



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 3-3-2025
March 03, 2025 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

3. Aldermen Present

Christensen, Buxbaum, Koffler, DiFonzo and Rasmussen. (Stevenson- Absent)

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. February 18th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Buxbaum.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Christensen

5. Visitors

Jody Wells (Roundup) Jennifer Reid, Jamie Larson, Joe Kauffman (Big Sky Surveying) and Sidney Public Schools Government Class: Allison Thiel, Ryliegh Klinke, Nate Damm, Cam Bayless, and Lance Allen. Via zoom: Jake Holley (Sidney Herald).

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

Mayor Norby expressed much gratitude for everyone who helped with the flooding that occurred in the North Meadow Subdivision, special thanks to the City Crew, Police Department, Fire Department, and the homeowners who also came out to help.

8. Committee Meeting Work

Nothing.

9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – DiFonzo, Koffler. Police and Fire– Chairman DiFonzo – Rasmussen, Stevenson. Parks and Recreation – Chairman Christensen – Stevenson, Rasmussen. Water and Sewer – Chairman Godfrey – Christensen, DiFonzo. Street and Alley – Chairman Rasmussen – DiFonzo, Koffler. Sanitation– Chairman Stevenson – Koffler, Godfrey. City Buildings & Street Lighting – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Christensen

Nothing.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

a. Oath of Office- Jamie Larson

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks administered the Oath of Office to Jamie Larson who will be in Ward 1, and her term to start March 17th, 2025, and end December 31st, 2025.

b. Appointment To Library Board:

1. Meagan Weber

2. Mike Eberling

3. Jon Skinner

4. Nicole Davidson

Alderwoman Christensen stated that all candidates who applied for the library Board looked highly qualified, and it will be a hard decision to make, but Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve Jon Skinner to the Library Board.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum

12. City Planner

a. McNutt Lot Aggregation

PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the McNutt Lot Aggregation Staff Report from Planner Sanderson, which recommends approval with conditions. PWD Hintz stated condition number 1, revising the Exemption to Subdivision Review, has been met and approved by Planner Sanderson.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Buxbaum

Voting Abstaining: Alderwoman Christensen

13. City Attorney

a. Snow Removal Ordinance #601 (First Reading)

City Attorney Kalil mentioned he would like to table this ordinance until the March 17th, 2025, meeting where then he can put this ordinance in a better format and with an ordinance number attached as well.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

b. Montana Dakota Utilities Franchise Agreement & Ordinance

PWD Hintz stated the Montana Dakota Utility Franchise agreement is the same agreement that the city signed back in 2004, and the city has to resign this agreement every 25 years. Mayor Norby stated that this agreement will only need one reading since it has already been an ordinance, just reviewing it now.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum

14. Chief of Police

Nothing.

15. Public Works Director

a. City Facility & Grounds Maintenance RFQ Approval

PWD Hintz stated that the city had an open position for the City Facility and Grounds Maintenance person, and only one company applied for the position. B and B Builders was the only applicant

who put in a bid for the position, and PWD Hintz recommends approval for B and B Builders for the City Facility and Grounds Maintenance person. PWD Hintz did state that the city would have to put in a 25% percent match and the SLIPA project would be \$450,000 for a total. City Clerk/Treasurer did state that B and B Builders would not only work around the city shop but, would work around city hall on any projects that need to be done. PWD Hintz said that work that is needed down at the city shop would include new garage door and walk through doors, bathroom remodel and installing some fencing around the shop, there is also other work that will be done at the other building the city does own.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

Nothing.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and the building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

a. Claims to be approved: \$132,204.16

Intermediary Claims to be approved (included in total): \$10,480.46

#43533 MDU \$ 5,003.10

#43622 USPS \$ 1,059.23

#43652 VERIZON \$901.87

#43653 VISA \$3,516.26

b. Building Permits to be approved:

19. Adjournment

at 6:45 pm.