

August 3, 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, Koffler, Gartner, Smith and Christiansen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. July 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting: Motion was made to approve the minutes by Alderwoman Christiansen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Edward Couture:** Mr. Couture came before the Council to discuss the curb and gutter project that was proposed in the Wagon Wheel Subdivision. He stated that the most of the residents on the south side of the subdivision are not currently interested in paying the large amount in taxes needed to do the improvements. PWD Hintz stated that the project is still in the preliminary stages, and that it will take 51% of the property owner's votes to move it forward, but that the property owners with the largest interest are currently in favor of the project. Alderwoman Christiansen stated the Street and Alley Committee are looking into the project.
 - b. **Doug Hecker:** Mr. Hecker came before the Council to discuss the Wagon Wheel improvements and the drainage issues that are occurring. He stated that with the new developments the natural drainages have been changed, and that it should be looked into by the City.
 - c. **Paul Groshart**
 - d. **Pat Murtagh-Murtagh Municipal Engineering**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Street and Alley and City Buildings and Lighting-Conflicting Ordinances:** Tabled for further review with City Attorney Present
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that Marcy Hamburg asked about the open Planning Board Position that would be City appointed.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Sage Court Employee Housing Fee Waive:** Mr. Groshart stated that they have started the process for the Sage Court Homes, and that the City Resolution passed pertaining to the Sage Court did not include the waiving of fees, which comes to \$40,625.75 per site so the total would be a little over \$81,000.00 in fees to be waived. He stated he cannot move forward on the project until the permit is issued. Alderwoman Christiansen stated that she believed this waiving was part of the original agreement. Motion was made to waive the impact fees for the Sage Court Housing Project, and Alderwoman Sergeant seconded the motion. All council present voted aye. Mr. Groshart stated that the evaluation changes have increased the worth of the lots.
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:**
 - a. **Request a new planning board member:** Discussed previously.
 - a. **Declaration for irrigation district:** City Attorney Navratil read the Declaration to support the current planning and the ongoing effort to create a side channel for the endangered fish and maintain irrigation water. Motion was made to approve Mayor Norby signing the Declaration for the irrigation district by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.
 - b. **Ordinance 563-Correcting City Code- Second Reading:** City Attorney Navratil read Ordinance 563 out loud for the second reading. Motion to approve the second and final reading for Ordinance 563 was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. Voting went as follows:
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
 - c. **Resolution 3702- Bond 2015A & 2015B:** Tabled for further review
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:** Nothing
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **Report:** PWD Hintz provided his monthly report to the Sidney City Council. He also stated that the Street and Alley Committee will need to meet to discuss BSNF wanting to close the 3rd St NE crossing. After discussion Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion to have a Street and Alley Committee to discuss the closing of the 3rd St NE railroad crossing, and Alderman Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 5-1. PWD Hintz also stated that the CTEP Bid for the sidewalks at Quilling's and West Side Schools came in at 45% over the engineer's estimate, he stated they will rebid in the winter and constructed in the spring.
 - b. **Lagoon Update:** Mr. Murtagh stated the final draw and all necessary paperwork has been completed for Phase 1 of the Lagoon project, the claims to be approved include the final payment.
16. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
 - a. **Report:** Compliance Officer Mead provided the Council with his monthly report.
17. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:** Nothing
18. **CITY TREASURER DEY:**
 - a. **Repurchase agreement:** City Treasurer Dey provided the council with a request to combine 2 of the 3 repurchase agreements, at the recommendation of the Auditor. Motion was made to approve rolling the repurchase agreements together by Alderwoman Christiansen and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye.
19. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
 - a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed July 31, 2015
 - b. **Claims to be approved:** \$ 303,690.85
 - c. **Building Permits to be approved:**

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| Kelly Properties | 546 33 rd Ave. NW | Mobile home | L1, B7, Wagon |
| Skipped | | | |
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| 2016-13 | | | |
| 2016-14 | P. Heinz & D. Schumacher | Fence | L2, B1 Gardner |
| 2016-15 | Kyle Koppinger | Shed | L4, B2 Neils Bach |
| 4 th | | | |
| 2016-16 | Sid & Nancy Palmer | Mobile Home | L 20, B 3 Wagon |
| Wheel Village | | | |
| 2016-17 | Wayne Swenson | Fence | L7, BB Fischer's |
| Estates | 733 5 th St. NE | | |
| 2016-18 | Alan Desjarlais | Garage | L4, B 14 Fischer |
| Estates | 731 6 th St. NE | | |

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A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gartner. Alderwoman Gilbert asked PWD Hintz what the emulsion payment was for, and PWD Hintz stated that is the asphalt for the streets. All council voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

August 7, 2015
DATE SIGNED