

Sidney, Nebraska, August 10, 2016 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 8:00 A.M. on August 10, 2016 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Nienhueser & Council Members: Arterburn, Gaston, Gallaway & Gay. Others present: City Manager Sadler & 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 Workshop:

Presentations by special interest groups were heard at this time as follows:

Cheyenne County Historical Association

Roger Jorgensen and Duane Nightingale presented their request for \$5,000 or for assistance with the City's utilities bill. The history of the struggles that the museums have due to lack of funds was discussed.

Denise Wilkinson, Director of the Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce and the High Plans Compass presented their request for the next fiscal year in the amount of \$30,000. The Compass is in need of upgrading and they will try to get that done this year. The City would like more retail community development from the Chamber. It was decided that a committee be formed to discuss what each entity expects of the other and come up with a compromise. Council Members Gaston and Arterburn volunteered to be City representatives on this committee.

Denise also presented information regarding Sidney's Sesquicentennial which will be August 18, 19, and 20, 2017. This weekend coincides with the next solar eclipse, which should also bring a lot of people to this part of Nebraska. There is \$20,000 in this year's City budget for this celebration, which represents two years of budgets accumulating.

Phyllis Tuzicka gave a report on the 2016 Gold Rush celebration and their request for \$5,000 again for 2017.

Kathy Scripp, long-time member of the Living Memorial Gardens committee, presented their financials for this year and their request for the coming fiscal year in the amount of \$4,000. She also explained how the rental of the Gazebo that is in the Gardens is handled thru the Community Center.

Kathy Wilson and Marla Ellwanger were present to request \$20,000 to finish Camp Lookout before the Sesquicentennial celebration.

Heidi Gillespie appeared without a budget yet for the Communications Center. She answered questions that the Council had in regards to the Center.

Randy Meininger gave a report on this fiscal year for the Ambulance Service and that there would be no increase for the coming year.

The Council reviewed all of the Special Interest requests. The Cheyenne County Historical Association was not put in the budget. They also spoke on Hickory Square possibilities and hoped it would be in the Park Master Plan. They felt we need to review our contract with the Community Center. Discussion on the proposed

health insurance package was held. The Council will be provided updated budget sheets as soon as possible. The next time budgets will be reviewed is on August 23, 2016. At that time, a finalized budget needs to be ready in order to advertise for a public hearing re: same on September 13, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

/s/Mark Nienhueser MAYOR

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

