids how, I call control because they were not home, they called her parents and let them put the dog back and does not fine, charge, or anything else because they did not want to deal with the dog that might bite them. Not right. I also think there is a lot of wasteful spending in our city University manager thinks they can just add a fee rate tax so he can get what he wants. Some of the things are nice but for the taxpayers money at you not think we need it. The walking trail in particular

\*Bocce courts. Indoor hot tub/sauna with indoor pool

\* On marking do not know is because I do not use these facilities. Cemetery needs oiled roads. Some months you cannot begin to drive through

\*I think the skating rink needs to be rethought

\*. Also, trim and cut out dead branches from other trees

\*Every city department can afford to lay off two employees. There is way too many employees just driving around in city vehicles, visiting McDonald's or Arby's during work hours. That is wasting money for necessary gas or it is a resident when you have to call the street department to fix potholes on your street and the workers to strike past them in their pickup and bucket loader

\*As far as I am concerned everything is running smoothly. My out-of-town daughter would like more running and walking trails

\*With the economy the way it is the city needs to focus on maintaining what they have. The street situation is becoming dangerous and needs to be dealt with now. We can find the funding for other things, find the funding for street improvements. Also, the bickering amongst council needs to stop. Each man on the individual is a fine person. However, becoming a clerk in meeting outside the rules of public meeting law is unacceptable! Grow up. We appreciate the time that council members volunteer however you must remember that you are men of integrity

\*I do not think any indoor public pool is a luxury in this climate

\*Pushing the trail walk is crazy. No one in Town will use much of it and I know the people who are visiting Cabela's retail store will not want to walk to downtown or the North Side to visit a cemetery. A huge waste of money that could be used to make that her streets and parking. I do not care if you do get grants for it. Matching dollars is the thing. If you can get it done for the grants money alone and find a free maintenance, go for it. It will not be something to draw people in. This society does not want to walk, take a count on the trail you have now

\*Need more things to do for the youth. Where our bike trails are skate boarding trails not much for kids to do. Too small of a swimming pool

\*I think one city park facilities are highlight of the town, well-maintained while traditional and appearance, with modern updates

\*I think it indoor pool would be great if it was affordable

\*Cricket is mostly played by Indians who live and work here. If they were willing to help with the expense of the field I would support a field

\*Town \*\*\*, needs new \*\*\* not qualified for job. Need new board members. The good old boy system

\*We need to focus on maintaining existing facilities which are more than adequate. With today's economy and taxes paid we are stretched to the limit. We need to stop overspending for what only a few will use do not need. The swimming pool and community center should become self-supporting instead of a subsidy. Concentrate on the necessities, specifically the infrastructure, streets, water drainage. Update to underground electricity. So fewer outages and repairs after storms. Maintenance is key to an appealing and efficient city. As with any budget take care of needs first if anything left over can look at luxury items. Grants are not always the answer to everything area grants are still taxpayers money. Pincher pennies tighter than we pinch our own. Be responsible how money is spent. Look more closely at existing facilities so we are not caught for paying big items all at once. Save money instead of spend, spend, spend. Recognize and appreciate those who have helped to make Town today and not see them as a starting progress

\*The community center is too expensive for a lot of families, it is not fair that employees of some businesses get discounts for others do not. Same goes for golf course. The T-ball field area needs to be fixed it gets too crowded when games are going on, there are lots of cars as someone is going to get injured Fishing ponds need to be stocked more often

\*I know many friends and family who could really benefit from a dog park. I also think we need an indoor swimming pool at the center. I have talked to many people over the past couple years you think these two additions would benefit the community the gratis and I strongly agree

\*With the economic situation the way it is, the idea of new parts seem ludicrous and financially irresponsible to me and many others

\*First I really feel the indoor pool and CCCC need upgrading added. It's been almost 20 years and we have not allocated money for the indoor pool. We get a fishing pond instead? Where is our priorities. Also, a new outdoor pool complex would be great. There is great exercise, family fun with indoor and outdoor pools. I think the expansion of trails to the north side is good, but I feel that expanding from the soccer fields to the businesses by the interstate would be good. Providing longer trail access and an endpoint for the trail

\*Why expand the walking trail to Cabela's? We need to know how many people use the existing trail, plus how many people would use the new extension. Originally, wasn't the community centers close to be self supportive? If so, why is the city giving it \$120,000 a year

