

January 21st, 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:** Christensen, Godfrey, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen, and Sergent
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **January 6th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 6th, 2020 regular Council meeting by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
 - b. **January 13th, 2020 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 13th, 2020 Park and Recreation Committee meeting by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
 - c. **January 13th, 2020 Police and Fire Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 13th, 2020 Police and Fire Committee meeting by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
 - d. **January 13th, 2020 Street and Alley Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 13th, 2020 Street and Alley Committee meeting by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderman Gartner seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Brandon Taylor-TBID Budget and Financials:** Mr. Taylor presented the City Council with the proposed 2020 budget for the TBID and financial information from 2019. He stated with using last years collection numbers they made cuts to the meetings and conventions and administration. He stated they did raise the amount for tournaments and events, as that is the money that goes to the golf, wrestling, hockey and such in town. He stated last year they collected \$67,000 and donated \$55,000, and they have an attorney that is working on collecting the funds from the hotels who have not paid. Motion was made to approve the 2020 TBID budget by Alderman Koffler, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Dallas and Misty Metcalf**
 - c. **Amy Efta-Sidney Herald**
 - d. **Jeri Chapman**
 - e. **Kaila Roth**
 - f. **Carmen Kostelecky**
 - g. **Jamie Reese**
 - h. **Steve Kover**
 - i. **Jason Schrader**
 - j. **Erin Lambert**
 - k. **Stacey Brown**
 - l. **Kelly Leitheiser**
 - m. **Suzie Kringen**
 - n. **Justin Jones**
 - o. **Erin Graves**
 - p. **Tammy Clemm**
 - q. **Demar A Love**
 - r. **David Garland**
 - s. **Jerrian Franzen**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Open Planning Board Position Appointed by Mayor-2 year term:** Mayor Norby announced the City is still seeking someone for the open position of the Planning Board.
 - b. **Reappoint Tony Barone-Richland County Conservation District Board:** Mayor Norby stated Mr. Barone is up for reappointment for the Richland County Conservation District Board, and Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to reappoint him. Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion, and all present voted aye.
 - c. **Personnel Update:** Mayor Norby read a letter from Chief DiFonzo announcing his retirement, which will be effective March 31st, 2020. Mayor Norby thanked Chief DiFonzo for his many years in service to Sidney. He further stated that they will be opening the position for the Chief of Police for applications through February 7th, at which time a panel will interview qualified applicants. Motion was made to approve Chief DiFonzo's retirement by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Park and Rec Committee**
 - i. **Johnson Park and Sidney Health Center:** Alderwoman Godfrey stated Sidney Health Center presented the Committee with a letter pulling out of their request to use Johnson Park for a parking lot, making no further action needed.
 - ii. **East Park (Quilling's Park) Consultant:** Alderwoman Godfrey stated the Park and Recreation Committee met with PWD Hintz and with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board recommend moving forward with the hiring of A&E to draw the specs for the warming house/bathroom and East Park. Alderwoman Godfrey made a motion based of the recommendation, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Police and Fire Committee**
 - i. **Sidney Pierce Fire Truck:** Alderwoman Sergent stated the Police and Fire Committee and discussed how to move forward since the Sidney Pierce Pump Truck failed it's pump test. She stated after reviewing options, they recommend refurbishing the pump truck for approximately \$124,000. Alderwoman Sergent made a motion to approve refurbishing the pump truck, and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - c. **Street and Alley**
 - i. **Ordinance #580-Updating City Code for Idling Vehicles:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee met and with several people attending the meeting, they are looking to revise the idling vehicles ordinance. She stated no action was taken, and they have not scheduled the next meeting to further review yet.
 - ii. **Update City Code 9-9-17 and 10-2-13-Parking:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee met and reviewed the proposed changes presented by Chief DiFonzo for parking and parks. She stated they recommended approval of moving forward with this code update. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve moving forward with the parking code update, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye,
 - iii. **Right-of-way Permits-Update City Code:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee are reviewing some sample codes for right-of-way permits and will meet again to discuss.
 - iv. **O'Brien Lot:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Street and Alley Committee met and discussed the proposal for moving forward with looking into buying the O'Brien Lot next to City Hall. She stated it was their recommendation to approve PWD Hintz and Mayor Norby moving forward with getting an appraisal, which the Council will review once complete. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve the City moving forward with getting an appraisal for the purchase of the O'Brien lot, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye,

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9. ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Alderwoman Godfrey stated the Park and Recreation Board met and are moving forward into looking into how to actually designate Johnson Park as a park, so that in the future there is no issues with people proposing other uses.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **City Council Temporary Presiding Officer:** City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the Council needs to designate a Temporary Presiding Officer, should both Mayor Norby and Council President Christensen cannot be available at a meeting, and that in 2019 they chose Alderwoman Rasmussen. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to designate Alderwoman Rasmussen as the Temporary Presiding Officer, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Metcalf Pet Grooming Conditional Use Permit:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the Metcalf Pet Grooming CUP, which the Zoning Board recommended approval. Motion was made to approve the Metcalf Pet Grooming CUP by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- c. **Martini/Faith Chapel Conditional Use Permit:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the Martini/Faith Chapel CUP, which the Zoning Board recommended approval. Motion was made to approve the Martini/Faith Chapel CUP by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- d. **Martini/Faith Chapel Variance:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the Martini/Faith Chapel Variance, which the Zoning Board recommended approval for a variance to both the required paving of the parking lot and the shading of it. Motion was made to approve the Martini/Faith Chapel variance, per the Zoning Board, by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing

13. CITY ATTORNEY:

- a. City Attorney Kalil stated he is looking into making changes, per the Street and Alley Committee Meeting, to the idling vehicle ordinance, and will have that coming soon.

14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:

- a. **Update:** Chief DiFonzo presented the City Council with the 2019 yearly Police Department Report, which was put together by Captain Kraft.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Update: Nothing**
- b. **WWTP Phase 3 Draw #16 for \$419,005.08:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the WWTP P3 Draw #16. Motion was made to approve the WWTP Phase 3 Draw #16 for \$419,005.08 by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen:

- a. **December 2019 Fire Department Report:** FM/BI Rasmussen presented the City Council with the December 2019 Fire Department Report.

17. CITY TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:

- a. **Update: Nothing**

18. CITY CLERK CHAMBERLIN:

Consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 428,892.64**

No Building Permits to be approved at this time.

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderman Gartner 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