



City of Sidney, MT
Sanitation Committee Meeting 4-26-2022
April 26, 2022 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Present: Alderman Koffler, Alderman Stevenson,

Others: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Solid Waste Superintendent James Meissel, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin

1. New Business

a. Providing Non-Resident Garbage Services

PWD Hintz stated he has been approached to provide garbage services to non-residents, specifically The Depot Restaurant south of Sidney due to the dependability on the service they currently have. He stated we do not have non-resident garbage services nor code to allow it. He stated we would have to supply them with 300-gallon cans to be picked up daily. PWD Hintz stated the new garbage truck will be able to have the larger square metal cans, but until it arrives, they can only pick up the cans. Mr. Meissel stated due to many factors, the other service is not able to pick-up garbage as routinely as they have before, which is causing many issues, especially with commercial properties. Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Stevenson stated they are worried about what this could open the City up to. Mr. Meissel stated they have been contacted by Sidney Circle and other residential areas to do this. He stated they understand the pain of keeping the trucks serviced. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the City is also having issues with truck maintenance, parts, ordering new trucks and fuel costs.

PWD Hintz stated there are still annexed properties that are using the outside garbage service, but most of the newer annexation has gotten on City services. He stated he does not want to step on private business, but by law we could force them out. Mr. Meissel stated he feels a conversation with the owners of the other services would be warranted to get a full picture.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin state the City Code will need to be amended to allow for non-resident services and rates will need to be put in place, which will happen via ordinance. She stated how they are billed would also need to be figured out, since taxes don't get assessed again until November.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated a concern would be at what point would the City be risking their services by over extending themselves and Alderwoman Rasmussen asked also additional employees would be needed to cover any new trucks. Alderman Stevenson stated we also risk the other services stopping completely. Mayor Norby stated the results are that people will and already are bringing garbage into to town. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the city will also have to run the garbage all the way out to the landfill more times, so it is not just going to the location of the cans. Mr. Meissel stated garbage trucks wear down because of how they operate, with higher costs for tires, fuel etc.

Motion to have the Committee to have Mayor Norby and City Staff reach out to the other garbage services to discuss the longevity of their issues and report back to the Committee.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by Stevenson.
Voting Yea: Koffler, Rasmussen, Stevenson

Adjourned at 6:10pm.