

Sidney, Nebraska, August 5, 2014 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 12:04 P.M. on August 5, 2014 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Gaston & Council Members: Arterburn, Nienhueser, Gallaway and Gay. Others present: City Manager Person 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:

Pool, Cemetery & Parks proposed budgets were presented by Superintendent Tom Von Seggern and Public Service Director John Hehnke. Pool's proposed budget was \$4,094,371 (included \$4,000,000 part of a bond issue for a new pool) and no additions were made. Cemetery's proposed budget was \$177,386 and no changes were made to the proposed budget at this time. Park's proposed budget was \$2,273,311 (includes \$1,000,000 for part of a bond issue for park improvements). Highlights discussed were \$10,000 added to Ball field improvements to make the item \$130,000 with carry over from past budgets, \$100,000 rebudgeted for tennis courts, vehicle and equipment replacement, etc. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

Golf Department's proposed budget in the amount \$735,678 with an alternate proposal which added another peeson for a total of \$778,265 was presented by Chuck Christensen and Kris Johnson. Current rounds played, revenues received, and possible no fee changes were discussed as well as sodding some of the new areas that did not grow from seed in the new construction area. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

Inspection Department's proposed budget in the amount of \$212,524 was presented by Brad Rowan, City Inspector. Discussion of contract labor in the amount of \$30,000 was held. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

Economic/Community Development proposed budget in the amount of \$150,000 was presented by Megan McGown and Gary Person. The community development portion of the budget was taken out of General Administration and put into a new department combining this with Economic Development. Gary proposes to assign the Economic Development duties to Megan. Megan reviewed the different grants that are being pursued. Hickory Street plans were discussed with a request from the Council to solicit usage support for the area from different organizations throughout Sidney.

Solid Waste/Landfill Department's proposed budget in the amount of \$2,061,773 was presented by Rob Campbell and John Hehnke. Proposed capital expenditures was \$160,000 for new sideloader truck and \$80,000 for two self-contained compactor units which will be rented out to recover the cost. Considerable discussion was held on the compactor units. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

Fire Department's proposed budget in the amount of \$150,131 was presented by Chief Keith Stone. No changes made at this time. Discussion was held for the need to replace the 1992 1500 g.p.m. pumper. There are four years left on the current bond issue for the last fire truck that was purchased in 2008. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

The General Administration Department proposed budget in the amount of \$1,998,927 and the Special Projects in the amount of \$4,089,903 were presented by Gary Person and Geri Anthony. Discussion was held on the various projects in these budgets; i.e. Trails, 11th Avenue/OPR path, grants, Gold Rush Days, Camp Lookkout, Sesquicentennial Celebration, South Entrance Landscaping, Downtown Civic Center Grant, Hickory Street Square, etc. General Fund Receipts were also reviewed and discussed.

General consensus of the City Council was to call for another workshop meeting for August 13th at Noon to further discuss debt service and for another overview of all departments.

Arterburn moved, Gay seconded "That the City Council now hold a closed session for the purpose of personnel matters." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Mayor Gaston stated that the Council would now go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was called back into open session and adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

/s/WENDALL GASTON, MAYOR

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