\*Water drainage for downtown area is a joke. Every big rain we get knee-high water. One train every three blocks is not enough. Where we came from the country club paid less taxes than we do. Taxes are out of control. City Council needs to listen and follow wishes of the public not their own private agenda

\*Bicycle Beltway, a cycle path that crosses the UP without having to use the 13<sup>th</sup> St. underpass. She would be better, one west and one E., the West one could be at the East Fairgrounds entrance. There had been talk of a connector to the businesses at the Interstate 80 interchange too. What happened? Eastside route could be in additional three feeds, 18 inches per side to Fort Town Road

\*Shooting park needs to become more liberal with rules in the time it is open. If you're going to spend tax money I vote to improve streets before worrying about park system. Tom von Seggern and does a great job

\*\*\* needs new \*\*\*. Too much family favoritism. Bookmobile driver needs to wear appropriate clothing and non-smoker. Not good example for children. Bookmobile is very unkept dirty. Get a New \*\*\*. Streets are very poor. Improve streets before we need more walking trails. No new businesses brought to Town. City needs to monitor Internet use by city personnel during working hours, Facebook etc. \*\*\* condemns Cabela's but without Cabela's there would be no Town. Town businesses not open on Saturday so I shop out of town since I work all other days. City is too management heavy. Department heads overpaid for what we get from them. City not elderly friendly, no services for seniors.

\*I feel the city frequently bites off more than it can chew, guessing that everything can be reasonably maintain and that the taxpaying citizens can happily assume heavier taxation, all to please city management to build up already vast egos, to their honor and glory. Things need to be built, at large expense and continually maintained at huge expense as well. I could reasonably see a ballpark for simple play on the north side and perhaps other amenities there for young people's play

\*The library needs to be improved. Make it a place where people want to go. It is so sad to see the condition it is in

\*I live close to a rail crossing. It is very noisy when trains blow their horns all the way through town. There are cross arms, and bells that ring when a train nears. Four years ago, a \*\*\* train engineer blew his horn to jingle bells all the way through town at 6 AM. It was Christmas but this was not necessary. The horns are so loud, I have to plug my ears when they come is sometimes there are trains every 10 minutes or so and I cannot even go outside. Gering does not have this problem, so why do we?

\*The day-to-day workers of the community center or very pleasant to interact with but the management team, specifically the director and neck cavities director are not. The decisions made by both have caused many people to feel unwelcome and unwilling to participate in their offerings

\*We feel the Northside Park needs updating. Why did you put the newer playground equipment up by the soft-ball fields when the Northside could have greatly benefited from it. The ice drink is a great idea, I just do not feel we have the kind of Winters needed to support it. Would love to see improvements to the pool, gradual entry, etc.

\*Big park needs a few more things for older kids to play on, things used to be for older and younger Bulls. Now since somebody put their two cents in, there is not a lot for the older kids to enjoy that part

\*Clean up this town! Junk piles up and down her main streets \*\*\*. Commuter air service to/from Denver

\*I am impressed by the layout of recreation and Parks I've seen. I am more of a woody outdoors person and do not care much for being on Hail with a lot of people around me, I like that there are plenty of play equipment areas in good repair and maintained well for families and their children. That is important in a family oriented town. I do not know how many times I have lived in cities when the play yards are concrete! That is simply unsafe for anyone. The trails are great, I do a lot of walking and each trail I have used on two has been very well marked and free of litter. Keep up the good work!

\*If you cannot tell, an indoor swimming pool would be wonderful! There are many benefits to it, working out, swim lessons in the winter, swim team, water aerobics, therapy for patients, training. They could be really good for Town. Our town really needs to invest in more stop signs. I've never ever seen so many intersections in town without any signs. It is very dangerous and very said that nothing has been done about it

\*The trail out to the intersection is a waste of money, but the money is already spent some might as well do it. City buildings need updated and up to code. Specifically Police Department, cemetery, landfill, city offices

\*A lot of people seem to have trouble using the turning lane, to continue going north, where tents turns off from 11<sup>th</sup> at the park by the locomotive. You could paint turning lane on the street are put up a sign that says use turning lane. Find some way to educate the citizens on how to use this lane. It is very simple. Someone is going to get plowed into at some point

\*Cricket fields? Is there that many community members that this would be warranted? Or is this the wish of a few

\*The indoor swimming pool is a necessity. Many residents of Town would use it to keep fit and winter months since the outdoor pool is only open three months. The swim team could also be much more prepared for their meets if they had an indoor facility, making them more competitive

