



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 10-2-23
October 02, 2023 6:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 713 080 5898 Passcode: 4332809

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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, Koffler, Rasmussen (via phone) and DiFonzo

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. September 18th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

b. September 25th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

5. **Visitors**

a. **Visitors:**

Greg Hitchcock (Sidney Herald), Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering), Tayten Bright, Theresa Wick and Daniel Stevens (Sidney High School)

6. **Public Hearing**

a. **October 4th, 2023 Parking Commission at 9am-Holly Street Builders Parking Variance**

Mayor Norby announced the public hearing for the Parking Commission.

b. **October 11th Zoning Board at 8am-Hilltop Shop Zoning Change Request**

Mayor Norby announced the public hearing for the Zoning Board.

7. **Mayor Norby**

a. **Update:**

Mayor Norby stated this is the last Council meeting at this location and this meeting room and stated he is exited but also sad because of the many memories made in the chambers over the last 10 plus years.

8. **Committee Meeting Work**

Nothing.

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 Rasmussen thanked Chief Kraft for looking into the clown issue she raised at the previous meeting and getting back to her.

Alderman DiFonzo stated the playground equipment at South Meadow has confusion on who is taking care of what with that project, should a Park & Rec Committee be held to ensure everyone knows whose responsibility what is per the minutes of the original meeting or just inform them that if they want to deviate from the minutes, they need to come back to the City Council. He

stated he is concerned with liability if plans are followed. A Park and Recreation Committee Meeting was called for Tuesday October 10th, 2023 at 5:30pm.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

Nothing.

14. Chief of Police

a. August 2023 Police Department Report

Chief Kraft provided the August 2023 Police Department Report. He stated Mrs. Lisa Ziler started today as the new administrative assistant for the Sidney Police Department. Alderman DiFonzo asked if anyone had been hired and he stated there is one in background and another a final offer was given.

15. Public Works Director

a. Update:

PWD Hintz stated they have finished the paving planned for summer and might do more on 6th Street. Mayor Norby stated the sidewalk in Veteran's Park on 5th Street is a great addition to the park and use of it.

b. DEQ Administrative Order on Consent for Sidney Lagoon Closed

PWD Hintz stated the City of Sidney received official notification that the AOC the city was under with the State of Montana DEQ has officially been closed as we are in compliance with the new wastewater facility.

c. 200,000 Gallon Tank Relining Project-Call for Water & Sewer Committee Meeting

Mr. Mayer stated the crew has been working for the last month with some issues coming up along the way. He stated they have been working through weekends and had the manufacturer come down to go through the project. He stated they will be starting back up after a weekend off tomorrow, but they are looking to extend calendar days, which would be presented to the Water/Sewer Committee. He stated the operations are still going well with tank being offline.

The Water and Sewer Committee Meeting was scheduled for October 11th at 6pm, Alderman DiFonzo will be replacing Alderwoman Godfrey at the meeting.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Update:

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated they are in full swing for FYE closing and audit for FY 2022-23.

b. August 2023 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer \$252,832.70

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

c. City Hall Remodel Update-Moving out of City Hall and Pre-Construction meeting Wednesday October 4th

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the pre-construction meeting will be Wednesday at 3:30pm. She stated this meeting will give the firm start date of the construction, but regardless due to scheduling and work loads, they are relocating City Hall this week. She stated they will be fully moved and working in the old fire hall meeting room as of Monday and this will include all city hall work (payments, inquiries, water/sewer information, etc.) and all public meetings.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$140,628.77

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2024-23, 2024-28 to 2024-30 and 2024-32

19. Adjournment

6:49pm.