

Sidney, Nebraska, June 27, 2019 A Fair Housing City

A special workshop meeting for the purpose of discussing Landfill finances and projections for future needs was convened in open and public session at 3:00 p.m. on June 27, 2019 in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at 11115 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Arterburn, Sherman, Radcliffe and Olsen. Others present: City Manager Sadler, City Clerk Anthony, and Finance Director Scott. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in *The Sidney Sun Telegraph*. A copy of the proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the City Council. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

City Manager Sadler presented a City of Sidney, Nebraska Solid Waste Department Financial Analysis and Short & Long Range Plan for the Sidney, Nebraska Solid Waste Department. Said document was prepared by Dean Sterling, Solid Waste Department Superintendent and David Scott, Finance Director.

The document provided history of the department (rate schedules, rising costs, revenues remaining constant), the purpose of the report (If the current revenues and expenses scenario continues, future budget projections show that the Department will exhaust its reserves in less than 2-3 years); new bond payments being hire than expected; and the 2018 rate adjustment's unforeseen results of the commercial customers switching to different pick-ups. The situation was researched and several recommendations were suggested to come up with a plan to address the deficiencies. Strengths and Weaknesses of the department were a part of the document. The current financial outlook was presented to reveal the shortfall in revenues. Different options and recommendations were discussed including rate increases, initiating a debt service fee, shift the revenue from debt service fee along with the bond payments to the debt service fund, temporarily reduce or eliminate the administration fee in this budget which would shift some financial responsibility back to the General Fund, etc.

Extensive discussion was had by the City Council and staff. Suggestion was given to gather what other towns were charging for the waste disposal or whether the League of Nebraska Municipalities had this kind of information available. The Council was asked to study the situation and be prepared to bring it up again during the next budget workshop in early August.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

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





