

# December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant.
  - b. **November 17, 2015 Special Meeting:** Mayor Norby stated that the minutes from the November 17<sup>th</sup> Special meeting will need to be tabled, City Clerk Redfield explained that they did not save on her computer so they need to be retyped before approval, and that they will be ready for review at the next City Council Meeting
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. Maryellen Navratil
  - b. Kimberly Navratil
  - c. Nate Williams-US Senator Daines Office
  - d. Tod Morasko
  - e. Pete Maltese
  - f. Lowell Cutshaw
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **Acceptance of Resignation Gerald Navratil, City Attorney:** Mayor Norby stated that he needed a motion to accept City Attorney Navratil's resignation. Motion was made to approve Gerald Navratil resignation by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye. Mayor Norby presented Mr. Navratil's wife Maryellen and daughter Kimberly a plaque to thank him for Mr. Navratil's many years of service.
  - b. **December 21, 2015 Scheduled Council Meeting:** Mayor Norby stated that it has been brought to the City staff's attention that some municipalities do not have their second meeting in December due to the holidays, and City staff could not find any reason that the Sidney City Council could not do the same. Alderman Smith made a motion to not have the second meeting in December 2015, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if there is any agenda items that need to be taken care of by the end of the year, City Clerk Redfield stated that all Department Heads had been consulted and that nothing is anticipated, there will be a Resolution coming before the Council for SID 104 for a boundary line relocation and amendment to the original resolution, but that will happen the first meeting in January. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if any claims needed to be paid, and City Clerk Redfield stated that should the Council approve not having the second meeting in December, they would ask that 2 Council members come in and approve the claims that will then be added to the consent agenda at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Clerk Redfield also stated that she would run a notice in the paper canceling the meeting. All council voted aye.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
  - a. **Water and Sewer: Water Treatment Plant:** Alderman Smith stated the Water and Sewer Committee met to discuss the continuation of the proposed Water Treatment Plant. It was discussed at the meeting the location, time table, rate increases that would be required. It was the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee to continue with the Water Treatment Plant with the amount of money the City has already put into the project. He stated that hard numbers on cost and rate increases will be evaluated as the numbers come in. The design of the project would be at least a year down the road, and it is a project that the City is going to need, and don't want to fall behind on. Alderman Smith made a motion to continue with proposed Water Treatment Plant, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. Mayor Norby stated the Floodplain Analysis study for Peterson Park came back and stated we can building that park, which will save the City approximately \$500,000.00 in land purchase cost. Alderwoman Gilbert asked what the cost of the project will be and if it will be bonded. UM Anderson stated that the project will be bonded and according to the PER it could cost between \$8-10 million, but hard numbers are not known yet. Alderwoman Gilbert asked what the next phase of the Lagoon will be cost for bonding, and PWD Hintz stated \$8 million. Alderwoman Gilbert asked were the SID's the City currently has are at, and City Clerk Redfield stated that at least one is close to completion, but there are a few not close to be paying off. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if the City is still proposing the Wagon Wheel SID, and PWD Hintz stated they are still moving forward with the project, and Mr. Cutshaw will update the council later in the meeting. Alderman Smith asked UM Anderson to explain the benefits and reason for the proposed Water Treatment Plant. UM Anderson stated that the current plant cannot meet contact times for chlorination when that is required by the State. The City also has the cost of the getting the water across the creek to the plant for treatment, where this would put a treatment plant in the South West, where more supply and storage in that corner of town. There is a lot of expansion in that side of town that should it build out we could not currently supply them with water, not including Dry Red Water expansion. Alderwoman Gilbert asked how much would need to be paid up front and how it would be paid, and UM Anderson stated that Impact Fee money would be used for the preliminary engineering. Alderwoman Gilbert asked how much money is available in the Water Impact Fee fund and UM Anderson stated approximately \$400,000.00. PWD Hintz stated that the next step would be to solicit for the engineering of the project. Voting went as follows:  
Ayes: Sergeant, Koffler, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen  
Nays: Gilbert
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nothing
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:** Nothing
13. **CITY ATTORNEY KRAUTER:**
  - a. **Coleman Litigation Settlement:** City Attorney Krautter stated that he was asking the Council for a motion to authorize the Mayor to take steps to enter into a settlement agreement in the litigation facing the City with Coleman, and that he believes the settlement is in the City's best interest. Motion was made to approve the authorization of the Mayor Norby taking steps to enter into the settlement agreement in the litigation with Coleman by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant.
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:** Nothing
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
  - a. **Report:** PWD Hintz provided the Council with his November monthly report. He stated that due to the nice weather sweeping was able to continue to the end of November. PWD Hintz also stated the school traffic lights at school are up and operational. The street crews are out cleaning up the trimming of trees in alleys and streets for equipment.
  - b. **Todd Morasko Letter of Request:** PWD Hintz stated that the City received a request from Todd Morasko in regards to his property on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave that is vacant and has been for some time. The request is to abate the sewer bill for that property. After discussion with Mr. Maltese, representing Mr. Morasko, and Mr. Morasko, Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion to send the abatement request to the Water and Sewer Committee for further review with Mr. Maltese and Mr. Morasko, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. All present stated aye.
  - c. **Mr. Cutshaw stated that Interstate Engineering is currently putting the spread sheet together with the square footages and frontages for the proposed Wagon Wheel SID and that it should be done in January that will include the assessment amounts. He states that Interstate Engineering will provide the City with the information prior to sending any letters out.**
16. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
  - a. **Report:** Compliance Officer Mead provided his monthly report. Alderwoman asked what the calls/notifications section of his report specifically meant, and Compliance Officer Mead stated that those were calls that he received messages on from City Hall and others.
17. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:** Nothing
18. **CITY TREASURER DEY:** Nothing
19. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD:**
  - a. City Clerk Redfield informed the Council that Pine Cove had installed the new IT equipment and they are up and running. She stated that the setup went relatively well with only minor issues that were handled quickly. The next step would be acquiring e-mail addresses through the City of Sidney website, and that Council members will have the availability of getting City of Sidney e-mails.
  - b. consent agenda
    - i. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed

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ii. Claims to be approved: \$ 174,496.12

2016-57	Brian Paulson	543 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NW	Manf. Home	L17, Wagon Wheel
2016-58	Jim Stoddard	113 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW	Wood Fence	L13, BB, Bach's Third
2016-59	Asian Gardens	115 East Main	Remodel	L1A, B14, Original Townsite
2016-60	Travis Garten	2024 Sage Lily Drive	Fence	L7A, B7, Meadow Village South

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR NORBY

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2016  
DATE SIGNED