



City of Sidney, MT  
City Council 6-6-2022  
June 06, 2022 6:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE |Sidney, MT 59270

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Norby called the regular Sidney City Council 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, Rasmussen and DiFonzo.

**4. Correction or Approval of Minutes**

**a. City Council 5-16-22**

Motion was made to approve with no corrections or changes.

**b. Park and Rec Committee Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made to approve with no corrections or changes.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

**c. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 5-25-22**

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

**5. Visitors**

**a. Farmers Market using City Corner Lot next to City Hall on Saturdays during Summer**

Alderwoman Godfrey stated that she was present at the meeting and it was confirmed that Farmers Market that is hosted by MSU Extension will not be using the empty lot next to City Hall.

Emily Vitt- Sidney Herald

**6. Public Hearing**

Nothing.

**7. Mayor Norby**

Mayor Norby announced that the 2022 Municipal Summit will be held in Sidney on June 8th, 2022 at the Stockman Bank Building on the third floor, Council Members are encourage to attend. Mayor Norby also mentioned that tomorrow is election day so everyone is encourage to go out there and vote, Mayor Norby also stated that he will be in Helena June 14th-16th, 2022 for the Montana League of Cities and Town budget meetings.

**8. Committee Meeting Work**

**a. Park and Rec Committee: Ice Rink at Quilling's Park**

Alderman DiFonzo updated the council members that the Park and Recreation Committee met to discuss the ice rink in Quillings Park, Alderman DiFonzo stated that Mr. Fink would be responsible for maintaining the lawn care around the rink but, after much discussion and some issues that came up the Park and Recreation Committee voted not to leave it up for the summer and that a new location needs to be established.

Motion was made to approve.

**b. Budget and Finance Committee: FY22-23 Health Insurance Increase of 3% (all other items tabled for 6-13-22 meeting)**

Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Budget and Finance Committee met to discuss the upcoming budget for next fiscal year, Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Budget and Finance Committee will be meeting next Monday to further discuss the items that were tabled at the last meeting. Alderwoman Christensen did state that the Budget and Finance Committee did approve of the city covering the 3% increase for MMIA Health Insurance.

Motion was made to approve.

## 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, Difonzo, Christensen

**Budget and Finance** – Chairman Christensen – Rasmussen, Godfrey

Alderman DiFonzo wanted to bring up a nuisance issue with RC Horde who owns All Seasons Motor Sports, Alderman DiFonzo stated that the mess over there is not getting any better and there is reportedly a litter of baby skunks that neighbors are complaining about. Alderman DiFonzo said he would like to see City Attorney Kalil and Building Inspector Rasmussen put this property on their nuisance list and go look at the property with Public Works Director Hintz. PWD Hintz and Building Inspector Rasmussen both agreed to go take a look at that property later this week.

## 10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

## 11. New Business

### a. SDI Architects-Letter of Agreement

PWD Hintz gave an update from SDI Architects for the remodel of city hall, and SDI Architects came to city hall last week and did a 3-D scan of the building to get a better scope of the building and plans. PWD Hintz presented the proposed contract from SDI Architects that entailed an hourly plus expenses bases contract until they get a good feel of what the city is going to do, than a new contract will be submitted that the city could use to budget around. PWD Hintz said that this contract doesn't have any cost estimates but, PWD Hintz doesn't believe it will cost the city more than ten thousand. Mayor Norby stated he would like to see a number before signing a contract, and this contact will be paid out of oil and gas money.PWD Hintz said that SDI Architects is trying to find out the cost of this project, City Attorney Kalil said that the council members could approve it with a ceiling cap of \$10,000 for hourly payments but, Mayor Norby believes that we would open up the door for SDI Architects to try and use close to the \$10,000.00 as possible.

Motion was made to table this contract until PWD Hintz has a more reliable contract. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that the next time this contract comes forward, SDI Architects should be present or via phone.

**12. City Planner**

Nothing.

**13. City Attorney**

**a. Ordinance 594-Updating Zoning Code for M-1 and B-1 Districts (tabled at 5-16-22 meeting)**

Motion was made to untable Ordinance #594

City Attorney Kalil read out loud Ordinance #594 for the final reading.

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

**14. Chief of Police**

**a. Update**

Nothing.

**15. Public Works Director**

**a. Update**

PWD Hintz stated that the project on 4th AVE SE the curbing will start being taken out next week, the contractors will start the work next week. PWD Hintz also said city crew this week will be putting up the new nets for girls fast pitch softball, and that the pool is up and running even though it was a week behind due to mechanical breakdowns.

**b. West Holly/Phase III Draw #6B for \$7,193.00**

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

**c. Nielson-Halvorson Sewer Rehab (WWTP P3) Draw 32-\$201,960**

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

**16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector**

**a. Update**

FM/BI Rasmussen wanted to give an update that the yellow trailer up by Miller Corner will be moved around the 20th of June by Hanson Independent, and the billboard over by Al's Mini Storage that was destroyed and in pieces is now gone.

**17. City Clerk/Treasurer**

**a. Update**

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks reported that Audit Report from last fiscal year is available to review at City Hall, and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin will be sending out a copy of that audit report to the Council Members and the newspaper.

**18. Consent Agenda**

**a. Claims to be approved: \$107,565.79**

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda and claims and building permits.

**b. Building Permits to be approved:**

BP2022-081	Not Available				
BP2022-082	Not Available				
BP2022-083	David Seitz	114 2nd Ave SE	Re-roof	L8-9, B13, Original	
BP2022-084	Pontus SK Portfolio	500 N Central	Sign	L5, B1, Augustus Vaux	
BP2022-085	Casey Reed	3215 5th St NW	Fence	L5-6, B6, Wagon Wheel	
BP2022-086	Andrew Thomas	207 2nd Ave SW	Shed	L2, B17, Original	
RCBP2022-029	Cole Fink	34804 CR124	Garage		

**19. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:07PM