

# January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Council President Christensen 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. **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Council meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. **Building Inspector Hillesland: City Building Department Yearly Report:** Building Inspector Hillesland provided is report for 2016. He stated that it was a slow year in comparison to previous years. He stated that the fence permits where the most permits given out in 2016, and that the total amount of project work for 2016 was \$16 million, down from \$29 million in 2015.
  - b. **Bryce Baker-TBID: Budget:** Mr. Baker provided the Sidney City Council with the 2017 budget for the TBID. He stated that the budget is a living document as changes may need to be changed depending on applications for funding. He stated that changes in this years budget include no money being set aside for savings, as the board feels there is adequate amount saved, and that they are no longer paying the Chamber of Commerce for the Executive Directors position. He stated that the TBID is breaking away from the chamber and are in the process of becoming a 501C3, nonprofit organization, which they are working with Savage Law Firm on completing. Mr. Baker also provided the Council with a list of transactions from 2016, provided by Brenner and Averett. He also stated that collections have been significantly lower, as hotel occupancy has dropped with the oil. Alderman Smith asked if there were any special projects being funded in 2017, and Mr. Baker stated that some of them are the Professional Women, coming in June, the State Softball Tournament, and the State Golf Tournament, all of which are great assets to the community to have in Sidney. Alderwoman Christensen asked if the TBID were going to become their own Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), and Mr. Baker stated that they were not as the Chamber is. Alderwoman Christensen stated that Montana Code states that they have to be a CVB to run the TBID outside of the Chamber. Mr. Baker stated that he had looked at the Montana Code and that he was 99% certain that the TBID can segment away from the Chamber of Commerce without becoming its own CVB, and that other towns in Montana had done just that. Alderwoman Christensen asked who all is on the TBID Board, and Mr. Baker replied: Ben from the Wingate, William Holler, Brandon Taylor, Jana Lung, Aliza Hunter and himself. City Attorney Krautter asked if they have a name for their 501C3, and Mr. Baker stated it is the Sidney TBID Inc. City Attorney Krautter asked if the TBID plans on working with the Chamber in any capacity moving forward, and Mr. Baker stated that they will not be concerning the finances, but will still be working with their CVB and Chamber on items needed, such as advertising. City Attorney Krautter asked if one of the Board Members for the TBID was the Executive Director of the Chamber, and Mr. Baker stated they are not a Board Member, but that if it is necessary they could be a non-voting board member, but that voting members are reserved for representatives from the Hotels. City Attorney Krautter asked when the appointments of the TBID Board Members are made, and Mr. Baker stated at the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Board Meeting.
6. **Motion was made to approve the 2017 Budget of the TBID by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.**
7. **Trap Club (Leann Pelvit)/Young Scouts(Shawn Daleske):** Mrs. Pelvit stated that she was present on behalf of the Trap Club, which leases land from the City of Sidney, to get permission for Mr. Daleske, a member of the Young Scouts, to erect a temporary structure on the property, to be used for shade. She stated that nothing had been designed as they wanted to get permission to move forward first. PWD Hintz stated that a building permit and plans would be required at the time of building. Motion was made to approve the Young Scouts, Shawn Daleske, to erect a temporary structure for shade on the leased property of the Trap Club, owned by the City of Sidney, by Alderman Koffler. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith, and after no further discussion, all present voted aye.
8. **Judy LaPan-Richland County Health Department:** Mrs. LaPan stated that she would like to thank the Council for the work and support for the skating rink at Quilling's Park, as it is a great asset to the community. She stated that she was also at the meeting of the Sidney City Council to invite the Council to the Communities in Action Conference, which is January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. LaPan explained the purpose and history of the conference and provided the City Council with the agenda.
9. **Karen Thrans**
10. **Earl Tobiason**
11. **Clarice Opsta**
12. **Lane Boyce**
13. **Duane Mitchell**
14. **Sherry Mitchell**
15. **Tracy Reese**
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- c. **Mail Boxes on Public Right of Way:** PWD Hintz stated it was brought to the City of Sidney's attention that the local post office has sent letters to residents on Lincoln Avenue stating that mail boxes must be placed within 3 feet of the curb, or mail will not be delivered, and that they have 30 days to comply. He further stated that the City Code does not specifically talk about mail boxes, but it does address public right of way. PWD Hintz stated he is against the mail boxes being placed on the right of way as it creates a hazard to pedestrians and motorists, and could cause issue with snow removal, and so it was his recommendation for the Council to draft City Code not allowing this. Mr. Mitchell read the letter he received from the Sidney Post Office aloud, and provided a copy to the Council. He also stated that the problem is that the sidewalk on his property is a five foot sidewalk that abuts the curb, so placing a mailbox as directed would be an obstruction. PWD Hintz stated that the Sidney Post Office has also been placing cluster boxes, and not getting permits to do so. Alderman Smith stated that he does not understand why it is a safety issue for the mail deliverers, and that doing this will cause a safety issue for the City of Sidney. City Attorney Krautter stated that he would like to know what authority the Post Master has to unilaterally make this decision, as public comment should be allowed. He stated that in order to make a demand such as this, they would have to have some type of legal authority, and that the public should be heard on the matter before the decision is made. Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Post Master should be sent a letter telling them to stop these demands. PWD Hintz stated that the approach, although it differs in town depending on the width of the street, is usually 10 feet on each side of the road. City Attorney Krautter stated that he will draft a letter to the Post Master asking his what authority he has on this matter, and will continue to research further. Mr. Mitchell stated he is also contacting Nate Williams from Senator Daines office on the matter.

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:** \$ 171,438.22 + \$4,896.25 (MDU due Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017) = \$176,334.47

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America Pizza Partners 509 34<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

L15, B7, Wagon Wheel

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR NORBY

February 6, 2017  
DATE SIGNED