\*A town this size should have more parks. If not more parks, at least take care of the one you have. Throughout the years my kids and I have spent many hours at the park and there have been some changes. Some good, some not so good. If you would have taken a survey before putting in the pond how against it all the mothers were. At least everyone I know. Now that it is fair, it isn't so bad and I think we have all made peace with it. However, what happened to the equipment that you took out of the park? The kids liked it. Also, please maintain the part you have. Keep equipment in good shape, try to keep stickers out of the play area too! Also, the soccer fields are filled with dog who, something you can do about that? Would really like to see Town get an indoor pool and have lap swimming in a pool the after work tonight during lunch hour so more people could attend

\*Need fix alleys

\*The swimming pool needs more things in it, maybe a slide or a snack bar. Something like that. The roads really need to be worked on, all over town

\*Town's pool could really use some, a lot, updating. An indoor pool would be nice but rather than the pool we have, indoors, I would much rather see a pool similar to Alliance, and Lexington's pool. The community center is nice but way too expensive for a lot of Town families, especially without an indoor pool and a lack of, unscheduled, drop in child care. I would like to see additions to the walking trail that might make it easier to access from the 13<sup>th</sup> St./downtown area

\*The ice-skating rate is poor. For one thing it needs to be in the groun this way you can use a sweeper to clean the snow off and spray with water to keep it full and smooth area needs more lighting. Also a burn pit to roast hot dogs and mellows. Also benches to sit on and put your skates on. The tables are nice but they want to dump. There should be grass or cement around pond so there is no mud. The pond years ago was very well used by many. I know because my whole family used to skate. It's hard to crawl over bales of straw also this is one persons opinion

- \*West End of trail system, from park to Fairgrounds, doesn't have exercise areas like East and. Weeds along the path need to be sprayed early in summer. We cannot walk our dog in the fall with all of the stickers! The West end needs to be more presentable to people going to fare and Oktoberfest! Need to keep vehicles off of West end of path
- \*The area over by the ballfield that was to be used for senior housing should be planted with trees and grass. Leave enough room in the center with grass that a football or any other type of grass game could be played. With shade trees around so that people could watch
- \*Ballfields are poorly laid out, lighting too low. Ballfields for softball/baseball needs to be separated. Field conditions of the diamonds are rocks/pebbles not dirt. Second set of base stakes are dangerous. Fences need completed actual field requirements. Tennis courts or sad! Golf course needs cart paths to protect the course. We need a \*\*\* that actually opens the course and runs a course like a professional. Not opening before eight during the summer is poor management. Also you better add cameras at the cash register so the city can actually collect the money it is paid. Checks bounce during tournaments is not a good representation of our town!
- \*The town appearance is terrible coming in on Highway 30. The east side looks terrible with all the junk at \*\*\* and all the junk to the west in that field. And just keeps getting worse, then you get into town and you've got all of the junk piling up at \*\*\*. Then you come in from the west and you have \*\*\* junk and wrecked semi and trailers, and at the next block at the \*\*\*, more of \*\*\* junk. It looks like crap and you would think \*\*\* would do something since he's \*\*\* and the council should do something about the mega-mess \*\*\* \*\*\* keep creating.
- \*We let \*\*\* into our area, then we lost several downtown businesses Alco, Jack and Jill
- \*Need to keep dogs off to soccer fields, the kids should not have to worry about dog feces in the grass and employees should not have to waste time picking up feces. I think the proposed walking trail from the east interchange to the park is a monumental, colossal, waste of time and money and an open invitation for crime and vagrants in a previously safe park. There are all sorts of strange people on the road. I really do not want to give them easy access to the park where my children fish and play
- \*MR Weiderspon: fix my street, seventh Avenue
- \*I will like to see some sort of ATV/snowmobile/dirtbike Park and are closer to Town. Sunol is only for dirt bikes a lot of people run here on ATVs and snowmobiles
- \*Additional comments, town appearance! Entering Town on Highway 30, Illinois Street from West we have the West End junkyard, \*\*\* Next we have, near West End junkyard, between \*\*\* Illinois St., Highway 30 \*\*\*. Entering Town from the East we have the Eastside junkyard, Highway 30 Illinois St., \*\*\*. Next is the near East and junkyard \*\*\* and Illinois Street, another \*\*\* operation.. If I was younger I would buy the old Cabela location at 13<sup>th</sup> and Illinois and open up the midtown junkyard. Covering the main thoroughfare of Town. Not a good impression, for first-time visitors
- \*Do not need trail system toward Cabela's
- \*Miniature golf, rollerskating rink
- \*With the economy the way it is I don't think we should be taking on any new projects, it seems we are having enough problems taking care of and maintaining what we do have
- What is there in \*\*\* background that qualifies him to be \*\*\*? When you have a city manager why is it necessary for another position to oversee the various departments? After a snowstorm the peons in the residential districts are told they must claim their sidewalks. Why then is never necessary to clean the sidewalks bordering the property occupied by \*\*\*? Since the city does not haul yard waste, why not force everyone to cover the yards with cement or asphalt. This would do away with the compost pile. The land could then be used for economic development. Say like a strip mall for craft shops. Why is it that when a downtown business goes belly up no mention is made of it from the Bureau of economic development in the local scandal sheet and \*\*\* does not appear. What would downtown be like if it were to lose Larry's Clothing and Finney's.? People could still stop and look at on awnings and storefronts. Cynical?

