

Sidney, Nebraska, July 29, 2015 A Fair Housing City

A special meeting for the purpose of budget workshops with the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 1:12 P.M. on July 29, 2015 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Nienhueser & Council Members: Arterburn, Gaston, 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 Nienhueser informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Budget Workshops proceeded as follows:

Golf Department’s proposed budget in the amount \$590,395 was presented by Chuck Christensen and Kris Johnson. Current rounds played, revenues received, and possible no fee changes were discussed as well as possibly adding a payment plan for memberships. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

Pool, Cemetery & Parks proposed budgets were presented by Superintendent Tom Von Seggern and Public Service Director John Hehnke. Pool’s proposed budget was \$5,108,726 (included \$5,000,000 for a bond issue for a new pool). Corrections were made for the bond issue—changed to \$4,400,000. Other changes were adding \$4,000 to the concessions line item, adding \$22,000 to staff line item, and FICA changed too \$4,355. New total for Pool was \$4,536,409. Cemetery’s proposed budget was \$174,541 and no changes were made to the proposed budget. Park’s proposed budget was \$1,181,848. Vehicle expense of \$30,000 and \$28,000 for skate park was deleted. New total for Park was \$1,123,848.

Solid Waste/Landfill Department’s proposed budget in the amount of \$2,032,046 was presented by Rob Campbell and John Hehnke. Proposed capital expenditures was \$245,000 for new residential sideloader truck. No changes were made to the proposed budget at this time.

Water Superintendent Bill Taylor and Public Service Director John Hehnke introduced Lauren Benton of Diamondback Engineering who reviewed the recent Water Study that she and her company had performed for the City of Sidney Water Department including background information, future water demand projections, Water Systems deficiencies, proposed improvements to align with future developments, etc. The projects they had presented for the updating and upgrading of Sidney’s water system were as follows: 1. East Booster Pump Station & suction piping improvements; 2.High pressure zone distribution piping; 3. High pressure zone elevated storage; 4. High pressure zone transmission piping; and 5. Trunk main to 600,000 gallon storage tank. Discussion was held on each project. Gallaway moved, Gaston seconded “That the City proceed with all projects and go forward with funding.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

After the study presentation, Bill and John reviewed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - \$6,093,800 which included a SRF load and offsetting expense for the prioritized projects. Increase in rates and fees will be addressed before finalizing the budget. No changes were made at this time.

Wastewater/Sewer Department proposed budgets were presented by Todd Sukup, Bill Taylor and John Hehnke for an overall total proposed budget in the amount of \$1,124,050. No changes were made at this time.

Public Service Director John Hehnke and Electric Superintendent Mike Palmer presented their proposed budgets in the combined amount of \$10,082,834 and reviewed the large capital projects. Changes were made to decrease the budget to \$9,982,834.

Inspection Department’s proposed budget in the amount of \$247,035 was presented by Brad Rowan, City Inspector. Discussion of a new vehicle in the amount of \$30,000 was held and was deleted. Proposed budget is now \$217,035.

Fire Department’s proposed budget in the amount of \$160,044 was presented by Chief Keith Stone. Discussion was held for the need to replace the 1992 1500 g.p.m. pumper. There are three 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.

Street Department’s proposed disbursement budget is in the amount of \$10,809,998 was presented by Hank Radtke, Street Superintendent and John Hehnke. The receipt side is \$10,209,444 which is a shortfall of \$600,554. They reviewed some of the requested capital items: i.e. new equipment bay (\$140,000), 7 yard dump truck (\$150,000) and grader replacement (\$232,000), the new sales tax revenue for streets and storm water projects, as well as all the street projects. No changes were made at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Mark Nienhueser Mayor

ATTEST: _____
G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK

Sidney, Nebraska, July 30, 2015 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 & public session at 4:00 P.M. on July 30, 2015 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Nienhueser & Council Members: Arterburn, Gallaway, Gaston & Gay. Others present: City Manager Person & 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. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council. 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 Nienhueser informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Budget Workshops proceeded as follows:

Library's proposed budget in the amount of \$500,244 was presented by Andrew Sherman, Library Director. Changes were made in the amount of \$1,800 for a new total of \$502,044.

Economic/Community Development proposed budget in the amount of \$150,000 was presented by Tina Hochwender and Gary Person. No changes were made.

Major Joe Aikens presented the Police Department's proposed budget in the amount of \$1,830,791. Discussion was held and no changes were made at this time.

The General Administration Department proposed budget in the amount of \$1,950,700 and the Special Projects in the amount of \$3,290,000 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 Lookout, Sesquicentennial Celebration, South Entrance Landscaping, Downtown Civic Center Grant, Hickory Street Square, etc. General Fund Receipts were also reviewed and discussed.

Mayor Nienhueser stated that he would entertain a motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss personnel and contractual strategy matters. Gallaway moved, Gay seconded AThat the Council go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss personnel and contractual strategy matters.@ Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mayor Nienhueser announced that the City Council will now go into closed session at 6:40 p.m. Upon the Council=s return from the closed session, Gaston moved, Gay seconded AThat the Closed session end and the Open session be reconvened.@ Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Mayor Nienhueser announced that the Council has come out of the closed session at 8:57 p.m.

Gallaway moved, Gay seconded "That the City reject MEAN's offer of a transmission study payment." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Mayor Nienhueser announced that they had received notice from J. Leef that she has a conflict of interest in the personnel matters and that she withdraws from these matters. Gaston moved, Gay second "That the Council authorize the Mayor to search for other legal counsel to represent the City Council in this matter." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

MARK NIENHUESER, MAYOR

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G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK

