



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting
July 01, 2024 6:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Norby at 6:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.

3. Aldermen Present

Christensen, Godfrey, Rasmussen (via Zoom) and DiFonzo. Absent: Stevenson and Koffler

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. June 17th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

b. June 25th, 2024 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

5. Visitors

a. Visitors:

Jackey Gonzales, Jody Wells (Round-Up), Molly Davidson (via Zoom)

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Update:

Mayor Norby stated he and PWD Hintz discussed the installation of the sidewalk/bike path on 22nd with the County Commissioners and their possibly assisting with the project and they responded to come back and discuss further once the grants have been applied for.

Alderwoman Christensen asked when the grants could be applied for and PWD Hintz stated the MT Transportation Alternative Grant and Safe Routes to School Grant will open this winter and by this time next year we will find out if they were successful. Alderwoman Godfrey asked how much the project will cost and PWD Hintz stated he only has a rough estimate with it ending at Sunflower and that is over \$800,000, and he guesses that if to go all the way up to Redriver drive it will probably close to \$1,000,000, but that will include storm sewer, as it has to be done first. Alderman DiFonzo asked if there is a grant for storm sewer, and PWD Hintz stated it would all lumped into one project

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting: Sidney Meadows BRIC Grant Award

Alderwoman Christensen stated the Water and Sewer Committee met and were informed the City of Sidney received the FEMA BRIC Grant for the Sidney Meadows Storm Drain Project for \$1,277,685.00. The City of Sidney was also awarded their portion of the match for the project of \$511,074, which will be paid with the State of Montana resiliency dollars. She stated because the award letter needed to be signed by June 27th, the Committee approved signing the award letter and are now recommending approval of the receiving of the grant. She stated because of these grants the project is 100% paid for other than engineering.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

Mrs. Davidson stated this was a long process and she appreciates all work put into it. She stated there are steps for a federal grant that makes the process a little bit longer and congratulations on the grant.

b. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting: 200,000 Gallon Water Tank Relining Project

Alderman Koffler stated the Water and Sewer Committee met and discussed the 200,000 Gallon Tank Relining Project that took place last year. He stated the City was aware of some deficiencies at the end of the project, but when the tank was drained for the warranty work to be completed this spring many more issues were discovered. Advanced Lining has recommended doing a 3-coat system for relining the tank to prevent future issues, after the warranty work is completed. To do this 3-coat system, Advanced Lining provided a change order of \$50,000, but the City countered that for \$45,500, or the amount the City withheld in liquidated damages at the end of the project last year. He stated City Staff and Interstate Engineering are confident by doing the 3-coat system it will remedy the issues and Advanced Lining as agreed to the counter of \$45,500 and provided an updated change order reflecting this.

Motion was made to approve the 200,000 Gallon Water Tank Relining Project Change Order 2 for \$45,500 to do the 3-coat system.

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

9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Chairman DiFonzo – Christensen, Stevenson | **Water and Sewer** – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Christensen

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

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

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – DiFonzo, Koffler

Alderwoman Christensen stated she has had complaints about the heating at the pool and that it needs to be vacuumed because of the gravel on the bottom. PWD Hintz stated the thermostat has not been working but the parts will be in tomorrow. He further stated he will let the manager know it needs to be vacuumed.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

a. Local Government Review-Appoint Point of Contact/Ex Officio Member

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the City Council must appoint a point of contact or ex-officio member of the Local Government Review Board and they must be either an elected official or city staff.

Motion was made to appoint Mayor Norby.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

b. Nuisance Property Abatement Contract

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the Nuisance Property Abatement Contract for the City Council. She stated the only difference in this contract and the mowing contract is the scope of work exhibit, which has been updated for abating nuisance properties. She stated there are currently 2 properties that are ready for abatement.

Motion was made to approve.

In discussion Alderman DiFonzo asked if Cody Shanks is one of the contractors and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated he is one of them.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

12. City Planner

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated there is a Planning Board Meeting July 2nd, 2024 at 7pm at the Interstate Engineering Office. PWD Hintz stated there will be a Parking Commission meeting to wrap up the zoning code update with Planner Sanderson.

13. City Attorney

a. Update:

Nothing.

14. Chief of Police

a. Pre-approval for Patrol Car Purchase in FY24-25 per schedule

Chief Kraft stated due to purchasing windows for patrol cars closing and the budget not being officially approved until the end of August, he is seeking pre-approval for the purchase of a patrol car in FY24-25, per his approved rotation schedule. Mayor Norby asked if the car that there has

been issues with would be traded in and Chief Kraft stated yes. Alderman DiFonzo asked if this would be paid for prior to the budget being approved and Chief Kraft stated it would be paid when the car is received, likely after the budget is approved.

Motion was made to approve.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she has reviewed the proposed budgets of most of the departments and does not see any issue with this pre-approval.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

b. Update:

Nothing.

15. Public Works Director

a. Morrison-Maierle Sidney Anderson Contract Amendment 1

PWD Hintz provided the Morrison-Maierle Sidney Anderson Contract Amendment 1, increasing the contract amount by \$21,466 and the scope of work. PWD Hintz stated this project affects the Miller's Corner, Miller's Subdivision and ROI area. He stated originally there was going to be retention ponds added, but the scope changed when the engineer discovered the ponds would not have as good effect as installing pipes. He stated with these changes with easements and bids, Morrison-Maierle scope of work has increased, which is the cause of the change order. Mrs. Davidson stated this is the most effective way to mitigate the storm water away from the properties. She stated the project did receive an ARPA grant for the project. She further stated the easement process was more difficult than normally due to property information and surveys not being complete.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

b. Update:

PWD Hintz stated 6th Street SW would have been paved today if not for the rainstorms, but it will be done as soon as possible, hopefully prior to the Sunset Festival. He stated they have been patching the streets but the machine is broken down and will hopefully be out in full soon.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Purchase RC Fair Buttons-80 Employees = \$400.00

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she is once again requesting permission to purchase Richland County Fair Buttons for all City staff. She stated that although a button only costs \$5.00 a piece, it is a very well appreciated incentive by the employees.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

b. Update:

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she has been working on the budget and now that she has received the proposed budget expenditures by the police department and public works she would like to schedule a Budget and Finance Committee meeting to start to delve into the budget. She stated she will also be scheduling the other committee meetings to look at the department budgets soon.

The Budget and Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for July 9th, 2024 at 5:30pm.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and buildings permits.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$1,011.75 (USPS), \$211,659.07 (June Claims), \$11,744.78 (Credit Card)

Total Claims: \$224,415.60

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2024-59, 2024-89, 2024-90, 2024-92 and 2024-94

19. City Attorney

a. Executive Session-TBID Litigation

Mayor Norby closed the public meeting to discuss the open litigation for the TBID at 6:58pm.

Mayor Norby opened the public meeting at 7:14pm.

20. Adjournment

at 7:14pm.