



City of Sidney, MT
Public Works Committee Meeting 4/15/26
April 15, 2026 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 713 080 5898 Passcode: 4332809 Call: 1-346-248-7799

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Committee Members Present

DiFonzo, Christensen, Larson and Harris

Others Present

Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Solid Waste Superintendent Meissel, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin and Chamber Executive Director Shannon Wicks.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 18th, 2026 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

5. Visitors
 - a. Sidney Chamber-Sewer Line

Mrs. Wicks came before the Public Works Committee because the Chamber has been having issues with its sewer line. She stated part of the line collapsed a couple of years ago and they paid \$30,000 to replace that part of the line, this last year the line froze due to a belly that was discovered further down the line and to fix this it will be another \$30,000. She stated she is in front of the city to ask if there is any plans on the relocation of the sewer main and manhole that is quite a distance away from the Chamber. PWD Hintz stated they do not have any such plans, as that is usually the job of the property owner or developer. He and Mrs. Wicks further explained the Chamber's issue with their sewer line is the distance from the building to the manhole and with required grades. The Committee discussed the City's liability in this, with the Chamber leasing city property for their building. The Committee requested PWD Hintz look at the line and

what recommendations he may have to fix the situation and have City Attorney Kalil review the lease agreement to help decide whose responsibility it is.

6. Monthly Reports

a. March 2026 Public Works Report

PWD Hintz presented the March 2026 Public Works Report, noting garbage is still up. He stated there will be a pre-construction meeting on Friday for the North Park Elevated Water Tower Replacement, which they plan to start staging for in the next week, luckily use of the ball fields will not be affected this year. He stated the contractors will be back for the final wrap-up and clean up of the Meadows Drainage Project and the top soil is being distributed in the holding pond. PWD Hintz will be working on how to keep vehicles and motorbikes off the perimeter road. The Parks Department is working on the irrigation systems and getting water turned on, the Streets Department has been crack sealing and the shop project is midway done with the bathroom, offices and breakroom. Office staff has created a list of businesses with commercial kitchens for PWD Hintz and Sewer Superintendent Jurgens to use to make contact about grease and grease traps.

SWS Meissel stated the commercial route garbage truck tested hot at the landfill for radioactive material. Luckily we were still able to dump after they used the hand tool. The same truck, when back at the shop, discovered the trough was full of motor oil. He stated these types of things are hard to catch, but the new scanner at the dump will help. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the City will run the do's and don'ts for using city garbage and about spring clean up.

PWD Hintz stated there has been a new issue with contractors who are working on concrete in public right-of-way not being bonded and insured as required by city code. He stated previously this was not something that was on his radar for being an issue, but some of the work being done could turn into a liability for the property owner. The Committee discussed the need for building permits to not be issued unless a right-of-way permit has been first, when necessary, and the possibility of making a city contractors license a requirement so the city will know who is bonded and insured, which is also information for the public to know and expanding the required permits to include all work being done, including on residential properties.

7. New Business

8. Unfinished Business

a. Garbage Code Update

PWD Hintz stated there was a computer issue that deleted out his progress, but he will have a final recommendation to the Committee in May.

b. Water Code Update

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated Deputy Schmierer is working with Water Commissioner Tiesen on the code update and as soon as they have worked through enough of the details, they will present.

9. **Comments and Questions from the Committee**

Nothing.

10. **Adjournment**

at 6:19pm.