

Sidney, Nebraska, January 24, 2017 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 January 24, 2017 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Arterburn and Council Members: Gallaway, Gaston, Utley and Nienhueser. Others present: City Manager Sadler, City Attorney Leef 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 Arterburn informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Gallaway moved, Nienhueser seconded "That the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

During Comments by the Public: Patricia Finney presented concerns about snow removal in the Historic Downtown as well as public restrooms for that area also. Ice accumulation behind her business in the alley was also a concern.

Andrew Sherman, Library Director, presented the Annual Report for the Sidney Public Library. Gaston moved, Nienhueser seconded "That the Annual Report for the Library be accepted." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Discussion was held on the proposed changes to the City Code which would allow for liquor consumption on City-owned property as well as update it to the State Statutes. Addition of an appeal process was requested by majority of the Council. ORDINANCE NO. 1784 entitled "**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 612 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SECTIONS 612.01 THROUGH 612.99 OF THE SIDNEY MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY ; TO REPEAL SUCH SECTIONS AS HERETOFORE EXISTING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE**" was read by title for the second time. There being no motion to waive the third reading, the Ordinance will be on the 2/14/17 agenda.

**City Manager's Report:** The second round of bonds was sold last week at a lower interest rate than last time. He is advertising for Economic Development Director again. Interviews for a Golf Director will begin on Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. FYI – Knox boxes will be installed on many of the municipal buildings.

**Council Comments: Mayor Arterburn:** Thanked Sherm for the excellent report on the activities of the Sidney Public Library. He also read a thank you note from the Chamber of Commerce which expressed their gratitude for Keven Kubo's building services at their building. **Other Council Member's Comments:** Roger thanked the staff for installation of the additional outlet on the Council bench in order to facilitate the computers used for the agenda packets. All were interested in when Charter will be providing the promised services. The deadline for that is January 25, 2017 and if no action has been taken, the City Manager will promptly contact Charter.

The Mayor recessed the meeting for a short break before the Work Session and then opened it again in open session for the Work Session as follows: 1. Street; new streets, maintenance of older streets, possible truck routes, enforcing existing laws regarding where large vehicles can park. 2. Possible schedules for mowing city owned properties. 3. Utility Rates and possible re-structuring. More work sessions will be held in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

/s/JOE ARTERBURN, MAYOR

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







