



City of Sidney, MT
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 5-7-25
May 07, 2025 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Alderman Present: DiFonzo, Koffler and Buxbaum (for Christensen)

Others Present: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Schmierer, Stacia Creek, Homestead: Garth Kallevig, Don Sterhan, Via zoom: City Planner Sanderson, Brent Moore (Interstate Engineering) and George Anderson

1. New Business

a. Homestead Sewer Extension and Expedited Subdivision Application

The Homestead Subdivision came before the City Council to discuss the sewer extension on 14th Avenue as part of the Expedited Subdivision Review. The subdivision currently has all the water, sewer, street, curb and gutter that the Homestead Subdivision thought was required, including from meetings with the City pertaining to the easements the City needs for their storm water development that prompted the Expedited Review. Mr. Sterhan stated the multiple easements is the only reason why the subdivision is going through the expedited review, other than the ag covenant that the City was supposed to have off the title but has not been removed yet. Mr. Sterhan further stated that lot 2A, which is the lot in question currently has water and sewer services from 4th Street and to require them to install a sewer line on 14th to the extent of their property would be a \$500,000 project to take sewer to nowhere, especially considering this property is at the extend of the City limits, with ag land surrounding it on that side. PWD Hintz stated the City code and policy is that all services have to be installed to the extent of the property for future connections and that he cannot grant this variance, only the City Council. PWD Hintz further stated there is water up 14th that the City installed prior to the subdivision for furnishing adequate water to the North Meadow Subdivision.

In discussion the Committee discussed why the sewer extension was not installed if required when the other infrastructure was installed, which was unknown but likely due to a phasing of infrastructure per Mr. Moore. They also discussed that with the current layout of the large lot it does have there required services available and that should that lot ever subdivide the developer or owner would be required to install the sewer extension on 14th to service the northwest corner

of the lot. PWD Hintz and City Planner Sanderson stated the choice to grant the variance is up to the Council and they are torn either way. City Planner Sanderson further stated that he believes there are already rules and procedures in place to mitigate any repercussions in the future with other developments should this be approved.

Motion was made to recommend to grant a variance to the requirement for the sewer extension up 14th for the Expedited Subdivision Review.

Motion made by DiFonzo, Seconded by Koffler.

Voting Yea: Buxbaum, DiFonzo, Koffler

Planner Sanderson stated he will revise his report to reflect this change and include this discussion in his presentation as part of the public hearing presentation.

Adjourned 6:05pm.