



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 4-7-25
April 07, 2025 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, Buxbaum, Larson, Koffler, and DiFonzo. Rasmussen via Zoom. Absent: None

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. City Council Meeting from 03-17-2025

Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Buxbaum.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

b. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 03-24-2025

Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

5. Visitors

Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering), Jody Wells (The Roundup), Tom Kalil (City Attorney via Zoom), and Sidney High School Government class students: Kylie, Audree, Lilah, Hallie, Clementine, and Lance.

6. Public Hearing

- a. Public Hearing Homestead Subdivision Amended Plat (tabled at 3-17-25 meeting) (Tabled until the 4-21-2025 Meeting)

Tabled until the 4-21-25 City Council Meeting.

7. Mayor Norby

Mayor Norby stated April 17th to June 17th are the open dates for filing on the November election ballot. Alderwoman Larson will file for the Ward 1 council seat she has been voted into as interim council woman. Alderman Koffler stated he does not intend to file for re-election for his Ward 1 seat.

Mayor Norby stated there is an open position on the Richland Economic Development board as Alderwoman Buxbaum has stepped down from the board.

8. Committee Meeting Work

- a. Water and Sewer Committee: North Park Water Tower Replacement-Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Phase II

Motion was made to advertise for bids for Phase II of the North Park Water Tower Replacement.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Buxbaum.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

- b. Water and Sewer Committee: Meadow Village Storm Water Project and Amendment 2 Morrison Maierle to contract

Motion was made to approve the Meadow Village Storm Water Project and Amendment 2 Morrison Maierle contract.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Buxbaum.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

9. Alderman Requests and Committee Reports

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – DiFonzo, Koffler. **Police and Fire**– Chairman DiFonzo – Rasmussen, Larson. **Parks and Recreation** – Chairman Christensen – Larson, Rasmussen. **Water and Sewer** – Chairman Godfrey – Christensen, DiFonzo. **Street and Alley** – Chairman Rasmussen –

DiFonzo, Koffler. Sanitation– Chairman Larson – Koffler, Godfrey.
Lighting – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Christensen

City Buildings & Street

Anderson Drainage Improvements Proposal from the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting (March 24,2025) was not added to the nights agenda.

Alderwoman Buxbaum made a motion to add Anderson Drainage Improvements Proposal to the council meeting. Alderman DiFonzo seconded. Voting Yea: Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson, Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen.

Motion was made to approve the Anderson Drainage Improvements Proposal.

Motion made by Alderwoman Buxbaum, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Larson
Voting Abstaining: Alderwoman Christensen

10. Unfinished Business

a. Water Tower Replacement Logo-Poll on Facebook Results

Alderwoman Buxbaum presented the council the final Facebook poll vote for the water tower design. The Facebook poll had 387 total votes, with Option 2 as the winner with 194 votes (51%). The design was shown to the council in navy blue and maroon, with and without a white pinstripe, for final design vote.

Alderman DiFonzo made a motion to approve the final Water Tower Replacement Logo Option 2 in the color maroon with a white pinstripe.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

11. New Business

a. Approval of Downtown Master Planning Services RFP (Interstate Engineering)

Alderwoman Buxbaum stated that one proposal for the master planning was submitted from Rachael Laqua of Interstate Engineering.

Motion was made to approve Downtown Master Planning Services RFP from Interstate Engineering.

Motion made by Alderwoman Buxbaum, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

12. City Planner

- a. Amended Plat-Homestead Subdivision Phase 2 (tabled at 3-17-25 meeting) (Tabled until the 4-21-2025 Meeting)

Request to continue to table until the April 21st council meeting.

13. City Attorney

- a. First Reading of Ordinance 601-Amending Snow Removal Code (tabled at 3-3-25 meeting)

Request was made to un-table the First Reading of Ordinance 601- Amending Snow Removal Code.

Alderman DiFonzo asked if this ordinance is modeled the same as the ordinance in Williston. City Attorney Kalil stated that it is similar to Williston's ordinance. Alderman DiFonzo asked if the City of Williston has had any issues with the ordinance and the time limits. City Attorney Kalil stated there have been no issues that he is aware of.

Motion to un-table made by Alderman Koffler, seconded by Alderwoman Larson. Voting Yea: Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Christensen.

Motion was made to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 601- Amending Snow Removal Code.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Buxbaum.

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

- b. First Reading of Ordinance 603-Amending Zoning Code (tabled at 3-17-25 meeting)

Request was made to un-table the First Reading of Ordinance 603- Amending Zoning Code.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

Alderwoman Christensen asked if the retaining wall height of 8 feet was correct for all zones. City Attorney Kalil stated that 8 feet is the stated height for all zones even though fence height varies by zone from 6 feet to 8 feet.

Motion was made to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 603- Amending Zoning Code.

Motion made by Alderwoman Larson, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

14. Chief of Police

- a. Eastern Montan Drug Task Force Understanding for FY 2025-2026

Request to approve Eastern Montana Drug Task Force Understanding for FY 2025-2026.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Buxbaum.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

b. Police Department Monthly Report for March 2025

Chief Kraft presented the March 2025 Police Department Report.

Chief Kraft was happy to announce a new officer position has been accepted.

Chief Kraft will travel to Helena Friday for a senate confirmation hearing and appointment. Chief Kraft has been in the governor appointed council position for the past 2 years.

15. Public Works Director

a. Public Works Director March 2025 Monthly Report

PWD Hintz presented the March 2025 Public Works Report.

PWD Hintz stated that work is progressing on the Water Tower Replacement Project. Temporary water lines are set up and Bac-T testing this week, digging will start on April 21st and take a month to complete.

b. Contract for B&B Builders for Facilities and Grounds Maintenance (tabled at 3-17-25 meeting)

PWD Hintz requests to continue to table the Contract for B&B Builders for Facilities and Grounds Maintenance.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

18. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the claims and building permits.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Larson.
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderwoman Buxbaum, Alderwoman Christensen, Alderwoman Larson

a. Intermediary Claims to be approved (included in total): \$4,102.06 + \$99,989.46 = \$104,091.052

#43713	SWENNY'S BODY WORKS	\$ 2,030.00
#43714	CASH	\$ 1,000.00
#43715	MDU	\$17.62
#43745	USPS	\$1,054.44

b. Building Permits to be approved: 2025-050, 2025-051, 2025-054, 2025-055, 2025-056 and RC2025-15 & RC2025-17 & RC2025-18 & RC2025-19, RC2025-21

19. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:55pm.