



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 3-6-2023
March 06, 2023 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 and DiFonzo. Rasmussen via phone.

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 2-21-23

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

b. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 2-28-23

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

5. **Visitors**

a. **Other Visitors:**

Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering), Jen Tiesen and Brooke Tiesen

6. **Public Hearing**

Nothing.

7. **Mayor Norby**

a. **Executive Forum Update**

Mayor Norby stated he attended the Executive Forum in Helena last week. He stated it was very informative and focused mostly on local government review that has to be on the ballot in 2024.

b. **Reappoint Tony Barone to Richland County Conservation District from December 31, 2022 until position is filled**

Mayor Norby stated Tony Barone has agreed to stay on the Conservation District Board until the City of Sidney can find a replacement for him. He asked for approval of his reappointment until his replacement can be found and announced that anyone interested in that position on the board should reach out to him.

Motion was made to reappoint Tony Barone from December 31st, 2023 until a replacement can be found.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

8. **Committee Meeting Work**

a. **Budget and Finance: Donation to Jaycee's for 2023 Independence Day Fireworks**

Alderwoman Christensen stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and reviewed the request of the Jaycee's for a donation to the 2023 Independence Day Celebration. She stated they are recommending to donate \$1,000 out of the Oil and Gas fund only for the purchase of the fireworks with no advertising for the City of Sidney and future donations will be evaluated during the budget process.

Motion was made to approve donating \$1,000 to the Jaycee's for fireworks out of Oil and Gas for this year with no advertising and review at budget time for an annual donation.

In discussion Mayor Norby stated he did not commit to \$1,500 like they have stated, rather stated that is what was donated in the past. Alderman DiFonzo asked if the Committee has looked into

doing an application process for donations in the future and Alderwoman Christensen stated that is a good idea moving forward.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

b. Budget and Finance: Black Mountain Cloud

Alderwoman Christensen stated the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the request of Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin for getting the Black mountain Cloud for \$3,765 per year and after reviewing the many benefits they are recommending to get the cloud access starting immediately.

Motion was made to approve getting the Black Mountain Cloud starting immediately.

In discussion Alderman DiFonzo asked if this is in addition to the other fee's the City pays for software with Black Mountain and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated it does not, it would be in addition to. Alderwoman DiFonzo asked if it was secure and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated it was. Alderwoman Christensen stated they just switched to the cloud at Tri-County and she highly recommends.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.

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

c. Budget and Finance: Black Mountain Purchase Order

Alderwoman Christensen stated the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the request of Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin for getting the Black Mountain Purchase Order software for \$1,120 per year and after reviewing the many benefits they are recommending to get the cloud access starting with the new fiscal year.

Motion was made to approve getting the Black Mountain Purchase Order software to start July 1st, 2023.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

d. Schedule Committee Meetings:

Park and Recreation (Quillings Ice Rink, Pool Dock with Swim Team)

Police and Fire (Drug Taskforce Grant Employee)

The Park and Recreation Committee and Police and Fire Committee was scheduled for Monday March 13th, 2023 at 5pm.

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

Alderwoman Christensen stated Representative Ler is going to be having an update meeting tomorrow night at the extension office and once the time is confirmed she will provide that information to Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin to disseminate.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

a. Update

Nothing.

14. Chief of Police

a. Update

Chief Kraft stated at the next Council meeting he will be doing the Police Year End Review. He stated HB 604, the Sheriff's First Bill, died on the House floor.

15. Public Works Director

a. Update

PWD Hintz stated they are hoping to start crack sealing some streets and put up the pool canopy should the weather cooperate.

b. Morrison-Maierle Anderson Subdivision Drainage Improvements Contract \$147,785

PWD Hintz provided the contract for engineering services for the Anderson Subdivision Drainage Improvements. He stated this project they are hopeful to do in house and with assistance from the County Public Works.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

c. Interstate Engineering Task Order 7-North Tank Rehab for \$271,000

PWD Hintz stated this is for design, bidding and negotiation, hydraulic model and ARPA assistance for the water tower replacement project that is projected to be next year. Mr. Mayer stated it is hopeful to have it submitted to DEQ and bid in time for the ARPA grant schedule.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

d. Interstate Engineering Phase 3 Amendment 1

Mr. Mayer stated this amendment is for construction engineering for the 135 days hourly not to exceed, and if it is done early, it will have cost savings for the project. Mr. Mayer stated this project is looking to start in April, moving the contract time up, with two crews to get it done in less time to have less effect on the City's system. He stated the pre-con meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

a. Update

Nothing.

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

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

a. Claims to be approved: \$79,004.51

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2023-37 & 2023-38

19. Adjournment

at 6:59pm