



City of Sidney, MT
City Council 3-21-22
March 21, 2022 6:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Norby called the meeting 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 and DiFonzo. Rasmussen via phone.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. March 7th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

5. Visitors

a. Brittastina Lasey-Clean-Up Day Block Party

Ms. Lassey with Sidney Girls Scouts came before the City Council for approval for a Community Earth Day Clean Up Project, Ms. Lassey mentioned she would like to do the clean up the entire week of April 22nd, 2022. Ms. Lassey stated that any recyclables that are collect will be going to ROI for recycling and the city will be taking care of the other trash that is collect, PWD Hintz mentioned to get in touch with him closer to that day so that the city can get garbage cans and other supplies ready. Ms. Lassey also said by doing this community wide clean up project will help the animals here as well, Ms. Lassey said she is hoping for business and other non profit member will volunteer to help clean up.

A general consensus from the City Council agreed that this was a brilliant way to get the community together to help clean up Sidney.

Other Vistors: Becky Yonts (Sidney Leadership) and Briana Villegas (Sidney Girls Scouts)

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Open Planning Board Positions-2, two-year term positions

Mayor Norby announced that there are two open positions for the Richland County Planning Board, Mayor Norby stated that he will appoint one position and the City Council will appoint the other position. Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that she would reach out to Shawn Storm to see if he is still interested, and Alderwoman Godfrey mentioned that she would reach out to Fredrick Lake to see if he would be interested as well.

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

Nothing.

10. Unfinished Business

a. Kris Entzel-Foundation Fundraiser & Concert

Chief Kraft stated that he and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin reviewed the proposal/plans that Mrs. Entzel presented, and there were a few things that Chief Kraft had reservations about. Chief Kraft had concerns about blocking off three city streets surrounding city hall during operating business hours and Chief Kraft also stated that had some concerns about the content. Chief Kraft told Mrs. Entzel that perhaps it would be a good idea if she had this fundraiser/concert outside city limits or possibly a different venue in city limits with the City Council approval as well. No Motion was made on this issue.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

a. Ordinance 592-Nuisance Code Update: 2nd Reading

City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance 592 out loud for the second reading.

Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve the second reading of the revised nuisance ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. Alderman DiFonzo asked for section 8-3-3 paragraph four where it states the word dead animals to be taken out, Alderman DiFonzo stated that having a dead animal in on your property for thirty days wouldn't be wise. City Attorney Kalil said that he agrees with Alderman DiFonzo and it will take that word out the Ordinance 592, Alderwoman Christensen wanted to amend her motion to now have dead animals taken out of that section, Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None.

b. Ordinance 593: Zoning Code Update for Sale of Recreational Marijuana: 2nd Reading

City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance 593 out loud for the second reading.

Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve the second reading of the recreational marijuana ordinance, seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

Voting Nay: None.

14. Chief of Police

a. 2021 Police Department Year End Stats

Chief Kraft provided the 2021 Police Department Year End Stats, the general consensus from the City Council agreed that the Sidney Police Department is doing a great job and couldn't be more proud.

b. February 2022 PD Report

Chief Kraft provided his February 2022 Police Department Report.

c. Mark Kraft Appointment to Post Council

Chief Kraft mentioned that in November of 2021 the current Post Council would be retiring from his position, and Chief Kraft submitted his application to the Governor. Chief Kraft stated that last month he got the confirmation from the Governor that he was elected to Post Council, and Chief Kraft said it will be great to have someone from Eastern Montana representing Post Council.

15. Public Works Director

a. February 2022 Public Works Report

PWD Hintz provided the February 2022 Report. PWD Hintz stated that there will be a pre-construction meeting with the Neilson/Halvorson Subdivision at City Hall on April 4th, 2022 at 1:30pm, PWD Hintz also mentioned that there will be a water/sewer committee meeting to further discuss sewer on 9th AVE.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

a. February 2022 Fire Run Report

FM/BI Rasmussen was no there to present his February 2022 Fire Run Report.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. February 2022 Treasurer's Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks provided the February 2022 Treasurer's Report.

b. February 2022 JV Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks provided the February 2022 JV Report.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

c. February 2022 Water-Sewer Bank Transfer: \$83,328.65

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks provided the February 2022 Water-Sewer Bank Transfer for \$83,328.65.

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

d. Call for Budget and Finance Committee Meeting-review FY20-21 Budget Amendments

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks stated they needed a Budget and Finance Committee to review the proposed Budget Amendments for FY20-21.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson

a. Claims to be approved: \$76,565.35

b. Building Permits to be approved: None

19. Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:00pm