



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 9-2-25
September 02, 2025 6:30 PM
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, Larsen, Koffler, Rasmussen and DiFonzo. Absent: Godfrey

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. August 18th, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

5. Visitors

Madison Kapp, Carter Hessem, Monica Steinbeisser, Eric Steinbeisser, Wade Whiteman, Aubree Whiteman, Madison Rosaaen, Logan Lowrey, Daxten Brower, Christen Rasmussen, Moran Kindopp, Dyson Romo, Rhys Larson, Mariyah Bauer and Jody Wells (Round-up)

6. Public Hearing

a. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

Mayor Norby called the public hearing for the FY25-26 budget to order at 6:31pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the FY25-26 budget was reviewed at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting and has been available for public review on the website and at City Hall.

Mayor Norby called for any proponents, three times, with none coming forward.

Mayor Norby called for any opponents, three times, with none coming forward.

Mayor Norby closed the public hearing for the FY25-26 budget to order at 6:32pm.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Update:

Mayor Norby congratulated PWD Hintz, Captain Rosaaen, and Councilmembers Tami Christensen and Jamie Larson for making the 20 over 40 list and all others who were recognized.

8. Committee Meeting Work

Nothing.

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 Buxbaum – Christensen, DiFonzo. **Street and Alley** – Chairman Rasmussen – DiFonzo, Koffler. **Sanitation**– Chairman Larson – Koffler, Buxbaum. **City Buildings & Street Lighting** – Chairman Koffler – Buxbaum, Christensen

Nothing.

10. Unfinished Business

a. American Tower Lease

No additional action was taken.

11. New Business

a. Richland Youth Hockey-Landlord's Consent to Assignment

Motion was made to table this for a later date to review information and get clarification on this matter such as what the project is, the lease agreement, etc.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

12. City Planner

13. City Attorney

a. Resolution No. 3951: FY25-26 Budget-Garbage

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3951, setting FY25-26 garbage rates.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

b. Resolution No. 3952: FY25-26 Budget-Residential Street Lighting

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3952, setting FY25-26 residential street lighting rates.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

c. Resolution No. 3953: FY25-26 Budget-Commercial Street Lighting

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3953, setting FY25-26 commercial street lighting rates.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

d. Resolution No. 3954: FY25-26 Budget-Residential Sweeping

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3954, setting FY25-26 residential sweeping lighting rates.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

e. Resolution No. 3955: FY25-26 Budget-Commercial Sweeping

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3955, setting FY25-26 commercial sweeping lighting rates.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

f. Resolution No. 3956: FY25-26 Budget-Mowing

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3956, setting FY25-26 mowing budget.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

g. Resolution No. 3957: FY25-26 Budget-SM Park

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3957, setting FY25-26 South Meadow Park rates.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

h. Resolution No. 3958: FY25-26 Budget-Delinquent Utilities

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3958, setting FY25-26 delinquent utility assessments.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

i. Resolution No. 3959: FY25-26 Budget-Dutch Elm

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3959, setting FY25-26 dutch elm assessments.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

j. Resolution No. 3960: FY25-26 Budget-SID 104

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3960, setting FY25-26 SID 104 assessments.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

k. Resolution No. 3961: FY25-26 Budget-Snow Removal

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3961, setting FY25-26 Snow Removal assessments.

Motion made by Alderwoman Larson, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

l. Resolution No. 3962: FY25-26 Budget-Street Maintenance

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3962, setting FY25-26 Street Maintenance assessments.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

m. Resolution No. 3963: FY25-26 Budget Mill Levy's

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3963, setting FY25-26 Budget Mill Levy's assessments.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

n. Resolution 3964-Canceling Certain Election Offices for the November 2025 Election

Motion was made to approve Resolution 3964, canceling certain election offices for the November 2025 election.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

o. Update:

Nothing.

14. Chief of Police

a. Update:

Chief Kraft expressed his thanks and recognized everyone who has assisted in the recent situations the Police Department has had. He stated the public works department, staff of the police department, which is 25% understaff and have stepped up when needed and done terrific work, very proud, fire, EMT and all others have helped to ensure the good outcomes they have had.

Chief Kraft further stated K9 Ringo was injured not in the line of duty when he stepped wrong and injured a front leg requiring surgery to fuse the front joint. He will be out for 8 weeks but expected to recover and return to duty.

Alderman DiFonzo stated he would like to thank all of the police, fire and first responders, no one was hurt and it was handled very well. All agreed and thanked them.

15. Public Works Director

a. Update:

PWD Hintz thanked Chief Kraft for the thanks for the recognition and that he will pass it on, and should they ever need help just call.

PWD Hintz stated he has been approached by the residents in south meadow for improvements to the bike path and would like to look into raising the rates to do improvements for those.

b. Morrison Maierle Amendment 2 to TO 13 (On-call GIS Services)-increase \$30,000

PWD Hintz stated this is for GIS drafting which he is not finding the time to do and do correctly, so he would like to let professionals handle it. He stated we will still do the surveying but they will do the tech work and it was budgeted in this fiscal years budget.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

c. TA Project - W. Holly Pedestrian Bridge - Scheduled to be let for bids in November 2025

PWD Hintz stated they will do a call for bids in November with a spring start with the underground sub-structure. They will then return in fall after canal empty to set bridge beams and are hoping for a fall 2026 completion.

d. TA Project - 22nd Avenue NW

PWD Hintz stated they received a letter last week from MDT approving the 22nd Ave Bike Path Grant for first round for grant applications. It will now move into scoring with 23 applications. He stated there is \$23 million in applications and only \$9 million to give out and our project was \$1.5 million. If we do not get the grant, we will continue to update the application and keep applying. The grant has a match of 13.42% for the city.

Alderman DiFonzo asked if this project will include lights on 22nd and PWD Hintz stated MDU installs and have contacted them previously about 22nd and other locations in town. PWD Hintz stated there are light's just after lee's tire currently and will contact MDU about getting this started. Alderman DiFonzo stated he feels this is a worthwhile project to get into. MDU installs and we pay it back over 20 years and we might have to look at rates. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the current street lighting fund should be able to compensate for these additions considering they will then be added to the tax rolls.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. FY24-25 Closing and Audit Update

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated they have submitted all required documents to proceed with the FYE closing and are working on getting the information for the audit gathered and thanked Deputy Schmierer for all her work on this. She stated they will be submitting their Audit Report in lieu of an Annual Financial Report, but the AFR is due prior to the Audit so they will likely need to

request an extension for the AFR, which is not an uncommon occurrence. She stated by doing this, it will save on costs with the auditor.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$161,219.38

Intermediary Claims (\$):1155.02

U.S.P.S \$1155.02

b. Building Permits to be approved: RC2026-07, 2026-11, 2026-12, 2026-13, and 2026-14

19. Adjournment

6:54pm.