

Sidney, Nebraska, February 27, 2018 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 February 27, 2018 in the Council Room. Present were: Mayor Arterburn and Council Members: Gallaway, Gaston, Utley and Olsen. Others present: City Manager Sadler, City Attorney Goodwin 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, Utley seconded "That the minutes of the February 13 and 20, 2018 meetings be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Agenda # 4 was removed from the agenda per the request of the requestor: Reynolds, Korth & Samuelson, P.C. L.L.O. of Ogallala, NE re: opioid crisis, its effects on political subdivisions, and remedies available.

Melissa Norgard, Economic Development Director, asked the City Council to consider \$250,000 of LB840 Historic Downtown funds to match the amount of that was applied for from the Civic & Community Center Financing Fund from the State of Nebraska. Greg Huck, Chairman of the Historic Downtown Committee and the Chamber's Economic Development Committee spoke about the pros of going forward with the Hickory Street Square Project. Melissa and Greg reported on the public meeting that the Chamber sponsors re: said project. Staff noted that this project will appear before the Council several more times as the project is on City property. Gaston moved, Gallaway seconded "That the LB840 Historic Downtown funds grant to match the State grant if received be approved." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Kris Johnson, Golf Course Manager, presented a request for approval to award the bid from L.L. Johnson Distributors of Denver for a new Toro rough mower for the Golf Course in the amount of \$51,840.56. Three Bids were received for the mower in the amounts of \$54,800 and \$58,489. The budget appropriated \$50,000 for this mower. Kris listed the pros for using L.L. Johnson including all the other mowers on the course are Toros. City Manager Sadler said that if the bid is approved, the Golf Course had to have their budget compensate for the difference. Gaston moved, Olson seconded "That the bid from L.L. Johnson in the amount of \$51,840.56 be approved with the difference between the bid and the budget be absorbed by their current budget." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Assistant City Manager Dawn Martin requested approval for the 2018 Herbicide & Fertilizer Season Services. In 2017, Council approved the use of a Performance Based Request for Proposal ("RFP") to be used in locating a contractor to provide Herbicide & Fertilizer Services for the City. In the event that a bid was accepted, the RFP contained a clause allowing the City to renew the contract for four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods under the same terms and conditions. The contract was awarded to Renkoski Vegetative Services ("Renkoski").

For the 2018 Agreement there were a few properties that were previously missed that were added in (such as Camp Lookout, Boot Hill, the Chamber), and a few others that were eliminated. The overall acres treated only

increased by 0.31 acres, but the amount of each type of treatment changed more. Tom VonSeggern, the City Parks Superintendent, also confirmed, with one of his past suppliers, that the chemical prices increased anywhere from 7 to 12% for the upcoming season. All of these changes forced a renegotiation. The 2018 contract amount is \$4,226.86 over the prior year. Renkoski performed the 2017 agreement satisfactorily, and it was decided after the renegotiation of terms to request that Council renew the contract through the 2018 season. At the end of the 2018 season the City may extend the terms of the Agreement for up to an additional 3 years without changes to the properties treated. It is intended to continue this treatment method until it is no longer deemed a savings for, or in the best interest of the City.

Galloway moved, Utley seconded "That the 2018 contract with Renkoski Vegetative Services be approved as negotiated." Roll call vote: Yeas: All council members present.

Mike Palmer, Electric Distribution Superintendent presented a Policy and Guidelines for Interconnection for qualified Distributed Generation facilities as addressed in Ordinance No. 989 Interconnection with City of Sidney System was passed on March 23, 1981. Discussion was held.

City Manager's/Staff Report: Rates are being worked on for the large tents including setup charges. Agenda #4 that was postponed is regarding class action suits. Ben Dayton has resigned and this will be his last Council Meeting. He and his family are moving back to North Carolina. Chief of Police Aikens reported the Police will be leading the Lady Red Raiders on their way out of town passing by each of the different schools.

City Council Remarks: Council Member Olsen congratulated Council Member Gaston on a great job as President of the League of Municipalities at the Mid-Winter League Conference. He also thanked Ben for his years of service and wished the Lady Raiders good luck at State. Council Member Gaston also thanked Ben and gave a report on the League Conference. Mayor Arterburn also wished Ben good luck as well as the girl's basketball team at State. Congratulations to the Red Raider wrestlers at State. Council Member Galloway mentioned that Coach Ganser is retiring this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

/s/ JOE ARTERBURN, MAYOR

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

