



City of Sidney, MT
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting
February 07, 2022 6:00 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Alderman DiFonzo replaced Alderwoman Godfrey, who could not attend the meeting.

Others Present: Mayor Norby, City Attorney Kalil, PWD Hintz, Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin

1. New Business

a. Eastern Montana Meats Proposal to Connect to City Sewer

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated they met with MMIA and MLCT on this. Alderman DiFonzo stated they had a hard time seeing any benefit for the City in this agreement. He stated it will be something that would be very hard to maintain and control such as testing routinely that will be the City's responsibility, a bond co-naming the City would have to be acquired with enough to cover costs should anything happen to the lagoon. He stated they brought many issues to our attention, but to mainly keep in mind that the City will assume most liability in this, including proving any issues with the lagoon ponds.

Alderman Koffler asked if Mrs. Gundlach found out more about the industrial waste and PWD Hintz stated because of the City lagoon and our discharge requirements, they will have to pretreat.

Alderman DiFonzo stated we would be responsible for the testing, which would have to be more frequently than weekly. PWD Hintz stated all our testing would have to increase, both influent and effluent testing. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated there would also be required increased maintenance per MMIA such as camera and cleaning of the sewer main.

Alderman DiFonzo stated the biggest take away is what advantage is this to the City, as our first responsibility is to our constituents and rate payers. PWD Hintz stated we do take other waste from outside the City limits and our code states we are allowed to look at this at a case-by-case scenario. City Attorney Kalil stated we are legally allowed to this.

Motion was made to recommend denial of the sewer system to Eastern Montana Meats.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by DiFonzo.
Voting Yea: Koffler, Rasmussen, DiFonzo