



City of Sidney, MT
City Council 5-2-2022
May 02, 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, Koffler, DiFonzo and Rasmussen.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes 4-11-22

Motion was made to approve with no corrections or changes.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

b. Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes 4-26-22

Motion was made to approve with no corrections or changes.

c. Street and Alley Committee Meeting Minutes 4-25-22

Motion was made to approve with no corrections or changes.

Motion made by Alderman Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

d. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 4-18-22

Motion was made to approve with no corrections or changes.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey

5. Visitors:

a. Sunrise Festival- June 18th, 2022 in Veterans Park

Sunrise Festival- Kali Godfrey with the Chamber of Commerce- Ms. Godfrey came forward to present her plan for Sunrise Festival on June 18th, 2022 to the City Council Members, Ms. Godfrey mentioned that this plan is very similar to last year plan but, now this year there will be a kids corner with inflatables and bungee trampoline and a special event insurance for these features. Ms. Godfrey stated that she is requesting barcades, garbage can and streets closed from east main to 2nd AVE SE and 2nd ST SE from 5:00 am to 12:30am. Ms. Godfrey also said that there will be a street dance from 7:00pm to Midnight which will be barcaded off with Starplex Security controlling the underage drinking, the vendor festival will be from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Chief Kraft mentioned that he is okay with this plan and there were a few minor details in last year plan that the Chamber of Commerce did clear up in this year plan. Motion was made to approve of the 2022 Sunrise Festival.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderwoman Christensen

Voting Abstaining: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey

Misty Metcalf- ABATE

Jordan Mayer- Interstate Engineering

6. Public Hearing

Nothing.

7. Mayor Norby

a. Appointment of Travis Rosaaen to the City/County Planning Board

Motion was made to add the appointment of Travis Rosaaen to the City Planning Board for a three year term.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

b. Proclamation: ABATE-May Motorcycle Awareness Month

Mayor Norby read out loud the ABATE Proclamation, motion was made to approve of the ABATE Proclamation.

Mayor Norby also mention that he couldn't be more proud of what this charter does for this community.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 4-11-22: 9th Ave SW Sewer Extension

Alderman Koffler mentioned that the Water and Sewer Committee met to discuss 9th AVE SW Sewer Extension, PWD Hintz stated that the cost estimate of this project will be around \$150,000.00 for residential and businesses to tie into the existing sewer line that is already there. Motion was made for PWD Hintz to send out letters to the residents on 9th AVE SW.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

b. Street and Alley Committee 4-25-22: 4th Ave Street Project with Sidney Schools

Alderman DiFonzo mentioned that the Street and Alley Committee met to discuss the 4th Ave Street Project, Alderman DiFonzo stated that the Sidney School will pay \$130,000.00 or up to half of the total cost of the project. PWD Hintz mentioned that him and Mr. Mayer did get in touch With MDU and Mid-Rivers Communications about their utility lines, and MDU has five poles that

will have to be moved and will cost around five to seven thousand and they may or may not go underground. PWD Hintz said that Mid-Rivers Communications will work with the city on sliding the lines back, but there is no cost estimate from Mid-Rivers Communications yet. Motion was made to approve of the 4th AVE Street Project with Sidney Schools.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

c. Sanitation Committee 4-26-22: Providing Non-resident garbage services-on hold in Committee

Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that the Sanitation Committee met to discuss the Depot having their garbage picked up by the city instead of Millers Garbage Service, PWD Hintz stated that he has been trying to get in contact with Millers Garbage Service but, has not had any luck yet.

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

Alderwoman Godfrey mentioned that she has been in contact with B/I Rasmussen about the broken billboard sign over by Al's Mini Storage heading towards the Depot, and B/I Rasmussen informed Alderwoman Godfrey that he is taking care of it with the owners.

Alderman Koffler would like to thank the city of the barriers that the city provided for the bike show last weekend.

Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that RC Horde with All Season Motorsports property is getting cluttered again, and that the sidewalks are getting over runned with junk, Alderwoman Rasmussen asked PWD Hintz if this property could be on the list for the next nuisance meeting, PWD Hintz agreed to adding it to the list.

Alerman DiFonzo had a question about the Park and recreation committee, Alderman DiFonzo has a request for the Park and Recreation Committee does he have to bring it to the whole committee and someone would have to sit in on that meeting. Mayor Norby agreed that they would assign some other council member to sit in on that meeting, Alderwoman Christensen doesn't believe that we could do that with having four council members present at one meeting then.

Alderwoman Rasmussen said he could request it in writing, Alderman DiFonzo thought maybe he

could get another council member to submit his request. City Attorney Kalil said we cannot have more than three council members present without it being an open meeting, Alderman DiFonzo stated that this anything that needs to be address right now it can wait until things get figured out with the City Attorney.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

a. Ordinance 594: Amending Zoning Code B-1 and M-1 to allow single family residences by CUP

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

Motion was made to approve with no changes or corrections.

Motion made by Alderwoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

14. Chief of Police

Chief Kraft mentioned for everyone to come and enjoy the Montana Peace Officer Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 14th, 2022 starting at 10:30AM.

15. Public Works Director

PWD Hintz mentioned that last week the DEQ was here to do an inspection on the WWTP and the city scored a A+, there were some minor flaws on record keeping with the sewer employees, overall PWD Hintz said he is very impressed with the sewer department. Mr. Mayer stated that he has no update on the phase two water project, that at this time everything is going as planned and looking to start bidding out in November 2022. Mr. Mayer did state that the DEQ did put a rush out on the easements by O'Reilly Auto Store and the old video hot spot store, contractors are very busy right now to try and bid it out now.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

FI/BI Rasmussen was not present at the meeting, and his monthly report will be present at the next City Council Meeting.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. March 2022 Treasurer's Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks provided the March 2022 Treasurer's Report, no motion is needed for this report.

b. March 2022 JV Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks provided the March 2022 JV Report.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey

c. March 2022 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer: \$88,813.61

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks presented the March 2022 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer of \$88,813.61.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

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

d. Workers Comp Presumptive Coverage-Fire Department

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks could not report on the Workers Comp Presumptive because she was not informed on the information.

Motion to table it until the next City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

18. Consent Agenda

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

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.
Voting Yea: Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

a. Claims to be approved: \$409,723.73

b. Building Permits to be approved:

BP2022-071 Vaux	Christensen	215 3rd St NW	Fence	L1&2, B2, Augustus
BP2022-072	Fulcrum Express	402 East Holly	Remodel	L1, B2, Sunrise Village
BP2022-073	Byer	724 Cactus Ct	Garage	L15A, B8, South Meadow
BP2022-075 Original	Melby	314 South Central	Roof	L8-9, B22, Sidney
BP2022-077	Togreson	914 12th ST SW	Addition	L3, B5, Peterson 1st
BP2022-078	Anderson	224 6th ST SW	Remodel	L1, B57, Kenoyer
BP2022-079	McDonalds	1550 S Central Ave	Signs	L3,Hub Subdivision

19. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:12 pm.