

# August 17, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Rick Norby at 6:30 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Sergeant, Gilbert, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 regular meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. Gale Bestland, Violet Tharp-VFW-AUX
  - b. Lowell Cutshaw-Interstate Engineering
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
  - a. **FY2015-16 Budget Hearing:** Mayor Norby called the FY2015-16 Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Norby called for any proponents of the Budget to testify 3 times, with no public comment. Mayor Norby called for any opponents of the Budget to testify 3 times, with no public comment. Mayor Norby closed the Public Hearing for the FY2015-16 Budget at 6:32pm.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **Proclamation: Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars:** It was the General Consensus of the Council to allow Mayor Norby to read the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Proclamation. Mayor Norby read said Proclamation aloud. Gale Bestland presented Mayor Norby with the State Presidents Pin for all that he does in the community.
  - b. Mayor Norby announced that a special meeting will be held to pass the final budget resolutions on August 31, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the City Council Chambers.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
  - a. **Budget and Finance: Budget for FY2015-16:** Alderwoman Sergeant stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and reviewed the budget for FY2015-16, and that they are recommending its approval.
  - b. **Street and Alley: BNSF closing of 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee met and discussed BNSF wanting to close the 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE railroad crossing, and that it is their recommendation to not allow the closing of that crossing. Motion was made to not allow BNSF to close the 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE railroad crossing by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Gilbert. All council present voted aye.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Alderwoman Christensen stated that a Street and Alley Committee and City Buildings and Street Lighting Committee meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the previously tabled code conflicts, and that City Attorney Navratil needs to be present.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing**
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Sage Court Employee Housing Fee Waive:** City Clerk Redfield informed the council that when the agreement was originally made it was understood that the City of Sidney would waive all impact, building, and hook-up fees, but the motion at the previous meeting only included impact fees. Alderwoman Christensen amended her previous motion to include impact, building and hook-up fees to be waived for the Sage Court Employee Housing, and Alderwoman Sergeant seconded the amendment. All council present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:**
  - a. **Resolution 3702- Bond 2015A & 2015B:** City Attorney Navratil read Resolution 3702 on the City Municipal Bonds 2015A and 2015B, explaining that the two bonds are for \$200,000 and \$832,000.00, for 40 years payable by proceeds from payments on services. Bond 2015A (\$200,000.00) can be forgiven by the State of Montana. Both bonds are being issues by the DNRC and have the standard stipulations including a reserve account and special accounting, of which City Clerk Redfield stated the preliminary budget for FY2015-16 already has included. Motion was made to pass Resolution 3702 by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council voted aye.
  - b. **Resolution 3701-Preliminary Budget Resolution:** City Attorney Navratil read Resolution 3701, setting the preliminary budget for FY2015-16 out loud. Motion was made to pass Resolution 3701 by Alderwoman Christensen, and was seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council present voted aye.
  - c. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO: Nothing**
14. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ: Nothing**
15. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
  - a. **Report: Compliance Officer Mead provided the minutes from the Park and Rec Board meeting. CO Mead stated that the Park and Rec Board will be reviewing possible new configurations for the South Meadow Softball Fields. Chief DiFonzo stated he would like to attend the meeting to discuss the adult softball field being moved, as it is interfering with the new Sage Court Homes project for employee housing.**
16. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing**
17. **CITY TREASURER DEY:**
  - a. **Treasurer Dey stated that a repurchase agreement is due September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 for \$565,737.86 and it is earning .25% interest, which is the highest in the area. Motion was made to renew the repurchase agreement by Alderwoman Gilbert and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. All council present voted aye.**
  - b. **Treasurer Dey introduce the City Hall intern Nicole Moore to present her findings on the credit card machine and fees. Miss Moore stated that after reviewing the credit card statements and compiling the data, which she provided via spread sheets, it is apparent that the fees are costing the City, and that changes need to be made. After reviewing the data with the Council Miss Moore stated that she and Treasurer Dey recommend lowering the amount of accounts that the City revenues credit cards into down to 2 from 8 to save on fees. The two accounts would be for water/sewer and basic city charges. Motion was made to reduce the number of credit card revenue accounts from 8 to 2 was made by Alderwoman Gilbert, and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye. Mayor Norby thanked Miss Moore for all her hard diligent work this summer at the City of Sidney and stated she will be missed.**
18. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
  - a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed August 14, 2015
  - b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 94,717.53**
  - c. **Building Permits to be approved:**


2016-12	River Properties LLC	401 Sunrise Court	Townhome
2016-13	River Properties LLC	403 Sunrise Court	Townhome
2016-19	Roxie Brandt	3207 5 <sup>th</sup> St NW	Manufactured Home
2016-20	Bruce Prevost	1598 Aster Ct	Garage
2016-21	Phillip Reed	998 Aster Ct	2 Sheds
2016-22	Dudley Thiel	716 5 <sup>th</sup> St SE	Shed
2016-23	Erik & Belinda Larsen	303 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	Garage Addition
			L1&2, B30, Original
			L5N1A, B2, Sunrise Village
			L5N1B, B2, Sunrise Village
			L3, B6, Wagon Wheel
			L34A, B6, Meadow Village
			L30, Aster Court
			L11&12, B43, Kenoyer

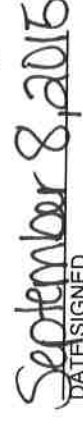
A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. All council voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR NORBY

  
September 8, 2015  
DATE SIGNED