



City of Sidney, MT  
City Council Meeting 2-7-2022  
February 07, 2022 6:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. **Call to Order**

By Mayor Norby at 6:30pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Stated by all present.

3. **Aldermen Present**

Alderwoman Christensen by phone. Absent: Godfrey

4. **Correction or Approval of Minutes**

a. **Water and Sewer Committee 1-10-2022**

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

b. **Regular City Council Meeting 1-18-2022**

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

**c. City Buildings/Street Lighting Committee Meeting 1/24/2022**

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

**5. Visitors**

Jodan Mayer-Interstate Engineering

**6. Public Hearing**

Nothing.

**7. Mayor Norby**

Nothing.

**8. Committee Meeting Work**

Clerk/Treasurer apologized for the new committee assignments not being updated, she has reached back out to the Municode and they will be updating it.

**9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports**

**Parks and Recreation** – Chair Godfrey – Sergent, Christensen | **Water and Sewer** – Chair Koffler – Godfrey, Rasmussen  
**Street and Alley** – Chair Christensen–Sergent, Stevenson | **Sanitation** – Chair Rasmussen – Koffler, Stevenson  
**City Buildings & Street Lighting** – Chair Stevenson– Koffler, Rasmussen | **Police and Fire** – Chair Sergent – Godfrey, Christensen  
**Budget and Finance** – Chair Sergent, Christensen, Rasmussen

Nothing.

**10. Unfinished Business**

Nothing.

**11. New Business**

Nothing.

**12. City Planner**

PWD Hintz stated Planner Sanderson will be present at the public hearing in front of the zoning board on Wednesday at 8am.

**13. City Attorney**

City Attorney Kalil stated the new streamlined nuisance code was reviewed by the Nuisance Committee with a Public Hearing coming to approve the first reading.

**14. Chief of Police**

**a. Update**

Chief Kraft stated the Sheriff's Department thanked the Police Department for their assistance in the search for Kaitlin Berry. He stated he will have the yearly report and 2022 monthly reports soon, but there has been a lot going on that has taken precedence.

**15. Public Works Director**

**a. Update**

Mayor Norby asked for a motion to approve adding the MDT Holly Street Pedestrian Bridge Agreement to the Agenda. Motion was made by Alderman Stevenson and Alderman Koffler seconded. All present voted aye.

PWD Hintz stated they are going to be advertising for consultants and to anticipate construction in 2023 or 2024. Alderman DiFonzo asked if this was replacing the current bridge and PWD Hintz stated it was.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

PWD Hintz stated they will be doing geotechnical work on Central Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Street to find out if there are remaining hydrocarbons from the fuel stations that used to be located there. He stated this is part of the upcoming water project. He further stated the Lee's Tire Lift Station rehab equipment has been ordered, which will take approximately 22 weeks to receive and the City crew will be doing the work. PWD Hintz stated he will be working with Interstate on a possibly SID to expand the sewer line out towards Agri-Industries, which was initially proposed by Fred Lake approximately a year ago and is being brought back up by the commercial properties.

**b. WWTP Phase 3 Draw #29 for \$2,921.00**

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

**c. Dry Red Water Authority-Connect**

PWD Hintz stated DRWA is currently connected to our sewer, have been online for approximately 3 weeks. He stated they also approached the City to committing to connecting to purchase water from them, as they are now moving forward with the design on this. City Attorney Kalil stated it will be a letter of support, it does not officially commit us to purchasing the water, just supporting the project.

Alderman DiFonzo asked if there is a record of us committing to purchasing this water and Mayor Norby stated nothing official was done. City Attorney Kalil stated he can draft a letter that ensures we are not officially committing to anything, just support the project. Mr. Mayer stated DRWA received ARPA funding and additional CARES Act funding to pursue more studying of their project and how to expand. Alderman DiFonzo asked if this would eventually replace the water we are providing and Mr. Mayer stated it would.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

#### **d. DNRC-FEMA Flood Plain Grant for Lone Tree**

PWD Hintz stated the current Flood Plain study does not include Lone Tree Creek, and has not been done since the 1980's. He stated the DNRC is going to write a grant to FEMA for this and would keep the City of Sidney updated as part of the town is located here, with no cost to the City. Mayor Norby asked if this would have had to be done if the City moved forward with their new water treatment plant and PWD Hintz stated yes. FM/BI Rasmussen asked if it was updated recently because of the Cenex building project and PWD Hintz stated they did only partially but not the entire creek bed area, doing only a Letter of Map Revision.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

#### **e. American Tower Lease Agreement**

PWD Hintz presented the final draft of the cell tower lease agreement, which has been reviewed by the City Attorney. He stated this is for the expansion of the property they are leasing to the east. He stated this will be compensated, City Attorney Kalil stated it increased the current payment by \$250.00.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

**f. West Holly and Phase III Draw #3b for \$48,831.00**

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 Christensen

**16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector**

**a. December 2021 and January 2022 Fire Run Report**

FM/BI Rasmussen provided his monthly report for both December and January.

**17. City Clerk/Treasurer**

**a. Update**

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated Auditor Bob Denning was present to finish out the Year End Closing and start the Audit.

**18. Consent Agenda**

**a. Claims to be approved: \$232,653.28**

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

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

None to be approved.

**19. Adjournment**

at 7:07pm.