



City of Sidney, MT  
City Council Regular Meeting  
August 01, 2022 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. July 18th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

In discussion Alderman DiFonzo asked how the Sidney Herald gets the minutes of the meetings and Clerk/Treasurer stated they get the minutes off the website in draft form from the website. Alderman DiFonzo stated their recent article did not relay the proper information from his comments on the Metz Fuel discussion, which were properly relayed in the minutes. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she will get with him and the Sidney Herald to get it corrected.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

5. Visitors

**a. Visitors:**

Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering

**6. Public Hearing**

Nothing.

**7. Mayor Norby**

**a. Richland County Fair August 3rd-6th**

Mayor Norby announced the Richland County Fair and asked that everyone be safe and enjoy the weekend. He further asked if anyone see's anything that needs cleaned up let PWD Hintz know and we will get it taken care of to best represent the City. Alderman Koffler asked how the post office is looking and Alderwoman Godfrey stated she and 15 youth volunteers worked on that property extensively and attempted to clean it up, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin being a Federal Entity, any work done by the City cannot be put on their property taxes and Alderman DiFonzo stated to invoice them for the work done by the City.

**b. 2022 MLCT Conference in Kalispell October 5th-7th**

Mayor Norby announced the 2022 MLCT Conference and stated if anyone would like to attend let Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin know and she will get them registered.

**8. Committee Meeting Work**

Alderwoman Christensen stated they are up and running and ready for the Richland County Fair and that she hopes everyone attends.

**9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports**

**Parks and Recreation** – Chairman Difonzo – Godfrey, Christensen | **Water and Sewer** – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Rasmussen

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

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

**Budget and Finance** – Chairman Christensen – Rasmussen, Godfrey

Nothing.

**10. Unfinished Business**

Nothing.

## 11. New Business

### a. SDI Architects Contract-City Hall Remodel

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the City Council was previously presented with a contract to only do the as-builts and preliminary drawing of the City Hall Remodel project, but since the project has progressed SDI is now presenting a contract for the entire project, up through construction. She stated the total contract amount is \$125,500, which she had \$150,000 budgeted to pay for this out of the Oil and Gas Fund.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

## 12. City Planner

PWD Hintz stated KLJ is looking into doing our impact fee study that needs to be done. He stated he will report back.

## 13. City Attorney

City Attorney Kalil stated he is working on Nuisance items, with a meeting needing to be scheduled soon. He stated he and PWD Hintz are working on the Main Street Water Item. Mayor Norby asked for an update on the Long property and City Attorney Kalil stated that is one of the items for the meeting.

## 14. Chief of Police

### a. Update

Captain Rosaaen stated he has nothing to report on behalf of Chief Kraft.

## 15. Public Works Director

### a. Update

PWD Hintz stated the SMV Park drawing with the playground equipment is done and the Park and Rec Board needs to meet to decide on the location. The Park and Rec Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday August 8th at 5:00pm.

PWD Hintz stated except for some landscaping and radar sign the 4th Ave Street Project is complete. Alderman DiFonzo stated it should be on the corner of 8th for the best location and PWD Hintz agreed. Alderman DiFonzo thanked the City Crew, PWD Hintz and Interstate Engineering for the good work done on that project, he stated the work done looks great and will last a very long time.

Mr. Mayer stated they are working on Phase III water project that was put off until next year, with City Attorney Kalil needing to do the cite title.

**b. Call for Water/Sewer Committee Meeting: ARPA Funding Grant**

The Water and Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday at 5:45pm. Mr. Mayer stated there is \$1,080,000 available to the City that needs to be decided on where it will be spent, with a 1:1 match, and then it will need to be submitted to the State for approval. He stated if the City does not use it it goes back to the State.

**c. Old Dump Ground Interlocal Agreement with Richland County**

PWD Hintz stated the City owns the old dump ground but the County uses the property the most. He stated this agreement outlines what can be stored up there.

Motion was made to table this until the August 15th, 2022 meeting.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

**16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector**

**a. Update**

Nothing.

**17. City Clerk/Treasurer**

**a. June 2022 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer**

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

**b. Update**

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she received the City of Sidney taxable valuation, so the City has 30 days to pass the budget. She provided the City Council with a budget calendar that outlines the meetings and notices needed. She stated the total taxable value was down from \$10,632,918 at \$10,470,188, but the City will have 167.01 mills to allocate.

**c. June 2022 Treasurer's Report**

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the fiscal year end Treasurer's Report. She stated that this is prior to closing, so it is subject to change, but at this point the only fund that will require a budget amendment is the TBID Fund, as previously reported.

**18. Consent Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

**a. Claims to be approved:** \$121,530.01

**b. Building Permits to be approved:**

|           |                |                  |             |                           |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2023-005  | David Knapp    | 305 10th Ave SW  | Fence       | L4, B00B, Nels Bach 3rd   |
| 2023-006  | Kelly Prop.    | 538 35t Ave NW   | Fence       | L1, B9, Wagon Wheel       |
| 2023-006B | Evenson Const. | 409 7th St SE    | Fence       | L3, B73, Kenoyer          |
| 2023-007  | Bridget Basta  | 807 9th Ave SW   | Fence       | L7, B1, Carpenter-Simard  |
| 2023-008  | Cindy Gjesdal  | 535 33rd Ave NW  | Fence       | L15 & 16, B6, Wagon Wheel |
| RC23-003  | Jake Lunderby  | 12314 Cty Rd 351 | Home        |                           |
| RC23-004  | Sky Towers     | 34024 MT HWY 200 | Cell Tower  |                           |
| RC23-005  | Corie Kliner   | T19N R57E SEc 26 | Addition    |                           |
| RC23-006  | Victor Galindo | Savage           | Mobile Home | l8-12, B1, Original       |
| RC23-007  | Travis Gerten  | S06 T19N R58E    | Green House |                           |

**19. Adjournment**

at 7:00pm.