



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 6-3-24
June 03, 2024 6:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Norby called the regular meeting of the Sidney City Council to order at 6:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.

3. Aldermen Present

Christensen, Godfrey, Stevenson, Koffler, Rasmussen and DiFonzo.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. May 20th, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

b. May 22nd, 2024 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

c. May 28th, 2024 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

5. Visitors

a. Sidney Chamber of Commerce-Fireworks Show Donation

Chamber Executive Director Kali Godfrey came before the City Council seeking a donation for the annual fire works show that the Chamber has taken over on planning from the Jaycees. She stated they need \$20,000 to put on the 29 minute show and is requesting a \$1,000 donation from the City of Sidney. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated previously donations have been made out of the Oil and Gas fund, the previous of which was \$1,500. She stated there is budget authority available in the Oil and Gas fund to do this donation since the architect purchased services out of that fund was not fully spent and won't be.

Motion was made to approve a donation of \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

b. Sidney Tiger Sharks-Parking Campers in Moose Parking Lot week prior to State Swim Meet

Pete Erickson stated that with Swim Team Divisional Tournament being in Glendive, they have been requested to seek permission to allow campers to be dropped off in the Moose Parking lot for the week between divisional and state tournaments. He stated he has already discussed this with baseball and they have nothing going on that week to interfere with this. Alderman DiFonzo asked who is responsible for the campers and how can the City protect them. PWD Hintz stated the gate can be locked and Chief Kraft stated they can patrol that area more that week. Alderman DiFonzo stated anyone leaving their campers need to understand the City cannot do more than that.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

c. Other Visitors:

Jody Wells (Round-Up), Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering), James Falcon (Sidney Herald-via Zoom).

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Update:

Mayor Norby stated the Primary Election is tomorrow and asked that everyone get out and vote.

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Budget and Finance Committee: FY24-25 Payroll 1.6% Health Insurance Premium Increase

Alderman Christensen stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and continued to review the FY24-25 payroll. She stated they have recommended the City covering the 1.6% increase in the health insurance premium.

Motion was made to approve the City covering the 1.6% health insurance premium increase.

Motion made by Alderman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Godfrey, Alderman Christensen

b. Budget and Finance Committee: FY24-25 Payroll City Starting Wage Analysis

Alderman Christensen stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and continued to review the FY24-25 payroll. She stated during this review they reviewed the proposed starting wage analysis for all employees, except the police department. She stated in future fiscal years the increase will be applied to these starting wages so that they continue to increase for employee recruitment.

Motion was made to approve the City Starting Wage analysis.

Motion made by Alderman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Godfrey.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Godfrey, Alderman Christensen

c. Budget and Finance Committee: FY24-25 Payroll 4.1% Pay Increase Maximum

Alderman Christensen stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and continued to review the FY24-25 payroll. She stated they are recommending approval of up to a 4.1% increase,

depending on evaluations. She stated the 4.1% is per the consumer price index and MACO COLA recommendations.

Motion was made to approve up to a 4.1% increase for FY24-25 payroll.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

d. Park and Recreation Committee: Tiger Sharks Swim Team Bulkhead

Alderman DiFonzo stated the Park and Recreation Committee met with Interstate Engineering and the Tiger Sharks Swim Team pertaining to the continued use of their current bulk head. He stated they requested Interstate Engineering do a load rating analysis of the structure to give a load occupancy and possibly make recommendations with such. He stated they also stated Interstate Engineering would be making recommendations for updating the current bulkhead arms to prevent damage to the stainless-steel gutters at the pool. Alderman DiFonzo stated the Park and Recreation Committee recommended approval for the continued use for the current Swim Team Bulkhead with the Interstate Engineering load rating analysis and recommendations for improvements.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

e. Park and Recreation Committee: Tennis Courts/Pickleball Courts

Alderman DiFonzo stated Interstate Engineering provided a cost estimate for the improvements to the tennis courts, including turning 2 courts into 6 pickleball courts. He stated the project estimate was broken into 2 phases, the first being \$1,077,000 for transitioning the tennis courts into pickleball courts and expanding the courts by 19-feet. He stated the second phase will be to do the improvements for the remaining two tennis courts and will cost \$945,000. Alderman DiFonzo stated the pickleball group is seeking local funding for the project and will report back to the Park and Recreation Committee, as FWP Grant funding will not be available until 2026.

9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Chairman DiFonzo – Christensen, Stevenson | **Water and Sewer** – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Christensen

Street and Alley – Chairman Christensen– DiFonzo, Rasmussen | **Sanitation** – Chairman Rasmussen – Koffler, Stevenson

City Buildings & Street Lighting – Chairman Stevenson– Koffler, Godfrey | **Police and Fire** – Chairman Godfrey, DiFonzo, Rasmussen

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – DiFonzo, Koffler

Aldерwoman Rasmussen inquired as to when the lines will be painted on Lincoln Avenue and PWD Hintz stated they have been painting curbs but there is an issue with paint. He stated the lines on Lincoln specifically will not be done until after the overlay is completed.

Aldерwoman Rasmussen asked for an update for the sidewalk going up 22nd Avenue and PWD Hintz stated the City applied for a grant but was not awarded it. He stated when the grant opens again, they will try to reapply. Aldерwoman Rasmussen stated since there is no shoulder on that road it is very dangerous and the project needs to be a priority. Aldерman DiFonzo agreed, stating it is a highly used road for walking children. Aldерwoman Rasmussen asked if it is a project that could be budgeted for and done without the grant and PWD Hintz stated it is over a \$1,000,000 project. Aldерman DiFonzo asked if the County has been approached for participating in the project since it will benefit their constituents also and PWD Hintz stated he can ask if they would be willing.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Updated Zoning books were provided to the City Council and will be updated on the websites.

13. City Attorney

a. Update:

Nothing.

b. Resolution No. 3929-Setting FY24-25 Wages

Mayor Norby read Resolution 3929, setting FY24-25 wages, out loud.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Aldерman Koffler, Seconded by Aldерman DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: Aldерman Koffler, Aldерwoman Rasmussen, Aldерman DiFonzo, Aldерwoman Godfrey

14. Chief of Police

a. Update:

Nothing.

15. Public Works Director

a. FY2024 Interlocal Agreement for Chip Seal Project

PWD Hintz provided the FY2024-25 Interlocal Agreement for the City/County Chip Seal Project, which will be starting in July.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

b. Interstate Engineering Short Form Agreement-2024 Chip Seal Project

PWD Hintz provided the Interstate Engineering Short Form Agreement for the City/County Chip Seal Project.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

c. 2024 Chip Seal Project Change Order 1-Increase of \$11,318.10

PWD Hintz provided Change Order 1 for the City/County Chip Seal Project, which was due to the City requesting the chip be 3/8 not 1/2 as the project specs called for. He stated he feels the 1/2 chip will cause issues including busted windshields.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

d. Update:

PWD Hintz stated they will be completing the curb and gutter for the 6th Street project this week, with the overlay next week.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Update:

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the due date has passed for response on the lead line survey and there is still 629 outstanding surveys out of 2,549. She stated that if people do not respond to the survey the City will have to go door to door requesting participation since it is a required survey by the EPA.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

a. Claims to be approved: \$47,745.34

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2024-74 to 2024-79 and RC2024-27

19. Adjournment

at 7:02pm.