



City of Sidney, MT  
Street and Alley Committee Meeting 4-10-2024  
April 10, 2024 5:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE |Sidney, MT 59270

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**Alderman Present:** Christensen, DiFonzo, Rasmussen

**Other's Present:** Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin and Lee Harris

**1. New Business**

**a. Sidney Millwork Drainage**

Mr. Harris stated he wanted to go on record stating the way the roads were installed via the SID in JD Industrial Subdivision is causing drainage issues. He stated the road by the northwest corner of his building has nothing holding it up. He stated the area gets silted in and as the silt builds up in the area he has no choice but to clear it because of water getting into the basement of his building. He stated this happens every 3-4 years and he is worried this removing of the silt built up will compromise the road base but he has no choice otherwise the drainage water has no where to go but to his building.

PWD Hintz stated he spent time up there with Mr. Harris looking at the issue and he believes the way to rectify the situation would be installing a retaining wall, concrete valley gutters and possibly underground inlets, none of which he believes would qualify for the FEMA storm water grants the City has been pursuing for storm water issues. He stated the culvert to the east only takes a fraction of the drainage, as most of the water goes to the west and south. Alderwoman Christensen stated she went up to the location and can see the built up silt.

Mr. Harris stated the City did try to rectify the situation by building up that corner but if a large deluge comes he is concerned it won't be enough. Alderman DiFonzo asked if this was an issue prior to annexation and Mr. Harris stated it wasn't because the roads were not paved. He stated it has only been since the roads were widened and paved causing more hard surfaces that this has been an issue. PWD Hintz stated the roads were installed under SID 104, which Interstate Engineering was the engineer for, and per the plans they just paved over existing roads.

Alderman DiFonzo asked if this was a City issue and PWD Hintz stated it could be both a City issue and an issue from run-off from the roofs. Alderman DiFonzo asked if gutters could funnel the water to different locations to help and Mr. Harris stated he did this several years ago and it did help but the main issue is the run-off on the corner, not from the roofs, that could be compromising the road.

Motion was made to contract with Interstate Engineering to have them look into a solution for the problem and provide a project cost estimate.

In discussion Mr. Harris stated maybe installing grass or something similar on the bank would help, but it would be difficult. He further stated he will have to replace the wall on his building because it has rotted, at which time he will make improvements to help prevent the water getting into the building, but the problem needs to be fixed first. Alderman DiFonzo stated he has not been up there to look at it but we need an engineer to look at the situation, as the road becoming compromised is an issue.

Motion made by DiFonzo, Seconded by Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: DiFonzo, Christensen, Rasmussen

Mr. Harris stated he will be working with Mike Kunda to dig the silt out with smaller equipment than he has to get the water flowing in the right direction before the rainy season starts, if that is ok with the City. PWD Hintz stated that is on his property and Alderman DiFonzo stated City Attorney Kalil should also be made aware of the situation.

Adjourned at 5:54pm