- \*Yes we have a right to be. We have been paying real estate taxes here in potholed junction for 50 years. This year they are \$2960. Sometime back \*\*\*made the statement in the Sun telegraph that other cities in the area were jealous of Town because of the sales tax revenue the city was receiving. The farmers down in Lincoln in the legislature noticed that. Now \*\*\* does not like the share he is getting. Your main business district is 2 miles out in the country. You have a second-grade \*\*\* store. One of their specialties is furnishing parking and toilet facilities for truckers to bust up the street leading to the store. You have industry and jobs but not much of a town and you know what. Otherwise why ask for the survey? I doubt the Scottsbluff was ever jealous
- \*It would be nice to have a speaker system on the light poles around the pond so when there is activities going on, everyone can hear
- \*Here's what I dislike about Town, high taxes, high utilities, lack of mid-level jobs
- \*Parking lot at ballfields or dangerous, ice-skating rink is a waste of money, need back board at tennis courts
- \*\*\*\* is my major complaint. He is rude, arrogant and underqualified. He makes home-improvement almost unbearable. Just because a person is unemployed and available does not make him the right person for the job. This man needs a few lessons on customer service
- \*Need a new housing development for the elderly, 2 to 3 bedroom, with garages. As were planned, but not develop because no land available to meet specifications
- \*I am too old to participate in athletics, so consequently I do not have an opinion. A most things do what we can afford right now and as economy improves, so can't we
- \*Need another full-sized baseball field, like Legion Field, for Babe Ruth and adult league baseball, there are too many conflicts with games. When you have 4+ teams using one field. Indoor swimming pool, cost/maintenance/labor too high for what it will be used. Would be nice to have walking trail extended to the north side. I would rather see that than the trail extended to Cabela's/ interstate
- \*No need for a dog park, this is Town not a metro area! Cricket? They can and do use ballfield system already! know I will never do

## North Side of Sidney

- \*Let's concentrate on last year's survey
- \*I would like to see lower taxes
- \*There is a lot of disgruntled taxpayers, citizens in Sidney Nebraska
- \*The city manager and the economic development job should be two separate positions held by two different people
- \*The dispatch when a resident calls for suggestion on a drug deal they need to be a little more supportive, service and protect
- \*I enjoy the trails and the ballgames also wet and my out-of-town grandchildren visit they love the pond and fishing. Also we have a lot of fun walking and visiting the garden
- \*We need parks and recreational activities for our citizens, we need to satisfy our own community before we try to satisfy foreigners brought here to take our jobs \*\*\*
- \*Sidney needs to put out one separate trash can for every block that people can put their lawn and garden stuff. Come on Kimball has them. Chadron has them. We certainly pay enough. Why don't we have them
- \*We would like to encourage everybody to express their opinions about town matters. Also streets in North side are in need of replacement, not just forest Street but all. Second, a walkway over UP railroad tracks could make it safer for kids to walk to school
- \*Northside is in real need of street repairs and better and quicker snow removal would not be a bad idea either. During storm season, is there a public place for people to go but do not have basements

