

# July 6, 2015

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, Koffler, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular council meeting, the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 special council meeting, the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 regular council meeting, and the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular council meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. **David E. Engstrom:** Mr. Engstrom came before the Sidney City Council to ask for permission to continue living in his motor home that is parked behind his shop located at 139 7<sup>th</sup> St SW, which he has been residing in for the last 11 plus years and was recently informed was against City Code by the City Compliance Officer. Mr. Engstrom stated that due to medical hardships with his wife, living in the camper is the best option for him and his wife at this point. After discussion it was the general consensus of the City Council to further review Mr. Engstrom's request in a Street and Alley Committee meeting with Mr. Engstrom present.
  - b. **Bob Denning-Denning Downey and Associates**
  - c. **Joel Krautter**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. Mayor Norby stated that due to the absence of Chief DiFonzo, he will be requesting the approval of hire for the police department Cole Selmo as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Chief DiFonzo provided a formal letter of recommendation and request for the Mayor to provide to the City Council. Motion was made to approve the hire of Cole Selmo as of July 1, 2015 to the Sidney Police Department by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye.
  - b. Mayor Norby announced that Bob Denning, City of Sidney Auditor, would like to present to the Council pertaining to the FY13-14 Audit.
8. **Auditor Denning informed the Council that there was issues that he and his team aided in the City in fixing this year, including the SID's that needed updated desperately, which were fixed with the aid of County Treasurer Christensen, and the yearend closing which revealed that many of the accounts were out of balance. Auditor Denning supplied the council with findings from the FY13-14 Audit, and recommendations for moving forward, most of which have already been implemented according to City Clerk Redfield. Alderwoman Christensen asked if when she reviews claims, if she should be aware of incorrect coding, to which Auditor Denning and Clerk Redfield stated that it is Clerk Redfield position to double check coding, it is the council's job to review claims for supporting documentation and possible fraud. Attorney Navratil asked what the MD&A and GASB #34 were. Auditor Denning stated that GASB #34 is the laws for accounting in local governments, and the MD&A is a required document that the local governments have to prepare that simplifies and shortens the financial statements for easier review for citizens, to which Treasurer Dey is almost done with.**
9. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
  - a. **Budget and Finance:** Alderwoman Sergeant stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and recommend approval of a 3% wage increase for city staff, with cutting the impact stipend from \$300.00/month to \$150/month, which will be set in the resolution to be read by Attorney Navratil. Motion was made to recommend approval of the 3% wage increase and decreasing the impact stipend to \$150/month by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council present voted aye.
10. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Alderwoman Christensen informed the Council that the Street and Alley Committee will also be meeting to discuss the Wagon Wheel SID that was requested previously by property owners.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing**
12. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
13. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**
  - a. City Planner How informed the Council that although he will not be at the next council meeting, there will be a Subdivision presented for approval by Forrest Anderson. He stated that the subdivision will be going before the planning board, and that he recommends approval of the subdivision, with any changes suggested and approved from the planning board.
  - b. City Planner How asked the council to look for a Planning Board recommendation to replace Blinda Larsen, who resigned from the board a month previously. The recommendation needs to be presented within the next month.
  - c. City Planner How stated he will be in Sidney on Monday and Tuesday July 13 and 14, 2015.
14. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:**
  - a. **Resolution 3700: Setting Wages for FY15-16:** Resolution 3700 was read aloud by City Attorney Navratil. Motion was made to pass Resolution 3700 setting the wages for FY15-16 by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.
15. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO: Approved under Mayor Norby**
16. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
  - a. **Report:** PWD Hintz provided the council with his monthly report, to which the change of 530 tons of garbage hauled to 607 tons of garbage hauled needs to be made. PWD Hintz also informed the council that the pre-bid meeting for the CTEP project of putting in sidewalks around Hanson and Quilling's Parks and West Side School, by Territorial Landworks will be held on Thursday July 9, 2015 at 1pm at the Territorial Landworks office.
  - b. **Impact Fee Committee on New Water Pick-up:** PWD Hintz informed the council that the Impact Fee Committee met to discuss the use of impact money for the purchase of a new water truck. Minutes from the meeting were provided. The truck, including installation of a utility bed will cost a little under \$40,000.00, and the water impact fund has \$646,116.97 currently available in it. Motion was made to approve the purchase of the new water department pickup and utility bed out of water impact fees by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Smith. Alderman Smith asked if this purchase was permitted to use impact fees. PWD Hintz stated that because it is for the use of the new water operator position that was created due to impacts, it is permitted. Mayor Norby stated that they did look into purchasing a used pickup, but the costs are too high for the amount of miles on the vehicles. All council present voted aye.
17. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
  - a. **Report:** Mayor Norby stated that Compliance Officer Mead provided his monthly report, and will be in attendance at the next council meeting to answer any questions.
18. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing**
19. **CITY TREASURER DEY: Nothing**
20. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD:**
  - a. City Clerk Redfield announced that Alderman Gartner, Alderman Smith, and Alderwoman Christensen are running unopposed in the next election for their Wards for Sidney City Council, and congratulated them on being on city council for another 4 years.
  - b. **consent agenda**
    - i. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed July 2, 2015
    - ii. **Claims to be approved:** \$ 326,954.22 + \$24,016.24 = \$350,980.46
    - iii. **Building Permits to be approved:**

Dan K. Smith	215 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	Addition	L13 & 14, B32, Kenoyer
Seth Jonas	1597 Aster Ct	Covered Patio	L38 & 39, South Meadow
Mainstay Motel	1000 3 <sup>rd</sup> St NW	Freestanding Sign	L2&3, B2, Northview
Jason & Kristen O'Brien	124 S Central	Remodel	L7, B14, Original
Kundra Welding	Box 128	Fence	L14A, B8, Gardner
Larry & Pat Syth	751 6 <sup>th</sup> St NE	Fence	L19, B4, Fischer's Estate
Richard Christensen	804 9 <sup>th</sup> St SW	Garage	L2, B6, Carpenter Simard
Duane & Sherry Mitchell	323 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW	Garage	L6, B9, Gardener
Tony Hanson	103 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW	New Home	L7a, B1, Johnson's 1 <sup>st</sup> Add

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2015-150  
2015-151  
2015-152  
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2016-1  
2016-2

Bible Baptist Church  
Old Dominion  
John Olson  
McNutt Family Trust  
Joshua & Jennifer Powell  
B&B Rentals  
Tyler Christensen  
Doug Heitich  
Kelly Properties  
Travis Sturgis

109 5<sup>th</sup> St SW  
902 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE  
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2401 Bighorn Ave  
801 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
709 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
610 Yellowstone Dr  
908 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
606 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
716 6<sup>th</sup> St SE

L1, B53, Kenoyer  
L5, B2, Nick Hanson  
L5, B2, Nick Hanson  
L1, B2, JB Subdivision  
L14, B3, Kling's Add  
L1, B1, Kling  
L7, B3, JB Subdivision  
L15, BG, Nielsen & Halvorsen  
L19, B9, Wagon Wheel  
L13, B48, Kenoyer

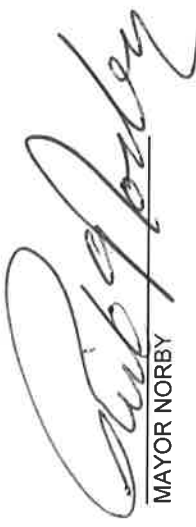
Fence  
Demolition  
Demolition  
Garage  
Addition  
Fence  
Home  
Fence  
Mobile Home  
Addition to Garage

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR NORBY

July 20, 2015  
DATE SIGNED