



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 4-18-22
April 18, 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, Rasmussen and DiFonzo

Absent: Koffler

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 4-4-18

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

b. Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

5. Visitors

Other visitors: Jordan Mayer with Interstate Engineering

a. Suicide Walk-Ribbons and Banner on Veteran's Park Fence: 289 Ribbons and Banner

Jammie Vran, Kelly Burke and Stacy Fischer with the Eastern Montana Out Of The Darkness Suicide Walk came before the City Council. Ms. Vran stated they would like to hang 289 laminated ribbons and a banner on the train park. from May 1st to 31st, which is Mental Health Month.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

b. Swim Team: 2022 Swim Meet Schedule

Mr. Erickson provided the plan for the June 25th-26th Swim Meet, which is the same as last year, minus one set of barricades. He stated this does include use of Moose Park for tent camping in the outfield and camper parking in the lot. He stated legion baseball said it would be ok but did not receive any hard confirmation. Alderman DiFonzo asked if the water lines are deep enough for tent stakes to not damage and PWD Hintz stated they were. PWD Hintz and Captain Rosaen asked to make sure there is no campers on the street on 7th, as there was an issue last year, and Mr. Erickson stated they will have someone watching over all campers and tents and will make sure. He stated there will be no camping in Veteran's Park.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

c. Richland Ranger Hockey: Parking Lot

Dawn Rehbein and Brandon Ligon with Richland Youth Hockey asked that the City look into the condition of the Hockey Dome parking lot, asking that it be looked into it being budgeted. Mr. Ligon stated there is water issues with it running towards the building in the unpaved area, which Don Franz assisted in laying gravel to assist, but there is large potholes in the paved area.

PWD Hintz stated they will get it patched and will look into budgeting for slurry seal for that lot. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if this was a City parking lot and Mayor Norby stated it is, Hockey just leases. Mr. Ligon thanked the City for all the work and assistance the City has done.

d. Byron Warrington: Put operable vehicles back on property

Mr. Warrington stated the Court has still not received the satisfactory notice for his property, City Attorney Kalil stated once he has confirmation the situation has been abated, he will do so. FM/BI Rasmussen asked for a copy of the Court Order so he can make sure it is all abated. Mr. Warrington asked if he can store his vehicles on his property and Mayor Norby stated they must be operable and licensed they can be on his property they can be, they can only have 2 inoperable vehicles at one time on his lot.

6. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing: Zoning Code Changes-allow single family residences in M-1 and B-1 Zones

Mayor Norby called the public hearing to order at 6:44pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the Zoning Board is recommending changing the B-1 and M-1 zoning codes to allow single family residences by Conditional Use Permit. She stated this was at the request of 2 separate property owners, one that has an existing single-family residence in a B-1 zone that they would like to sell and the other would like to put a single-family home next to their farmland which is in a M-1 zone. She stated each property would have to apply for a Conditional Use Permit, so the Zoning Board and City Council will review each one.

She stated the Ordinance will be at the next meeting.

Mayor Norby called for any proponents, three times, with none coming forward.

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The Public Hearing was closed at 6:46pm.

7. Mayor Norby

Mayor Norby thanked all for the tireless work done with the large storm. He stated it was due to the work of the Public Works Department, Police Department, Fire Department and many others that we were able to get the City back up and running.

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Park and Recreation Committee: 2022 Park Use Agreements-Approve Richland County Baseball agreement with changes, the Girls Fast Pitch agreement, the Sidney Schools MOU, the Sidney Tackle Football agreement, Sidney Youth Flag Football agreement, the Sidney Youth Girls Softball agreement, and the Sidney Trap Club agreement. On Hold: RC Baseball, Sidney Tiger sharks Swim Team

Alderman DiFonzo stated the Park and Rec Committee met and reviewed the 2022 Park Use Applications and they recommended to approve RC Baseball agreement with changes, the Girls Fast Pitch agreement, the Sidney Schools MOU, the Sidney Tackle Football agreement, Sidney Youth Flag Football agreement, the Sidney Youth Girls Softball agreement, and the Sidney Trap

Club agreement. He stated they recommended to hold the Adult Softball to make sure their shed is anchored and the Sidney Tiger Shark to find out about where they are on the dock.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

b. Park and Recreation Committee: 2022 Swim Passes

Alderman DiFonzo stated the Park and Rec Committee met and reviewed the 2022 Swim Pass costs and have recommended to keep the pass costs the same. He stated they would like to go another year with the same pass costs while managing the operation costs instead of increasing prices.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

c. Park and Recreation Committee: Amend Special Event Application/Process

Alderman DiFonzo stated the Park and Rec Committee met and reviewed the Special Event Application from Billings and their process and Sidney's current one. They recommended allowing City Staff to move forward amending the City of Sidney application using Billings as an example and they will report back.

