



City of Sidney, MT  
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 6-29-22  
June 29, 2022 5:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 843 5395 6416 Passcode: 4332809 Call: 1-346-248-7799

Aldermen Present:

Others Present: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Water Commissioner Elletson, Rebecca Thompson, Jeramy Thompson

**1. New Business**

**a. Nielson-Halvorson Water Line Replacement**

PWD Hintz stated when we installed the sewer main, Water Commissioner Elletson located the main off the map as there was no valves on the short block, but when they dug the sewer main they discovered the water main only had a 6-foot separation from the sewer line and DEQ rules state they cannot be less than 10-foot apart. PWD Hintz stated instead of asking for a variance with the DEQ they opted to install a new pipe because the existing size was too small. PWD Hintz stated Western Municipal, who did the sewer line, came in extremely high and a long contract time. He stated they also asked Hanson Independent, who did the relocation for \$78,875. PWD Hintz stated they because of these two projects they are doing a complete overhaul of the street. PWD Hintz stated the water budget will be paying for the line relocation and water, sewer project funds and streets will split the costs for the street. PWD Hintz stated due to the complications with the project, he will be writing a thank you letter to the property owners who have had to deal with their street being torn up for such an extended time without complaining. He stated driveways have been blocked, dust flying, equipment lining the street and much more.

Motion was made to recommend approval of this relocation.

Motion made by Koffler, Seconded by Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Koffler, Rasmussen, Godfrey

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this will come out of FY21-22 budget, which there is funds available for.

**b. FY22-23 Water Department Budget**

PWD Hintz presented the Water and Sewer Committee with the FY 22-23 estimated budget expenditures for the water department. He stated the items in yellow are items that can be put off for future fiscal years. He stated he and Commissioner Elletson prepared it and they detailed the items listed.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated if all items presented were included in the budget, the water department is still looking at having cash savings in the budget. She stated the main reason for this is because of the rate increases that have been implemented while holding off on the project, which has made it so there is not debt repayment on this budget that will be there in the upcoming fiscal years when Phase III Water Improvements are done.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the FY22-23 Water Budget.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by Koffler.

Voting Yea: Koffler, Rasmussen, Godfrey

### **c. FY22-23 Sewer Budget**

PWD Hintz presented the Water and Sewer Committee with the FY22-23 estimated budget expenditures. He stated they expenditures also include storm sewer work. He stated the items in yellow are items that can be put off for future fiscal years. He stated he and the sewer department prepared it and they detailed the items listed.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that with the storm sewer projects coming out of this fund, it is \$575,000 negative, with over \$4,000,000 in cash to cover the costs. She stated the largest part of that negative balance for the FY is the Nielson/Halvorson project that the City is paying cash for a portion of.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the FY22-23 budget.

Motion made by Koffler, Seconded by Godfrey.

Voting Yea: Koffler, Rasmussen, Godfrey

Adjourned at 6:14pm.