

## **MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

Held on Monday, January 5, 2009

6:30 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The workshop meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, January 5, 2009, with Mayor Mike Barhorst presiding. Mayor Barhorst welcomed those in attendance and explained a workshop meeting is simply a working meeting for Council.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Council members were present and answered roll call: Mike Barhorst, Steve Hamby, Frank Mariano, Tom Miller, Mardie Milligan, and Terry Pellman.

Also attending was: City Manager Steve Stilwell, Law Director Mike Smith, Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy, Public Works Director Bill Gosciewski, Planning Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, and Utility Office Supervisor Karen Berning.

### **Discussion – Comp Plan Update**

Planning Director Dulworth gave Council a brief review on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Update. She explained the update is approximately 2/3 complete and reviewed each of the individual phases of this plan. Dulworth noted policy areas are being developed to replace the present land use areas and explained the significance of these policy areas. She reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the present plan as well as opportunities or threats to the community. Dulworth noted an open house will be scheduled in late January or early February to share this plan with the community. It will then be reviewed by Planning Commission and forwarded on to City Council for adoption. Dulworth noted the Comprehensive Plan is also available on the City's web site.

### **Discussion – Solid Waste Contract**

Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy introduced Utility Office Supervisor Karen Berning and Sally Wood from Shelby County Recycling and explained the City's current contract with Allied Waste for collection and disposal of residential solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste will expire May 31, 2009. Judy reviewed the present contract and services offered and noted because of the present economic picture, contractors are including an increase in fuel costs and building in a fuel adjustment factor in new contracts. He noted costs will be reviewed every six months to determine actual fuel costs.

Mayor Barhorst questioned whether customer rates would need to be adjusted every six months to handle any fuel adjustment and Judy responded it is hoped rates would only need to be reviewed annually.

Judy assured Council the City will continue to collect leaves and limbs as presently being done.

Judy advised the City plans to request proposals from waste haulers in mid-January and have figures back for Council's review by late February.

### **January Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission Activity**

Planning Director Dulworth reviewed the items scheduled to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission at their January 20, 2009 meetings.

### **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items**

City Manager Stilwell next reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the next 30 days.

### **Council/City Manager Comments**

City Manager Stilwell announced the upcoming retirement of Police Chief Steve Wearly effective March 20, 2009, and outlined the process for filling this vacancy. Stilwell noted he would like to have a new Police Chief ready to serve by June 15.

Councilman Hamby encouraged the City to hire from within for this position if at all possible.

Mayor Barhorst advised Council they would be receiving a listing of the present Council liaison appointments to the various boards and commissions and asked that they review this listing and advise the City Manager or him of any requests for changes.

It was moved by Councilman Mariano, seconded by Councilman Pellman to excuse Council member McMillan from tonight's meeting due to employment obligations. The roll call vote followed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Boards and Commissions**

At 7:38 PM Councilman Pellman moved and Councilman Mariano seconded a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Boards and Commissions. The roll call vote followed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:42 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Mariano moved and Councilman Pellman seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn. The roll call vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was held pursuant to Sidney City Council Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jocene Fahnstock  
City Clerk

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Mayor