



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 1-17-23
January 17, 2023 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**

PRESENT

Alderman Ken Koffler

Alderwoman Kysa Rasmussen

Alderman Frank DiFonzo

Alderman Joe Stevenson

Alderwoman Kali Godfrey

Alderwoman Tami Christensen

4. **Correction or Approval of Minutes**

a. **January 3rd, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman

Christensen

5. Visitors

a. Other Visitors:

Savanna Steinbeisser- Sidney High School Government Class

Justin Filler- Sidney High School Government Class

Shali Seitz- Sidney High School Government Class

Annabelle William- Sidney High School Government Class

6. Public Hearing

a. FY21-22 Budget Amendment:

Mayor Norby called the public hearing for FY21-22 Budget Amendment to order at 6:31 pm.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Shanks mentioned that this budget amendment is to increase the revenue then expended it back to the TBID Board from the hotels paying back past dues on taxes.

Mayor Norby closed the public hearing for FY21-22 Budget Amendment renewal at 6:33 pm.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Update:

Mayor Norby just wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce for putting on a terrific Chamber Banquet last night, Alderwoman Christensen was impressed with all of the new businesses opening up here in Sidney. Chief Kraft thanked the Chamber for including Officer of Year in their banquet as well.

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Park and Rec Committee-Quilling's Park Ice Skating Rink

Alderman DiFonzo read through the minutes from the Park and Recreation Committee on Quilling's Park Ice Staking Rink and stated that this was more of an informational meeting and to start planning in the next future budget cycle. Mayor Norby mentioned that currently our

insurance does not like how the city is making ice and operating that staking rink due to liability issues.

b. Park and Rec Committee-South Meadow Softball Complex Fence

Alderman DiFonzo provided an update from the Park and Recreation Committee on the South Meadow Softball Complex Fence, Alderman DiFonzo stated typically outfield fences are between 200-225 feet out, and the fence will sit at 200 feet from the home plate for field #2. Alderman DiFonzo mentioned that the Park Superintendent Ridl would like to take down the four foot fence as it is harder to maintain, Alderman DiFonzo also stated that Adult Softball has designated fields #1 and #3, and this youth softball field would not interfere with adult softball.

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

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

Alderwoman Christensen was approached by a community member about the snow pile on 5th ST by West Side School and the ROI house, currently that snow pile is covering the yield sign and it is making hard to see traffic around the corner, and an accident will happen sooner or later. Alderwoman Christensen also mentioned that there is a big snow pile by Trinity Lutheran Church and should be addressed as well, PWD Hintz mentioned he will take care of it in the morning.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

a. 2023 City Council Committee Assignments

Mayor Norby asked to table the 2023 City Council Committee Assignments until the City Clerk Chamberlin and Mayor Norby have a better look into the rules of producers for the City Council.

Motion made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

12. City Planner

a. Ruffatto-Perez Boundary Line Adjustment

PWD Hintz presented the Ruffatto-Perez Boundary Line Adjustment staff report from City Planner Sanderson, who has recommended approval with the usual conditions.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

13. City Attorney

a. Resolution No. 3904-FY21-22 Budget Amendment

Mayor Norby asked to table Resolution #3904 to fix some clerical errors in the amendment, and will be presented at the next City Council Meeting.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

14. Chief of Police

a. December 2022 Police Department Report

Chief Kraft presented the City Council with the December 2022 Police Department report, and no questions were asked.

15. Public Works Director

a. December 2022 Public Works Report

Public Works Director Hintz presented his December 2022 Public Works Report, and no questions were asked.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

a. December 2022 Fire Run Report

Fire Marshall/Building Inspector wasn't present at the meeting, but he did include his December 2022 Fire Run Report and no questions were asked.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. December 2022 JV Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks presented the December 2022 JV Report.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

b. December 2022 Treasurer's Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks presented the December 2022 Treasurer's Report.

18. Consent Agenda

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

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$230,178.88

b. Building Permits to be approved: City Building Permit #2023-034B

19. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:03pm.