

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, November 7, 2011

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, November 7, 2011, with Mayor Barhorst presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present and answered roll call: Mike Barhorst, Katie McMillan, Tom Miller, Terry Pellman and Steve Wagner.

Also attending was: Interim City Manager Tom Judy, Public Works Director Chris Clark, Fire Chief Brad Jones, Police Chief Kevin Gessler, Parks Director Duane Gaier, Finance Officer Ginger Adams and Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth. Other staff members in attendance included: Assistant Finance Officer Renee Dulaney, IT Manager Kenneth Van Hook and Law Director to be Jeff Amick.

Mayor Barhorst welcomed Law Director to be Jeffrey Amick to the Workshop meeting and invited Council and staff to join him in singing Happy Birthday to Mr. Amick.

Discussion – 2012 Budget

ICM T. Judy began the budget review discussion with an explanation of the process involved in preparing the budget and the involvement of all department heads. Finance Officer G. Adams had the lead role in guiding the staff through the process and pulling together the budget as presented at this meeting.

FO G. Adams gave an overview of the budget presentations. Each Department head presented their 2012 budget, goals and objectives for 2012 and answered questions from Council. FO G. Adams concluded each department report with the detailed budget figures.

Police Department report included birthday wishes for Police Chief K. Gessler (50 years young).

Council member McMillan expressed her appreciation for the hard work put into “the good, solid budget”. Mayor Barhorst noted it was a much easier process than his earlier experience on Council.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Due to extended length of the budget discussions, this item was inadvertently overlooked.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

ICM Judy briefly reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the November 14 and November 24 Council meetings. Staff will be prepared to address any concerns Council may have during the November 14th meeting regarding the proposed 2012 Budget.

Council was reminded of the first round of interviews for the City Manager position. These interviews are scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Wagner moved to excuse Councilman Mariano and Council member Milligan from the workshop meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pellman and passed by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Council member McMillan moved and Councilman Pellman seconded the motion to adjourn. The roll call vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was held pursuant to Sidney City Council Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Goubeaux
City Clerk

Mayor