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 Godfrey also thanked the City Employees for their work on the snow removal and emergency responding.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

Nothing.

14. Chief of Police

a. March 2022 PD Report

Captain Rosaaen provided the March 2022 Monthly report on behalf of Chief Kraft. He also thanked the Public Works Department for the snow removal at the Justice Center making it possible for them to work.

15. Public Works Director

a. March 2022 PW Report

PWD Hintz provided the March 2022 Public Works Report. He stated the Volunteer Fire Department has asked to block off part of Main for a couple hours on Saturday to do training inside the old Chad's Furniture Building. FM/BI Rasmussen stated they are going to do search and rescue type spring trainings. He stated the Nielson Halvorson Sewer Project has been delayed a week due to the storm, they will start on next Monday. He stated the City was awarded ARPA Grant Funding for the Phase 3 Water Project and the Anderson storm sewer projects, the Meadows storm sewer project should have been awarded before Anderson, so that might change. Mr. Mayer stated the Phase 3 grant will be \$1.4 million, which will hopefully help with getting the expanded project done next year.

PWD Hintz stated they hauled over 428 loads of snow in 3 days with Franz and Hansen Independent being hired to help with snow removal and truck hauling. He stated they are still working on cleaning everything up. Alderman DiFonzo asked about the berm on Central Ave and PWD Hintz stated with how hard the snow is and their lack of having trucks, he would bet it will be left. He stated he has reached out to them previously to remove the snow, and they do not respond, but he will look into it. Mayor Norby stated the agreement with the MDT stated they will have the road clear within 3 days.

PWD Hintz stated the 4th Ave Parking Project bids came in much higher than anticipated. Mr. Mayer stated a Committee Meeting should be have to review but there was 2 bidders and they were Century Companies Inc for \$240,350.00 and Franz Construction for \$285,498.90. He stated the engineers estimate was \$140,000. Alderman DiFonzo stated the school has agreed to pay for

half of the project, maximum contributing \$130,000. PWD Hintz stated the BARSAA Funds would pay the City portion and in previous years the City has gotten \$143,000 in funding.

Motion was made to send this to Street and Alley Committee.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

The Street and Alley Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 26th, 2022 at 6:00pm.

b. Providing Solid Waste Services outside of City Limits

PWD Hintz stated he has been approached by The Depot for garbage services, but they are not within the City limits. He would like to have a Sanitation Committee Meeting to review the request and a non resident rate schedule for doing so if approved.

Motion was made to approve sending this to the Sanitation Committee.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

The Sanitation Committee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday April 26th, 2022 at 5:30pm.

c. WWTP Phase 3 Draw #30 for \$19,986.00

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

a. March 2022 Fire Runs

FM/BI Rasmussen stated he will provide the March 2022 Report at the next meeting. He stated the new tanker is here, but he does not know when it will be in service.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Update: March Monthly reports to be at next meeting

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she will provide the March monthly reports at the first meeting in May. She further stated the new website is live and although is still under construction it is very nice and user friendly. She further stated that with that moving forward they will start focusing on the Facebook Page.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$85,039.35 due to snow storm, claims will be added prior to the Council Meeting, but will be available for public review

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated due to mail not arriving until late and Chief Kraft being out of town, there is no additional claims at this time. She stated they will likely have to pay some before the May 2nd, 2022 meeting, but they will be reviewed first and added to the agenda for the May 2nd meeting.

b. Building Permits to be approved:

2022-069 Kayla Anderson 216 7th St SE Fence L9, B60, Original

2022-070 Megan Dotson 410 S Central Fence L10, B27, Original

RC2022-22 Vertex Tower CR 107 Savage Tower

19. Adjournment

at 7:19pm.