



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 12-5-22
December 05, 2022 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, Godfrey, Stevenson, Rasmussen and DiFonzo. Absent: Koffler.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 11-21-22

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

5. Visitors

a. Other Visitors:

Sidney High School Government Class: Savanna Steinbeisser, Justin Filler and Payten Syth

Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Skip December 19th, 2022 Meeting

Mayor Norby stated without any present agenda items, he is proposing to the City Council the option to cancel the December 19th, 2022 meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the claims would still be reviewed and paid, but they would be added to the first meeting in January's agenda. She further stated that if anything came up for approval, she would call for the meeting.

Motion was made to skip the December 19th meeting, unless anything important arises.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

8. Committee Meeting Work

Clerk/Treasurer stated she will need to have a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting to discuss the proposed rate increase in January. She stated she will reach out to the Committee members and get it scheduled, as the final decision does not need to be made until the second meeting in January.

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

Alderman Stevenson stated he was approached about Mucho Si only have one access door, as one is broke. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she will ask FM/BI Rasmussen about this and have him look into it and update the Council. Alderman Stevenson stated he was also asked about what Tony Hanson has planned for the building next to Action Auto and Alderman DiFonzo stated with the businesses planned to be in there, FM/BI Rasmussen looked into it and they have sufficient parking with the shared parking of Mucho Si, which is a property he owns also. He stated he may have to come back if he rents the planned apartment but FM/BI Rasmussen will be monitoring for compliance with City Code requirements.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

a. Update

City Attorney Kalil stated he has no updates. Mayor Norby asked about the Hord property and City Attorney Kalil stated he has done everything necessary and it has been turned over the PWD Hintz and FM/BI Rasmussen for compliance. PWD Hintz stated he has cleaned up the 3-foot right-of-way area. Alderman DiFonzo asked about the rodent complaints due to the mess and PWD Hintz stated they could not find any evidence of rodents when they inspected the property. City Attorney Kalil stated they have the right to enforce anything that breaks the statute, so the property can be cleaned up to statute standards at any time. Alderman DiFonzo stated the City has gone after people for not keeping their property clean and cleaned it up for them when they chose not to and this property should be no different.

14. Chief of Police

a. October 2022 Police Department Report

Chief Kraft provided the October 2022 Police Department Report. Chief Kraft stated the Polar Plunge went very well and they fundraised just under \$7,000 and he thanked the sponsors for donating. He stated the Parade of Lights went well. Alderman DiFonzo stated the Sidney Police Department was successful on getting a child back to his mother and all of the Council thanked them for their work.

15. Public Works Director

a. Update

PWD Hintz stated on December 12th, 2022 at 6pm at the Extension Office there is an open house for the South Meadow Storm Sewer project to be paid hopefully by a FEMA grant. He stated on the 15th is the bid opening for the upcoming water project, and Mr. Mayer stated there is hopefully going to be 3 bids which is why the opening was moved back.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

a. October and November 2022 Fire Run Report

Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen provided the October and November Run Report for the Fire Department. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated if there are any questions, she can direct them to him for response.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Update

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the Fiscal Year End closing has been completed.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$116,431.93

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2023-32 to 2023-34 and RC2023-19 (BP's on hold listed)

19. Adjournment

at 6:53pm.