



City of Sidney, MT  
City Council Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2025 6:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 713 080 5898    Passcode: 4332809    Call: 1-346-248-7799

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Aldermen Present

Christensen, Godfrey, Stevenson, Koffler, Rasmussen and DiFonzo. Absent: None.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. February 3rd, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

b. Street and Alley Committee Meeting 2-12-2025

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

c. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 2-11-2025

Motion was made to approve.

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

**5. Visitors**

James Falcon (Sidney Herald), Jared Troudt, Jacky Gonzales, Jamie Larson and Sidney High School Students: Allison Thiel, Audree Deming, Kyle Humphries, Hallie Schantz, Piper Cooper, Clem Bayless.

**6. Public Hearing**

Nothing.

**7. Mayor Norby**

Nothing.

**8. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports**

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

Alderwoman Buxbaum wanted to give a special thank you for all city employees and the tremendous job that they do each and every day opposed to the recent letter the City Council received. Alderman DiFonzo wanted to second everything that Alderwoman Buxbaum had recently said.

**9. Committee Meeting Work**

a. Street & Alley Committee Meeting

Alderwoman Rasmussen stated the Street and Alley Committee met on 02/12/2025 to discuss multiple topics, some of them will need a motion and others were more of an open discussion. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve of City Attorney Kalil to draft up a new snow removal code ordinance for City Council approval.

Motion was approved.

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

b. Street and Alley Committee- Fencing Prohibited Materials

Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that FM/BI Rasmussen and City Planner Sanderson made some code updates, and that this memo is close to what the code was seven years ago. Alderwoman Rasmussen is looking for a motion to approve sending the Fencing Prohibited Materials to the Zoning Commission for approval prior to sending it back to City Council for the final approval

Motion was approved.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

c. Street and Alley Committee- Annexation Report with Forest

Alderwoman Rasmussen said City Planner Sanderson gave his annexation report to the Street and Alley Committee Members to review and ask any questions, Alderman Difonzo doesn't believe that properties should be allowed to connect to city services without being annexed into city first. Alderwoman Rasmussen said that no motion is needed at this time, and that this meeting was more of an informational meeting.

d. Street and Alley Committee- Amending Code Sticker Regulations on Propane Tanks

Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that at the Street and Alley Committee meeting that BI/FM said that the City of Sidney recently follows the 2021 International Code Council guidelines, but the new 2024 International Code Council codes will be getting updated later this year. Alderwoman Rasmussen said it was per FM/BI recommendation to hold off on making any formal decisions until the new 2024 International Code Council adopts the new codes, and the State of Montana accepts the new codes.

e. Water and Sewer Committee- North Park Elevated Water Tower Replacement

Alderwoman Buxbaum mentioned that the Water and Sewer Committee met on 02/11/2025 to further discuss the North Park Water Tower Replacement and the logo on the water tower, Alderwoman Buxbaum said the Jordan Mayer from Interstate Engineering that the water rates may increase due to the current costs and bid being higher than anticipated, and that a small rate increase may come January 2026. Alderwoman Buxbaum said that no motion is needed at this time as this committee is still gathering information about this project.

f. Water and Sewer North Park Elevated Water Tower Replacement Project updates-logo, Draft Budget and Project Schedule

Alderwoman Buxbaum the Water and Sewer Committee met to further discuss the logo canvas that will be on the new water tower, Alderwoman Buxbaum said that there are four different designs the City Council will have to decide on, she also said that no decision will be made at this time but, further discussion later on in March or April. Alderman DiFonzo made a motion to table this logo decision until March or April.

Motion was approved.

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

## 10. Unfinished Business

### a. Appointment of Ward 1 City Council Position

Alderwoman Christensen wanted to express much gratitude for all the City Council Candite's who applied for Ward One City Council Position, and Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve of Jamie Larson for the appointment of Ward One City Council.

Motion was approved.

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

City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that Oath of Office and Appointment of Jamie Larson will happen on the next City Council meeting on March 3rd, 2026.

## 11. New Business

Nothing.

## 12. City Planner

PWD Hintz stated that City Planner Sanderson will be here on Friday February 21st, 2025, if anyone would like to sit down and discuss any topics with him.

## 13. City Attorney

Nothing.

## 14. Chief of Police

### a. January 2025 Police Department Report

Chief Kraft provided the January 2025 Police Department Report, and Chief Kraft also said that this Thursday 02/20/2025 at 1:00pm the Sidney Police Department will be interviewing and testing some potential new police officers.

## 15. Public Works Director

### a. January 2025 Public Works Report

PWD Hintz presented the January 2025 Public Works Report.

### b. January 2025 Compliance Report

PWD Hintz presented the January 2025 Compliance Officer Report on behalf of Compliance Officer Schroeder, and that the Nuisance Committee will be meeting again on February 25th, 2025, at 4:30pm.

c. Water Project SRF #9C and APRA Draw #1

PWD Hintz stated that Jordan Mayer with Interstate Engineering sent over the SRF #9C and APRA Draw #1 for approval, and Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve of SRF #9C and APRA Draw #1.

Motion was approved.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen

**16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector**

a. January 2025 Fire Department Report

FM/BI Rasmussen provided the January 2025 Fire Department Report.

**17. City Clerk/Treasurer**

a. January 2025 JV Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks presented the January 2025 JV Report, being the normal UB and Payroll JV's, for approval.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

b. January 2025 Treasurer's Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks presented the January 2025 Treasurer's Report. She stated that the city did receive an Oil and Gas for the 3rd quarter of 2024 of \$208,030.71. She also stated that Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin plans on submitting the 1099's later this week as

**18. Consent Agenda**

a. Claims to be approved: \$130,115.63

**Intermediary Claims to be approved (included in total): \$21,717.41**

#43548      CARD MEMBER SERVICE      \$ 6,178.24

#43587      MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES      \$ 15,539.17

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2025-046

## **19. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:01pm.

Mayor Norby wanted to say thank you for all four candidates who ran for the Ward One City Council position, and a special thank you to Jamie Larson who won. Mayor Norby also said that he wishes Alderman Joe Stevenson a good farewell and it has been a pleasure seeing him on this position.