- \*We do not need any more additional taxes, due to our taxes are too high now. We do not need any more rates put on our utilities, due to the fact we will be paying for the rest of, some of our lives, senior citizens, our lives. School taxes, passed illegally. Water, paying 17 years? Gas percent hikes electric percent hikes. We need a \*\*\*\*
- \*There has to be a limit for what we can supply for a few people of varied interests. Sidney spends money like there is no end to the source, may the good Lord help us. For the possibility that Cabela's corporate office could leave Sidney and we would be burning at both ends if this should happen. Retired people living on social security, Obama threatening even that, won't be able to support all these wonderful, expensive amenities
- \*We need clothing store and more business downtown not on the Hill. There are at least five MP buildings downtown, have plenty of offices! Need indoor pool for swimming meets and teams
- \*We need curling rinks
- \*How about a miniature golf part?
- \*Swimming pool seems to need repairs every year. Could use an indoor pool, it was in the plan when the community center was being built several people donated money specifically for a pool
- \*I believe money could be better spent on city streets and paying for better water system, parks are not a necessity, flower gardens and statues, memorials are not needed either! I would really like to see a good shooting park with at least a 200 yard rifle range and a good handgun range. A part that was affordable and open more than for two days per week and open during hours that would not be forcing the shooters to be facing directly into the sun to compete
- \*Our town is a great place to live and raise our kids with no games, but our town has a lot of drugs. We the people need a place for our kids to hang out. Like a recreation Center. That's a place that has dances, games, videos and small eating spot, pool tables, skating ring, etc. to keep our kids out of the bars and to keep our kids out of drugs and pre-teen pregnancy. We need some things for them to do. I also think we need a small mini mall in Sidney that way we do not have to go out of town to spend our money. Our town on a personal level needs more wheelchair sidewalks so we do not have to push in the street and more wheelchair entrance and the haunted house needs a lift for kids that cannot climb stairs or that are in chairs, it is not fair for the cant walk to the ones that can. We also need more handicap living our house saying because there is not much in this town. Please take my letter to heart. I know a lot of people of Sidney and they all agree with me on how this letter is written.
- \*The dog park would be nice but there are many things to consider. Many pet owners are lacking in their responsibilities. They do not pick up after them on the deadwood Trail. What happens if there is a dogfight with injured pets and people. Who will be responsible? The taxpayers? Remember lawsuit from golf course, I would love an indoor swimming pool but I refuse to pay for a community center membership. There is not much on the north side, I lived there. Why extend the deadwood Trail. We have an underpass. At this time, the deadwood Trail would be too isolated on the eastern extension. There are snakes out there. If it is extended it should be patrolled by officers on bike. Spray the sand burgers. Miserable to walk long haired dogs in August
- \*I like the community center but do not like how a company can use the facility to make money as fitness trainers while pushing the other member to other areas and other equipment
- \*Need to improve park by Sue villa houses
- \*The city of Sidney spending is way out of control. Practically every city official drives the new vehicle, owned by the city and drives it to their residents. What a waste of taxpayers money. Why should the city bear this expense of providing transportation to their workplace. Surcharges on utilities are BS. Why do we pay for utility bills and the garbage too? Why isn't anyone accountable for taxpayers spending! Why is the city paying for this survey to this Panhandle Area Development in Gering Nebraska? This is what we have secretaries in the city offices, are for? people are moving elsewhere. Where it doesn't cost as much to live. I.e. Colorado, Wyoming. Sidney used to be reasonable to live in not anymore. Fire \*\*\*
- \*Quit worrying about a trail to \*\*\* let them pay for something if they have to have this. Expand trails, unpaved, around golf course in hill around Northside, showcased the natural beauty instead of some soulless gulch ripped through a once beautiful park

\*Survey numbers can be tracked

\*Fishing pond needs cleaned out, trash/weeds/dead fish. Need more t- ball fields.need actual clubhouse at shooting park rather than just a trailer. What a waste of money on the ice rink. Improvements to the North Side or strongly supported, sidewalks, Park, lighting, roads. An indoor pool would be a highly utilized year-round addition to the community

\*My family would greatly appreciate all of the new park uses and for those we are neutral on we would not use probably but would not oppose. I hope we see more of these than not come to be.

\*We have so many streets that need fixing. It is so bad streets have so many potholes. It is very hard on cars and other vehicles. I do not think we need to build a trail out close to Interstate 80, as it only encourages more problems in our town with some of our people that you see peddling for money or more crime to our city. I would like to see taxes lowered as I feel too many vehicles are bought for city and police departments

\*A foot overpass on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. was proposed for the North Side. Maybe this could be revived with UP support

\*I am of the opinion that Sidney needs to get rid of the Lincoln attitude. We are not a big city and never will be. We need to attract some more better paying businesses so we do not have Cabela's as our main employer in this town. We also need to look into a little more fairness in our taxing they are way too high for a community this size

\*There needs to be more cops at the soccer fields. Need to pay the street around the soccer fields that way the kids do not have to eat the dirt every time a car goes by. Need to tear down some of the houses that have not been lived in for years ready to fall down

\*See expense for service at the top of this (?)

