

Sidney, Nebraska, August 6, 2013 A Fair Housing City

A special meeting for the purpose of budget workshops with the Mayor & Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 3:00 P.M. on August 6, 2013 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gaston & Council Members: Arterburn, Nienhueser, Gallaway and Gay. Others present: City Manager Person, Public and City Clerk Anthony. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in *The Sidney Sun Telegraph*, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the City Council. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Gaston informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Budget Workshops proceeded as follows:

Solid Waste/Landfill Department's proposed budget was presented by Rob Campbell and John Hehnke in the amount of \$1,899,711. Discussion was held on how much of a reserve this department should maintain. The proposed budget projects contains an estimated rebudgeted funds from past years of \$531,011 and an estimated transfer of \$77,496 to reserves. The reserve for Landfill Closure and Post Closure Fund was explained. There is a planned rate increase for the next year but was not included in the numbers yet. The proceeds from this could be directed to reserves. The replacement of the tub grinder (estimate-\$300,000) which was destroyed by a fire was discussed. Insurance has paid a claim in the amount of \$92,150 with the City keeping the damaged grinder which can be used as a trade in on a new one. No changes were made at this time to this budget.

Public Service Coordinator John Hehnke introduced Tom Satchell who for many years was Sidney's water engineer of record. Mr. Satchell reviewed his past history with Sidney and reported he would be interested in providing his expertise to Sidney again for the ongoing HOA Solutions proposal as well for a Water System analysis for concept planning, long term planning and modeling. The consensus of the Council was to have Mr. Satchel present the City with a proposal for his services.

The Water Department proposed budget was presented by Bill Taylor and John Hehnke for a total proposed budget in the amount of \$2,029,680. Major increase was due the above mentioned HOA Solutions and the Water System Analysis. Due to a water bond being paid off this year, there should be a possible reserve which could be used for more system improvements or assist with the bonds that are financed by the Water Debt assessment. No changes made to this budget at this time.

The Library's proposed budget in the amount of \$443,877 was presented by Superintendent Doris Jensen. Cheyenne County participates in this budget due to the bookmobile and the services being available to all County residents. No changes were made to this budget at this time.

Megan McGown, Community Development Director, presented a report for FY2012-2013. Megan's position is a part of the General Administration and Economic Development budget.

City Manager Person presented the Transportation budget in the amount of \$243,000. This budget is 75% funded by a Federal and State Grant as well as contributions from the Cheyenne County Visitor's Committee for the Stage bus. No changes were made to this budget at this time.

Human Resource Director Jodene Houser presented a proposed revised pay grid for the City of Sidney employees. The grid had not been revised since 2007. She also explained the recent pay survey that had been performed for the City of Sidney for comparability. The comparability information was incorporated into the proposed pay grid.

Gay moved, Gallaway seconded "That the revised pay grid for the City of Sidney employees be adopted and incorporated into the 2013-14 budget salaries." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

City Manager Person and City Clerk/Treasurer presented the proposed budget for General Fund Receipts (\$9,617,591), General Administration Department Disbursements (\$1,527,648), and for the Special Projects (\$1,390,867). Public Grant categories were increased by \$1,000,000 in Special Projects and Receipts. Changes will have to be made to General Administration once the funds request is received from the Communications Board.

In further budget discussions - Mike Namuth from Cheyenne County Community Center, appeared to discuss the new pool project with the Council. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

WENDALL GASTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK

