

January 19th, 2016

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. Mayor Norby asked the Council for a motion to put the reappointment of Russell Huotari to the City-Appointed position on the Sidney-Richland Regional Airport Authority Board. Motion was made by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All Council present voted aye.
5. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. January 4th, 2016: Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 4th, 2016 regular City Council meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All Council present voted aye.
6. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Boys and Girls Club:** The Boys and Girls Club came before the Sidney City Council to dedicate the land that the City donated to the new Boys and Girls club in Johnson Park. Mayor Norby stated that the City would like to dedicate the land to Alton Hillesland for his huge contributions to the Sidney area and work in many chapters of the community.
 - b. **Building Inspector Alton Hillesland-Yearly Report:** Building Inspector Hillesland provided his year report to the City Council, with a graph depicting the rise and fall of permits issued in the area over the last 15 years. Mr. Hillesland stated that he was very grateful to now have Greg Anderson assisting him in the Building Department, and that they with the help of PWD Hintz are doing great.
 - c. Mayor Norby announced there will be a MIMIA regional training at the Richland County Extension Office on January 26th from 9am to 4pm, and if any Council members are interested to let City Clerk Redfield know so she could register them.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
8. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Park and Rec Board: Open position:** Mayor Norby stated that there has been an open position on the Park and Recreation Board for almost 2 years, and that there has been some interest, but there is only one candidate who is still interested in sitting on the Board. He stated that he would like to recommend Jeremy Norby to fill the vacant Park and Recreation Board position. Motion was made to appoint Jeremy Norby by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Smith. All Council Present voted aye.
 - b. Mayor Norby stated that he received a request letter from Walt McNutt, Chairman of the Sidney-Richland Regional Airport Authority Board, to have the City re-appoint Russell Huotari to the 5 year term for the city-appointed position on the board. Motion was made to approve the re-appointment of Russell Huotari was made by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All Council present voted aye.
9. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Street and Alley:**
 - i. **Wagon Wheel SID:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee met to discuss the proposed Wagon Wheel SID and that they recommend to the council approving sending letters to the property owners affected by the proposed SID and have an informational meeting with the property owners to discuss and get their opinions on the project and if they want it to move forward. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve sending the letters to property owners in the Wagon Wheel Subdivision pertaining to the proposed SID and inviting them to the public meeting to discuss. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion and all Council present voted aye. Alderwoman Gilbert asked when the meeting will be held and City Clerk Redfield stated it will be on February 24th at 6:30pm. Mr. Cutshaw of Interstate Engineering stated that the Street and Alley Committee also decided to not disclose the estimated assessments for the properties in the letter, but to have them get those numbers at the public meeting to encourage attendance.
 - ii. **Wilkinson SID:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee met to discuss the proposed SID in the Wilkinson Subdivision. She stated that it was the recommendation of the Street and Alley Committee to approve sending informational letters to the property owners pertaining to the SID, but due to the small number of property owners in the subdivision, a public meeting would not be necessary. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve sending letters to the property owners in the Wilkinson Subdivision pertaining to the proposed SID to gage participation, and Alderman Gartner seconded the motion. All Council present voted aye.
10. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Alderwoman Gilbert stated she attended the Park and Recreation Board meeting on January 12th, 2016 and had items to bring before the Council:
 - i. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that Park's Superintendent Ridl brought the "Take Part in Our Park" pamphlet to the board for approval, and that the Park and Recreation Board recommended approval and moving forward with getting donations for the work that needs to be done in Veteran's Park. Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion per the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board, and Alderman Smith seconded the motion. PWD Hintz stated that the pamphlet was brought to the City Council at the previous meeting, but needed the Park and Recreation Board to recommend approval. All Council present voted aye.
 - ii. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that the Park and Recreation Board has been in the long process of updating the Rules for Recreational use of City Parks, and that she would like to have City Attorney Krautter review the rules before bringing them to the Council for approval.
 - iii. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that the Park and Recreation Board made the recommendation to keep the signs prohibiting the use of alcohol and tobacco in City Parks that have playground equipment. She stated that Jackie Damm of the Richland County Health Department stated that she was going to get a hold of City Clerk Redfield to see if there is any City Codes in place on smoking in City Parks. City Clerk Redfield said that she did speak with Ms. Damm and that although it has been policy to not allow smoking in City Parks, there is no code to back to the policy but that she will be working with Ms. Damm and City Attorney Krautter to get one in place. Motion was made to approve keeping the signs in parks with playground equipment by Alderwoman Gilbert, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. In discussion Alderman Smith stated that he would like to see the Park and Recreation Board approve the location of the signs in the park to ensure people will see them and understand which areas. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that Ms. Damm has already agreed to come before the Board for placement approval, and that the signs are free from the Health Department. Mayor Norby stated that previously the issue that was ran into on creating a City Code prohibiting smoking in City Parks is that there is no Montana Code setting precedence. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that Ms. Damm also stated that there is no State Code on this, but that she would like to come before the Park and Recreation for approval in moving forward with the resolution or ordinance and then work with the City Attorney from there. Mayor Norby asked if the City can move forward with a resolution or ordinance if the State doesn't, and City Attorney Krautter stated he would have to look into it. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that the Park and Recreation Board just want to ensure that there is no smoking around the playground equipment and kids playing in the park. All Council present voted aye.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Resolution for SID 104 boundary line relocation: Table until February 1st:** City Clerk Redfield stated that this Resolution is happening because of the platting and selling of lots in the Mayo Subdivision area of SID 104, which changes the boundary line and assessments on the properties in this area. She stated that a Public Hearing will need to be held on February 1st, and that the property owners in the changed area need to be notified of the Public Hearing, so she asked the council to table the Resolution until the February 1st, 2016 meeting. Motion was made to table the SID 104 Resolution amending the boundary line by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderman Smith. All Council present voted aye.
 - b. **Veteran's Park Train Consult:** PWD Hintz stated that there is concern with the state of the Train in Veteran's Park, as it is rusted and decaying. He stated that there is a consultant from Birmingham, Alabama who is willing to come look at the train and give the City an idea of what needs to be done to the train to bring it back to a static display and the costs involved. He stated to get the Consultant here it will cost \$2400.00, and that there is no money budgeted this fiscal year to pay for it. Alderwoman Gilbert stated the Park and Recreation Board have discussed this also, but that she would like to see it go to the Park and Recreation City Council Committee to discuss and see if it could be put in the next fiscal year's budget. Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion to send the Veteran's Park Train Consultant to the Park and Recreation Committee, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. All Council present voted aye.
12. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **City Council President Christensen: Committee Placements:** Alderwoman Christensen stated that she would like to thank Alderwoman Gilbert for agreeing to be Chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee and attend the Park and Recreation Board