



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 5-5-25
May 05, 2025 6:30 AM
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, Buxbaum, Larson, Koffler, Rasmussen and DiFonzo

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. April 21st, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Buxbaum, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

5. Visitors

Piper Cooper, Amiya Steinbeisser, Madison Rosaaen, Allison Thiel, Gracie Hentges, Mariyah Bauer, Jody Wells (Roundup), Sean Swisse (B&B Builders), Tonya Garsjo (Sidney Pool Manager)

Via Zoom: James Falcon (Sidney Herald)

6. Public Hearing

a. Amended Plat-Homestead Subdivision Phase 2 (tabled at 3-17-25, 4-7-25 and 4-21-25 Meetings until 5-5-25 Meeting)

Mayor Norby stated there is a Water and Sewer Committee meeting scheduled to discuss the sewer extension, after which we should be able to take action and asked that this be tabled until the May 19th, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Motion was made to keep the Public Hearing of the Amended Plat for the Homestead Subdivision Phase 2 tabled until the May 19th, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

7. Mayor Norby

a. Update

Mayor Norby reminded everyone of the filling for the City Council and Mayor positions are open until June 17th, 2025.

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Water/Sewer Committee Meeting 5/7/25 at 5:30pm: Homestead Sewer Extension

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin announced the Water/Sewer Committee meeting.

b. Budget/Finance Committee Meeting 5/7/25 at 6:15pm: Worker's Comp, FY25-26 Insurance Rates and Budget Timeline

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin announced the Budget/Finance Committee meeting.

9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – DiFonzo, Koffler. **Police and Fire**– Chairman DiFonzo – Rasmussen, Larson. **Parks and Recreation** – Chairman Christensen – Larson, Rasmussen. **Water and Sewer** – Chairman Godfrey – Christensen, DiFonzo. **Street and Alley** – Chairman Rasmussen – DiFonzo, Koffler. **Sanitation**– Chairman Larson – Koffler, Godfrey. **City Buildings & Street Lighting** – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Christensen

a. Pot Holes (Facebook Post)

Alderwoman Rasmussen stated there was a Facebook post with numerous comments pertaining to potholes in the alleys and stated she referred them to PWD Hintz as she did not want them attempting to fix the issues themselves as they were indicating. PWD Hintz stated we do not have mix yet, but they did contact him and they have temporarily fixed some of them with gravel but will complete the fixing when the mix is available. Alderman DiFonzo stated there is large potholes on 32nd between the old john deer property and REA.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

a. 2025 Summer Pool Pass Costs

Clerk/Treasurer stated she has reviewed the information and has presented to them an increase in the pool passes, starting with \$5/year for the individual and increasing according to pass. She stated that this increase will not come close to covering the actual costs of the pool, but as you can see from the information provided it never has. She stated because the pool expenditures are supplemented by the general fund and the oil and gas fund, when looking at the pool pass prices it is never about covering all of the expenses and ultimately it is up to the City Council if they feel the proposed increase should happen or the amount.

Motion was made to approve the pool pass increase as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

PWD Hintz stated they are planning this week to completely fill out the filter, they are currently draining the pool and plan to washdown the pool Saturday morning with the swim team parents. He stated they will then start filling the pool. Pool Manager Garsjo stated they have been over there doing small projects to be ready for the season.

12. City Planner

a. Beyer Lot Aggregation

City Planner Sanderson presented the Byer Lot Aggregation and stated it is consistent with regulations and he is recommending approval. PWD Hintz stated when he looked up this legal address it seems to be Tri-County Implement and it should not be. After discussion City Planner Sanderson stated the header of his report has the wrong legal address, but the body and application have the same one and he still recommends approval.

Motion was made to approve the Byer lot aggregation with an updated report being provided.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

13. City Attorney

a. Update

City Attorney Kalil stated they are working on the holiday decor ordinance and prosecution. He stated he will have more items at the next meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated for clarification they holiday decor ordinance is due to members of the public complaining about 10 foot tall Halloween decorations still being up. She stated the current code has restrictions on

timeframe for holiday lights, but not decor, so once City Attorney Kalil is done, they will present for the Council to decide if they would like to move forward on or not.

14. Chief of Police

a. Update

Chief Kraft stated they conducted testing and interviews for new officers and none of the candidates were acceptable, so they are reopening the process.

15. Public Works Director

a. Interstate Engineering Contract Amendment 2 to TO 7 for Construction Engineering Services for Phase 1 (watermains) of the Water Tower Replacement Project-Increase \$140,000

PWD Hintz stated this is for construction observation only, the design is done, to have a contractor on site. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this is needed because of the project expansion and the previous amendment was for the design only. PWD Hintz stated there is an ordinance that requires full time observation. Alderman DiFonzo asked if there was funding available and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated because it is grant and SRF funded, there is the money available.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

b. Update

PWD Hintz stated for the 13th week the garbage truck is still broke down, but they are hopeful it will be working by the end of the week. He stated the Svarre Park fitness court received another \$35,000 grant the end of last week and Parks Superintendent Ridl is continuing to seek funding to get this installed. PWD Hintz further stated they are doing hydrant replacement in N. Meadow and the 3rd St NE Water Main Replacement phase of the Water Tower Replacement Project has started.

c. Contract for B&B Builders for Facilities and Grounds Maintenance (tabled at 3-17-25 meeting)

PWD Hintz stated this contract is for the maintenance for facilities with B&B Builders that will cover the maintenance projects under the SLIPA project and City Hall Remodel Project. Alderman DiFonzo asked if the City Council will approve separately each maintenance project and PWD Hintz stated the process will be he will present the project to B&B, who will then provide and estimate. That estimate will be given to the City Council via Task Order to approve. Alderman DiFonzo asked if other contractors were given the opportunity for this work given the amount of maintenance projects under the SLIPA grant and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the City solicited for RFP/RPQ's from contractors for this with B&B Builders being the only to respond. Alderwoman Christensen stated this is a 3-year contract.

Motion was made to un-table this item.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

Motion was made to approve the B&B Builders Facility Maintenance Master Agreement Contract.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Update

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the FY23-24 Audit Exit Conference is needing to be scheduled with Jonathan Mahrt for at least one Council member, the Mayor and herself. Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderman DiFonzo stated they could attend this week and Alderwoman Christensen stated she will call in. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she will try to get it scheduled for Thursday during the day.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

a. Claims to be approved: \$4,475.65 + \$103,074.31 = \$104,091.052

#43835 VERIZON \$ 432.97

#43836 MDU \$3,569.99

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2025-059 AND 2026-061

19. Adjournment

at 7:02pm