\*In the past we have found in the budget for shooting parts, and a list of pet projects. Why can't we find our take that money and fix or repair our streets in a sensible way

\*Get the dogs off people's yards. As the mess in them the town would be cleaner

\*Northside Park does not have room to begin or expand park area

\*We do not need any more trails. Definitely need better rest room and part in something more to do for grad-school kids. Indoor pool would be an excellent idea as long as you do not have to join the community center to use the pool. Not everybody can afford that

\*People need to keep their yards clean. Get the law enforcement on them. Maybe \*\*\* need some help. Keep Sidney clean, it is all over town

\*At least plant trees and grass where the senior citizen housing was going to be built. One, please do not use it as another ballfield. Two, a new type of swim pool with ample parking. Three, a larger shelter house would be good for the area with parking. Four, please do not waste the area for a dog park or ballfield. You could put those two things near the soccer fields. Get professional advice on the areas use.: Arboretum the one east of the swimming pool is so full of Texas sandburs (?) that you cannot get to it. The one under the trees at Memorial Gardens is okay

\* I do not understand why we have so many junkyards in SidneyDa.rrin Van Natter has one on the east end of town and the old deluxe hotel. Why is this allowed? The city code lady totally ignores this. It is an eyesore and needs to be addressed. She is too busy picking on people about weeds in an alley or trimming trees. She is very bias and is actually pick some certain people. I run a business in Sidney and hear so many complaints about her. Or have her do animal control. Big waste of our money. Make her money and address the junkyards. Streets are in very bad shape. Your cruise drive right by over great big potholes and don't patch. Someone needs to address this with street superintendent.

\*Police Department: when hiring a police man do they not teach them friendliness or courtesy? I have never saw one of them wave a friendly gesture. What applies to citizens should apply to the police force. They speed no lights on. They run stop signs, they circle drinking establishments. This is harrassment and entrapment. When activity is going on in town they are like vultures circling around. I can see checking on security of patrons etc. but do they need three cop cars for one event for heaven sakes. Sheriff's Department: using Sheriff vehicles to escort wives around, going to lunch, to the store, drugstore etc. I cannot understand why the jobs in this year's Department are not advertised open to the public to apply. I've noticed \*\*\* is already working in \*\*\*. She taking \*\*\*job when they retire? How convenient . Maybe \*\*\*and \*\*\*? Is this how our city is run?

\*Sidney does not respect the cemetery it has east of town. No matter how small it should still be cared for

\*I do not use the parks, no need to. It would be nice to have a safe place to walk on the north side

\*I would like to see our city upgrade our electric plant so we can be in deep end if in natural disasters are bad storms.

We need more civil defense areas that are open to the public during tornado warnings or if electric goes out and people are without heat or air conditioning. Do we have homeless citizens? How are they being cared for. The food pantry, do not know if the city has control here, should only give out currently dated food, not expect the poor to eat what they would not and be thankful for it. Would like to see the cemetery allow flowers to be left on the graves and to be more careful about the memorial stones so they are not shipped with the mowers. Since we do not have a taxi service, run the bus until five or 6 PM. Benches downtown, elderly shoppers or people with health issues, a place to sit and rest a short while and continue on. The shelter house could use some improvement in better communication as to its availability, price etc. Sidney needs a nice meeting place available for rent like the city Auditorium needs to be

\*Sidney has enough taxes if \*\*\*wants more make \*\*\*and \*\*\*pay taxes on their home till it is donated to the city.

How many thousands would that help city?

\*I'm not sure that the ice rink was a smart investment since the city is in a money crunch. I have seen maybe 20 people using it entire season. That in my opinion was a big waste of money. The dog park would be nice, but there are dog owners that would not abide by to pick up after your own pet rule. I certainly would not like to be the one to be the only one to do the pooper scoping.

\*Marvin Filsinger, Dave Wiederspon, Bob Van Vleet: these three are the best councilmembers in Sidney, they'll do a great job, someone has to put a stop to some of the unnecessary spending. Street Department, I know they work hard and do what they can but it is necessary when they are working across town do they have to drive to Western convenience store for break, that's a little more than 15 minutes