



City of Sidney, MT
City Council 5-16-2022
May 16, 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 and Rasmussen. Absent: DiFonzo

4. **Correction or Approval of Minutes**

a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 5-2-2022

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

5. **Visitors**

Cole Fink: Mr. Fink stated he is before the City Council on behalf of the Hockey Association, and they would like to request to keep the rink up year around. He stated Soccer has approached them to keep it up as it assists in keeping their balls out of the road. He stated another reason is the time and labor to put the rink up is extensive and difficult to get volunteers with trailers and

equipment. He stated that if they can't keep it up year around, they might have to find another location or not put it back up due to this issue of installation. He stated they feel Quilling's Park is an optimal location for use of the rink during the winter and other sports during the rest of the year. He stated he realizes one of the obstacles is the maintenance of the grounds and he would be willing to go personally mow the rink and around it to assist in that. He stated this summer they will replace any broken boards and paint it a fresh white to make it look better, which repairs, and maintenance would happen yearly.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated due to this not being noticed on the agenda, this needs to be put on the next agenda, which will give her time to look into insurance since this would become a permanent structure on City property. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated an agreement would also need to be made for this. Alderwoman Godfrey stated she would like to see this sent to the Park and Rec Committee.

Others Present: Shenae Sorteberg, Lee Sorteberg, Adam Smith-SVFD, John Seitz-SVFD, Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering, Chloe Go.

a. Richland County Health Department-Community Health Assessment

Brittney Peterson came before the City Council to discuss the Community Health Assessment that happens every 3 years. She stated it is Wednesday June 8th, all day. She stated they do this assessment for three reasons, to get a better understanding of the health of the community, gather volunteers and it is an opportunity to do an emergency response exercise. She stated they will go door to door in clusters to get a representative sample of the community, they run through a series of 40 questions, which are voluntarily responded to. She stated is a way to gain input from the community. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if they get a better response by going door to door and Mrs. Peterson stated the last time they did it was a 100% response rate within the clusters.

b. Fire Chief Adam Smith: Appoint new Deputy Fire Chief John Seitz

Chief Smith stated Derrek Sarta withdrew from the Fire Department due to other obligations and the department voted to recommend John Seitz as the new Deputy Chief to replace him as the City Deputy Chief. Mr. Seitz stated he has been on the Fire Department for 36 years.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Kids to Park Proclamation

Mayor Norby read the Kids to Park Proclamation, proclaiming May 21st, 2022 is Kids to Park Day.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

8. Committee Meeting Work

Mayor Norby announced there is a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting on Thursday May 19th, 2022 at 5:15pm to discuss the proposed 9th Avenue Sewer Line Extension with those property owners. The letters inviting the property owners were sent by PWD Hintz.

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, Difonzo, Christensen

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – Rasmussen, Godfrey

Alderwoman Christensen thanked Chief Kraft and the Sheriff Department for the Peace Officers Memorial Parade and Ceremony. She stated she knows it was a lot to plan and it was amazing.

Alderwoman Godfrey stated she saw the yellow trailer leaving town and then turn back and go back to the property. BI/FM Rasmussen stated the axels were damaged and so they have to have it fixed before they can safely move it. He further stated the sign previously discussed will be removed.

Alderwoman Rasmussen reminded everyone to get out and vote on June 6th!

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin announced there will be two planning board meetings on May 24th and May 25th at 7pm at the Nutter Building.

13. City Attorney

a. Ordinance 594-Amending Zoning Codes M-1 and B-1 to conditionally allow single family residences: Second Reading

Mayor Norby read Ordinance 594 out loud for the second reading. FM/BI Rasmussen stated it stated Commissioners instead of Councilman on the bottom and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated it should be changed. He further asked if single family residences include mobile homes. PWD HIntz stated he would have to look into that.

Motion was made to table the second reading.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

14. Chief of Police

a. April 2022 PD Report

Chief Kraft provided the City Council with his April 2022 Police Department Report.

b. Report on 2022 Peace Officers Memorial Parade

Chief Kraft stated there was Law Enforcement from all over Montana and Canada. He stated he felt it was a good turn out and it was a privilege to have it in Sidney. He stated he would like to thank Sidney Kiwanis Club for the assistance in setup and tear down and refreshments and the Fire Department for traffic control. Mayor Norby stated it was very special and he was proud to have the honor to attend.

c. Certificate of Recognition for Lee Sorteberg and Tanner Vannatta

Chief Kraft stated he would like to recognize Leet Sorteberg and Tanner Vannatta for their assistance of Officer Tanner Gomke.

April 15th SHC called dispatch regarding a patient who was in a mental health crisis who had broken out of his room and the hospital. Officer Gomke responded and began searching for the individual. Officer Gomke located the individual who would not head any commands, but due to an issue with dispatching backup, they were sent to a different location. He attempted to detain the individual and he resisted arrest. Mr. Sorteberg and Mr. Vannatta were close by and assisted Officer Gomke in detaining the individual safely. Chief Kraft stated they helped resolve the situation the best way possible and to avoid injuries for both the individual and Officer Gomke.

All in attendance thanked Mr. Sorteberg and Mr. Vannatta for their actions that night.

15. Public Works Director

a. April 2022 PW Monthly Report

PWD Hintz provided the City Council with the April 2022 Public Works Report. He stated they have finally started the Nielson Halvorson Sewer Project, 4 weeks later than planned. He stated they have started filling the pool and they hope to have it up and running mid next week. He further stated the potassium permanganate over loaded at the water plant causing red water, the Water Department flushed and got it taken care of within an hour. PWD Hintz stated the 4th Avenue Project has started, with the light poles and Mid-Rivers work happening this week.

b. WWTP Phase 3 Draw 31 for \$19,986.00

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

a. March and April 2022 Fire Run

FM/BI Rasmussen provided the March and April 2022 Fire Run Reports. He stated the Firemans Breakfast is this Saturday from 6am to 1pm at the New Fire Hall.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

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a. April 2022 Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the April 2022 Treasurer's Report.

b. b. April 2022 JV Report

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

c. c. April 2022 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer: \$339,599.40.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

d. d. Workers Comp Presumptive Coverage- Fire Department

Motion was made to un-table the Workers Comp Presumptive Coverage by Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. All present voted aye.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this is the additional workman's comp coverage the city has elected in previous years to have for the Fire Department. She stated this coverage goes beyond the normal workman's comp and covers things like cancer caused due to their work as a fireman. She stated the rate is \$108.00 per fireman and is up from \$100 last fiscal year. She stated the normal workman's comp coverage for fireman went from \$6.321 per \$100 of payroll to \$6.766.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

e. Call for Budget and Finance Committee Meeting: FY22-23 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she needs to have a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting to start the FY22-23 budgeting.

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on May 25th at 5:30pm.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

a. Building Permits to be approved:

BP2022-078 Jill Albertson 401 6th AVE NE Shed L6&7, B3, Kenoyer Sub.

BP2022-080	John Roth	515 E.Holly St.	Shed	L1, B2, Kenoyer Sub.
RCBP2022-025	B&B Builders	12778 HWY 200	Patio Add.	
RCBP2022-026	Build Pro Cons.	212 S Ellery Ave-	Fairview, MT.	Replace Ceiling

b. Claims to be approved:

19. Adjournment

at 7:04pm.