

# February 21st, 2017

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:** Christensen, Smith, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen and Sergeant
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
  - b. **February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Street and Alley Committee Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - i. **Jesse Nicholson**
  - ii. **Gary Schoepp- Chamber of Commerce**
  - iii. **Josh Johnson- Interstate Engineering**
  - iv. **Brandon Taylor- Richland Inn & Suites**
  - v. **Bryce Baker- Best Western**
  - vi. **Jeff Mead- Park Board**
  - vii. **Laura Schieff- Chamber of Commerce**
  - viii. **Janna Watson:** Janna Watson came forward and she had some questions about the new zoning. Utilities Manager read her the new zoning code "11.17.20". She mentioned that she would pick up a copy of the zoning code tomorrow morning.
  - b. **Jesse Nicholson- Abate sewer bill:** Jesse Nicholson presented to the Council that he would like the triple charge removed from his bills, he would like a credit to his sewer bill of \$110.00 not counting the most recent bill that would be coming out at the end of the month. Utilities Manager Anderson stated that once the meter was put in and was inspected we reduced his bill from \$90.00 to \$36.50, it would set a bad example if we were to do this for you. Alderman Smith made a motion not to refund the \$110.00 back to his account, Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. After no further discussion all present voted aye.
  - c. **TBID/Chamber:** Mayor Norby indicated that every year he would like to see the Chamber and TBID to come back to the City Council with their plans and a financial statement as well. Gary Schoepp and Bryce Baker both agreed that it will work better if they could come to the second meeting in January. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion and Alderman Smith seconded that motion. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
  - a. **Zoning Code Update:** Jana Watson came forward to the City Council as neither an opponents nor opponents, she had general questions on medical marijuana codes. Utilities Manager Anderson read her code 11.17.20 and that a federal permit must be obtain and must be listed in the industrial area, she will still be required to get a permit. Ms. Watson mentioned that she will be coming by City Hall in the morning to pick up a copy of the code that she is needing. Mayor Norby called for the public hearing to open at 6:45 pm, he called for any opponents to come forward and speak at that time three times, after no further opponents Mayor Norby called for any opponents three times. Utilities Manager Anderson made a recommendation to accept the following changes: Lots 5A&B, 6A&B, 7&8 of block 34 of Original Town site to be changed from B-3 (Central Business) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to conform to the existing use and zoning of remainder of block. After no further discussion, Rick closed the public hearing at 6:58pm.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **Schmidt-Reappointment to District Two Alcohol and Drug Program Board:** Mayor Norby asked the Council to approve the reappointment of Helen Schmidt to the District Two Alcohol and Drug Program Board. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve the reappointment, Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded that motion, after no further discussion all present council voted aye.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
  - a. **Street and Alley Committee:**
    - i. **Cell Tower Lease:** Alderwoman Rasmussen went over on what happened at the committee meeting last Thursday, she made a motion to approve option one on the Cell Tower Lease Agreement, alderman Gartner seconded that motion. Alderman Smith mention that he doesn't think option one is the best route we should take, he doesn't believe that we will have other carries come into the Sidney area. Public Works Director Hintz mention to the council that every five years we will negotiate the price between us and the Cell Tower. The Council voted on option one for the Cell Tower Lease "vote went the following way"
      - a. **Tami Christensen- Aye**
      - b. **Dan Smith- Nay**
      - c. **Bryan Gartner- Aye**
      - d. **Ken Koffler- Aye**
      - e. **Kysa Rasmussen- Aye**
      - f. **Janet Sergeant- Aye****Motion passes with five voted aye, and one voted nay**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Parks and Recreation – Chairman Rasmussen – Sergeant, Christensen- Appointment of Heather Luinstra:** Alderwoman Rasmussen mention to the Council that she would like Heather Luinstra to be a member on the Park Board, Jeff Mead said she has already been approved by the Park Board, just waiting approval from City Council. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve Heather Luinstra, and Alderman Gartner seconded that motion. After no further discussion all present voted aye.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Committee Assignments:** Mayor Norby requested if any of the Council members would like to switch committees, the Council elected not to move anyone from their assignments, and Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to keep the Committee the way it is now. Alderman Smith seconded that motion, with no further discussion all present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER:** Nothing
13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
  - a. **Ordinance 567 Zoning Code Update- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** City Attorney Krautter read aloud Ordinance 567 about the new Zoning Code, Utilities Manager Anderson mention again about those four lots that need to be changed to R-3 and he did noticed that the area by the bowling alley was changed to Community Building. A motion was made by Alderman Koffler to approve this Zoning Code Update with those minor changes, and Alderwoman Sergeant seconded that motion and with no further discussion all present council voted aye.

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- b. Ordinance 568 Flood Plain Update- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: City Attorney Krautter read aloud Ordinance 568 about the new Flood Plain, Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve the new Flood Plain Update. Alderwoman Christensen seconded that motion, and with no further discussion all present council voted aye.

**14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO: Nothing**

**15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**

- a. Monitoring well at the Chamber of Commerce: Public Works Director Hintz told the council that he would like to move the monitoring well that is 20 feet deep from Superpumper to the Chamber of Commerce. He also stated this will not affect anything that is going on right now, Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve moving the monitoring well. Alderman Smith seconded that motion, after no further discussion all present council voted aye.

**16. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing**

**17. CITY TREASURER: Nothing**

**18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**

- a. GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed  
b. Claims to be approved: \$ 331,149.59

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no further discussion, all present council voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK/TREASURER



MAYOR NORBY

March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017  
DATE SIGNED