

February 18th, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Norby at 6:30 pm..
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Godfrey, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen and Sergent. Via phone: Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **February 3rd, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 3rd, 2020 regular Council meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergent. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
 - b. **February 3rd, 2020 Closed Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 3rd, 2020 closed Council meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergent. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Jason Schrader**
 - b. **Kaleb Schrader**
 - c. **Nick Kallem**
 - d. **Shawna Jasin**
 - e. **Peter Jasin**
 - f. **Jonathan Ryal**
 - g. **Keira Kraft**
 - h. **Kristen Kraft**
 - i. **Crystal Kraft**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Confirmation of Appointment- Chief of Police Position:** Mayor Norby announced they completed he application and interview process for the Chief of Police position, as he stated they would. The City received 5 applications, 3 of which were interviewed, and he thanked all that applied. He stated the Interview Panel, which consisted of himself, Council President Christensen and Gary Schoepp, have recommended the Council confirm the appointment of Captain Mark Kraft as Chief of Police, officially starting April 1st, 2020. Motion was made to confirm the appointment of Captain Mark Kraft as Chief of Police stating April 1st, 2020 by Alderwoman Christensen. Alderman Koffler seconded the motion, and all present voted aye. Captain Kraft thanked the Mayor and City Council for the honor of this appointment. He stated he looks forward to starting. Chief DiFonzo stated the City is lucky to have Captain Kraft, and that he hopes the programs started will be continued and improved upon to continue to give the best service the Police Department can. He further stated it has been his honor to serve the City and thanked them.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK: Nothing**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing**
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Recommendations from Park and Recreation Board**
 - i. **Approve New Pool Schedule-2020:** Alderwoman Godfrey stated the Park and Recreation Board reviewed the updated pool schedule for the 2020 season, as prepared by Pool Manager Nick Kallem, and that they recommend approval. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated she is very excited for these updates to the schedule. Motion was made to approve the 2020 pool schedule by Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - ii. **Approve Option #1 for Pool Swim Passes-2020:** Alderwoman Godfrey stated the Park and Recreation Board reviewed the proposals for the pool swim pass costs for 2020, as prepared by City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin. She stated that they recommended approval of proposal #1, as recommended by Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, which does not increase the costs of the pass, rather just creates additional passes. Motion was made to approve option #1 of the proposal for the pool swim passes for 2020 by Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderman Gartner seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - iii. **Reaffirm need for plans at East (Quilling's) Park:** Alderwoman Godfrey stated the Park and Recreation Board is moving forward with the architect for the East Park building. PWD Hintz stated he has the contract from the architect almost ready. He further stated that they are still not sure if it will be more cost effective to tear down the existing building or to rehab it.
 - iv. **Bike Path Story Book:** Alderwoman Godfrey stated some of the Community in Action Coalitions want to pursue a story book. She stated this will be a story posted on the outside of the fence in Moose Park along the Bike Path. She stated this will be a collaboration of Richland County Library, Active Richland County, and the City of Sidney. Motion was made to approve the Bike Path Story Book at Moose Park by Alderwoman Godfrey and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing**
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Update:** Chief DiFonzo stated he was contacted by the Sidney Schools about installing an approach off 10th Avenue for access to the practice field. He stated they would like to use in the winter for off-street parking for buses. PWD Hintz stated they can contact him for the approach permit, but that they will need to do the plans, construction and pay for the payment. Chief DiFonzo further stated that 4th needs to be widened, as all could see this week with the C-Tournaments at the high school. PWD Hintz stated the water line project is moving forward on that street next year, and the widening is being engineered. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that because the money from the water department cannot be used on the widening of the road, the tentative plan is to patch the road after the water line replacement, and then to do the widening and overlay the entire road in a future year when BARSAA funds could possibly be used.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **Update:** PWD Hintz stated he and Mayor Norby will be attending the regional meeting of the MDT next week in Glendive. He further stated that filter 3 rehab at the Water Treatment Plant is almost complete and should be ready to go this summer.
16. **Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen:**
 - a. **January 2020 Fire Department Report:** FM/BI Rasmussen provided the City Council with the January 2020 Fire Department Report.

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17. CITY TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:

- a. **Audit Fiscal Year 2018-19-Update:** City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin informed the City Council that the FY2018-19 Audit has been completed, and there was only one item that the City needs to work on. She stated that the City has been working on the SID's and the payments to work on ensuring the City does not receive more revenue than the bond payments and interest. She stated this has including reducing some of the SID payments on property taxes. She stated that the Auditor would now like to see the City Council pass a formal resolution for each one of these SIDs with the plan lined out.
- b. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the Delivering Local Assistance Grant the City applied for the chemical treatment of the sludge at the lagoon was not granted. She reminded the City Council that the DLA grant was for local governments and schools that have been directly impacted by either the increase or decrease in oil, gas, coal and timber. She further stated that she does have a list of those who won the grant.
- c. **January 2020 Treasurer's Report:** Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the City Council with the January 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- d. **January 2020 Journal Voucher Report:** Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the City Council with the January 2020 Journal Voucher Report for approval. She stated they are the usual Utility Billing and Payroll Journal Vouchers, but also 2 code correction Journal Vouchers. Motion was made to approve the January 2020 Journal Vouchers by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- e. **January 2020 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer:** Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the City Council with the January 2020 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer of \$138,122.99. Motion was made to approve the January 2020 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

18. CITY CLERK CHAMBERLIN:

Consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 114,794.74**

2020-066	Richland County	2190 W Holly St.	Sign	Fairgrounds Addition, Lot 00C
2020-067	Misty Metcalf	2401 W Holly St.	Door & Windows	L4, B3, J-B subdivision

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Alderman Koffler, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR NORBY

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED