



City of Sidney, MT
City Council Regular Meeting 12-4-23
December 04, 2023 6:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 713 080 5898 Passcode: 4332809

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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

Koffler, Christensen, Godfrey, Stevenson, Rasmussen and DiFonzo

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. November 20th, 2023 Park and Rec Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderwoman Christensen.

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

b. November 20th, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman Stevenson, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

Christensen

c. November 28th, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey.

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

5. Visitors

a. Other Visitors:

Greg Hitchcock (Sidney Herald)

Jordan Mayer (Interstate Engineering)

Ryan Lilleman (Sidney High School)

Jacky Gonzales (Sidney High School)

6. Public Hearing

Mayor Norby called the public hearing for the FY22-23 Budget Amendment to order at 6:33 pm.

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7. Mayor Norby

Mayor Norby mentioned that when speaking with Judge Savage yesterday, Judge Savage would like for some council members to sit in the courtroom and watch the court sessions. Mayor Norby also stated that court sessions are Monday and Tuesdays starting around 9:00am, Mayor Norby said after watching a few sessions it gave him a new perspective on how the court system is ran.

8. Committee Meeting Work

a. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting-HB 355 SLIPA Grant Projects

Alderwoman Christensen gave an update from the Budget and Finance Committee meeting about House Bill 355, Alderwoman Christensen said that this grant would require a 25% match towards a project. Alderwoman Christensen stated the money allocated is \$463,000.00 and the city would match that at 25%, and that there will be a public hearing at the next meeting. Public Works Director Hintz stated that there are a few projects that the city had in mind, the main project would be installing a warming house and restrooms at Quillings and Lyndale Park.

b. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting-FY22-23 Budget Amendment

Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Budget Amendment was talked about earlier in the meeting, and the council members will vote on it later in the meeting.

c. Call for Street and Alley Committee Meeting-Snow Ordinance Update

Mayor Norby said that once City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin is back in the office, she will schedule a committee meeting for this snow update. Public Works Director Hintz stated that he still needs to finalize this snow ordinance and send it off to the City Attorney for review before the council can approve it.

d. Call for Budget and Finance Committee Meeting-City Prosecution

Mayor Norby said that once City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin is back in the office, she will schedule a committee meeting for this city prosecution update.

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

Alderswoman Godfrey mentioned that she would like to thank the Sidney Police Department and the Sidney Public Works crew on setting up barricades and providing safety for the people watching the parade.

10. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

11. New Business

Nothing.

12. City Planner

Nothing.

13. City Attorney

a. Resolution 3926-FY22-23 Budget Amendment

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderswoman Christensen.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderswoman Rasmussen, Alderman Stevenson, Alderswoman Godfrey

b. Resolution 3927-Amending Employee Handbook for On-Call Policy

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks read out-loud Resolution 3927, and that City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin and City Attorney Kalil and City Crew Member Meissel and Volk helped work on this new policy change.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderswoman Godfrey, Seconded by Alderswoman Rasmussen.

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

14. Chief of Police

Nothing.

15. Public Works Director

a. Interstate Engineering Contract for Street Chip Seal Project

Public Works Director Hintz stated that the city hasn't chipped sealed in over three years and next summer, the city and the county are going to pair up together hire Interstate Engineering to contact this project. Mr. Mayer mentioned that the county is looking to chip seal 40 miles as the city is going to do 5 miles, it is more cost effective if one contractor is here doing multiple days worth of work instead of coming back at a later time to do the same project. Mr. Mayer also said the city will bid accordingly and the more specified details on who pays the bill and who get reimburse will come at a later meeting.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

b. Impact Fee Study RFQ Reponse-AE2S

Public Works Director Hintz said that this RFQ Study is long overdue and it should of been done five years ago but and only one applicant applied for it, it is very difficult to find a consultant that will do the study. Public Works Director Hintz mentioned that he is very confident in the work that AE2S does, and thinks they will do a great job in this study, Public Works Director Hintz is recommending approval to AE2S to study our impact fees.

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

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

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector

Nothing.

17. City Clerk/Treasurer

Nothing.

18. Consent Agenda

a. Claims to be approved: \$41,102.02

Motion was made to approve.

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

b. Building Permits to be approved

Motion was made to approve.

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

19. Adjournment

Alderman DiFonzo wanted to say that he thinks the new ice skating rink looks wonderful and job well done to the city crew and their hard work putting it together.

Motion was made to approve.

Adjourned at 7:01pm.

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