

Sidney, Nebraska, March 22, 2016, A Fair Housing City

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:15 P.M. on March 22, 2016 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Nienhueser and Council Members: Gallaway, Gay, and Arterburn. Absent: Gaston. Others present: City Manager Sadler, City Clerk Anthony and City Attorney Leef. 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.

Gallaway moved, Gay seconded "That Council Member Gaston be excused from this meeting." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Arterburn asked for a correction to the March 8th minutes to reflect the reason he and Gallaway had voted no to the 1 & 6 Street plan; i.e. their concerns regarding the lack of street improvement projects vs. new projects. Arterburn moved, Gallaway seconded "That the minutes of March 8, 2016 meeting be approved as amended." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Gallaway moved, Arterburn seconded "That Resolution No. 20160304 be passed and approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

RESOLUTION NO. 20160304

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA:

That Ed Sadler be appointed City Manager for the City of Sidney to serve an indefinite period at the pleasure of the City Council; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Geri Anthony be released as Interim City Manager.

Mike Palmer, Sidney's ACE Board Member, presented a check in the amount of \$14,382.15. He reported that Sidney has been a member of ACE since its inception, and that to date ACE has returned \$101,840 back to Sidney. In the past the refunds, if any, have been used for Park projects.

The Clerk read Ordinance 1775 by Title for the third time as follows: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, RELATING TO ELECTRICAL RATES, EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATES, AMENDING SECTIONS 1048.04, 1048.05, 1048.06, 1048.065, 1048.11 AND 1048.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION." Gay moved, Arterburn seconded "That Ordinance No. 1775 be finally passed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council was declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and affixed his signature thereto. Gallaway moved, Gay seconded "That Ordinance No. 1775 be published in The Sidney Sun Telegraph." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Jason Petik, CEO of SRMC, presented a request to increase the speed limit on Greenwood Rd. and Pole Creek Crossing as they approach the hospital, from 25 mph to 35mph. Zoning Administrator Ben Dayton paraphrased a letter from Don Dye of M.C. Schaff & Associates, engineers for the Greenwood Rd. and Pole Creek Crossing project, in which they state that a speed limit of up to 35 mph would be appropriate for this area. Arterburn moved, Gallaway seconded "That the Council accept the engineers report and recommend that the

speed limit be raised to 35 mph on Greenwood Road-south of US Hwy 30, and on Pole Creek Crossing-east to US Hwy 385.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Tom VonSeggern, Parks Superintendent, presented a revised fee schedule for the Sidney Aquatic Center to reflect an annual rate of \$150 for families instead of \$180 as originally proposed. He noted that this reduction in fees would also reduce the recovery factor from 84 to 77 percent, which is speculative until we get a year under our belt. He felt that the aquatic center being open 105 days for the upcoming season instead of 77 in previous years would help boost revenues. He discussed various rate scenarios for Cool Kids, daycares, and swim team, including scholarships and grants. Mayor Nienhueser stated that if the daily fees would have been incrementally raised over the years, there would not be the “shock” factor now. City Manager Sadler stated that while a pool will never pay for itself, you have to look at it as an amenity for the community to market it as a good place to live. City Attorney Leef noted that adjustments to the fee schedule could also be made during the year, if needed, by bringing a revised resolution for consideration by Council.

Gay moved, Gallaway seconded That Resolution No. 20160301 be passed and approved.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

RESOLUTION 20160301

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA:

That the charges for the use of the Sidney Aquatic Center shall be as follows effective May 1, 2016:

Daily Admissions and Season Passes:

<u>CATEGORY</u>		<u>DAILYANNUAL</u>
Adult	5.00	90.00
Youth	4.00	60.00
5 and under	3.00	45.00
Senior	3.00	45.00
*Family	N/A	150.00

***Season Passes for Family Membership: Definition** for the purposes of a family membership, the Sidney Outdoor Aquatic Center defines a family as a married couple (as defined by Nebraska law) and unmarried children through the age of 18 living in one household. Unmarried children, 19-23, may be on the membership only if the child is a fulltime college student or is in the military with proper college or military ID. Foster children or other children under the legal guardianship of a parent may be added to a family membership by providing a copy of the official court documents awarding the member custody of the child.

Aquatic Activities:

Swimming Lessons - \$40.00 (5 sessions)

Water Aerobics Fitness Classes - \$35.00, with purchase of season pass

No Season Pass: \$35.00, plus appropriate daily aquatic center admittance.

Aquatic Center rental for parties - \$125.00 per hour.

Hardship cases as handled by the Cheyenne County Community Center: AThe parties are asked to write a letter to the Center stating why they want the membership, how they will utilize it and how it would benefit them. They also need to provide a free and/or reduced lunch form from the school system they attend.@

Rob Rauner, of Rauner & Associates, presented a power point on the audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, giving a clean opinion on the audit and internal control. He thanked city staff for their assistance during preparation of the audit. Gallaway moved, Gay seconded “That the audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 be accepted as presented.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Jessica Davies of Panhandle Public Health, presented the Resolution recognizing the Sidney Active Living Advisory Committee’s efforts to affect the health and quality of life of all residents of Sidney with the “Just Step and Repeat” program. The program promotes citizens to utilize Sidney’s walking/biking paths through exercise.

Arterburn moved, Gallaway seconded "That Resolution No. 20160305 be passed and approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

RESOLUTION NO. 20160305

WHEREAS, the City of Sidney recognizes the importance of policies, practices, and supports and how they have the ability to affect the health and quality of life of its residents;

WHEREAS, the City of Sidney, in partnership with area community stakeholders, is committed to providing policies, practices, and supports for walking, biking, and running for overall health for all residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY will seek opportunities and establish mechanisms to support individual, community, and environmental efforts to improve the public's health by encouraging the development and implementation of policies and practices that support and promote active living among residents as set forth herein.

NOW THERE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY recognizes the Sidney Active Living Advisory Committee and will work in partnership with the Sidney Active Living Advisory Committee which includes: businesses community organizations, the hospital, schools, churches, the community center, health department, planning and development, and applicable city departments to affect the health and quality of life of all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIDNEY acknowledges these efforts to enhance the physical well-being of our citizens and encourage the active participation of all people living and working in the SIDNEY area.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 2016.

Gay moved, Arterburn seconded "That the Budget Reports for all departments for February, 2016 be passed and adopted." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present. Absent: Gaston.

Staff Reports:

City Clerk Anthony extended her thanks to the Council, Department Heads and City staff for their support during her interim tenure as City Manager.

Tina Hochwender, Economic Development Director, reported on upcoming meetings and training seminars with the Nebraska Economic Development Association in Sidney and South Sioux City.

Council Comments:

All Councilmen thanked Geri Anthony for her service as interim City Manager over the past several months and Tom VonSeggern for his efforts on the new Aquatic Center. They welcomed Ed Sadler as the new City Manager, anticipating that he will bring great strengths to community issues.

Mayor Nienhueser also thanked all the Department heads on a job well done. He recognized Tina Hochwender for the excellent job she has done with the economic development issues during a trying time, including the upcoming tour of Sidney businesses by the Governor and NED staff. He encouraged everyone to become active in the community so Sidney can continue to move forward in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

