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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:** Godfrey, Rasmussen, Koffler, Christensen & Stevenson (Via Phone), Absent: Sergent
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **June 21st, 2021- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 21st, 2021, regular City Council Meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **June 23rd, 2021- Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 23rd, 2021, Budget and Finance Committee meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - c. **June 23rd, 2021- Nuisance Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 23rd, 2021, Nuisance Committee meeting by Alderman Koffler Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Kali Godfrey- Chamber of Commerce- Off the Clock Event:** Ms. Godfrey came forward to ask permission from the City Council to shut down the whole block of 2nd ST SE from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on July 29th, 2021, for another Off the Clock Shopping Event, Ms. Godfrey also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce would like to host this event again on August 26th, 2021. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve of the Chamber of Commerce hosting another Off the Clock Shopping on July 29th, 2021, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM, Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. Alderwoman Godfrey abstain from voting on this, with no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Pete Erickson- Sidney Tiger Sharks- Host a swim meet on July 17th and 18th, 2021:** Mr. Erickson came forward to ask permission from the City Council if Sidney Tiger Sharks could host a swim meet in Sidney on July 17th and 18th, 2021 and if they could shut down 7th AVE SW to Lincoln AVE and 6th and 7th ST SW. Mr. Erickson did provide a detail map on what streets would be closed off for better understanding rather than simply just explaining it. Mr. Erickson said that they would like permission to have 7th Ave SW between 6th and 7th Street SW blocked for use of the street and to allow campers in the hockey dome parking lot and at the baseball field. Mr. Erickson stated that 6th ST SW to 7th AVE SW would be blocked off Friday morning around 6:00AM and leave up until the end of the swim meet. Mayor Norby asked if this would be a conflict with Babe Ruth Baseball, and Mr. Erickson stated that there is no games schedule for that weekend. Mr. Erickson stated that there will be some port-a-potties set up in Moose Park along with NW corner of the pool, Mr. Erickson also said that campers will be located at northside of the hockey building, and tent camping will be in Moose Park. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if there will be assigned parking at this event, and Mr. Erickson stated that John Kleinke will oversee getting all of that lined up. PWD Hintz stated that he has no issues with the city blocking off the streets requested, Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve of the Sidney Tigers Sharks hosting a swim meet on July 17th and 18th, 2021 and blocking off the requested streets. Alderwoman Godfrey seconded the motion, with no further discussion all present voted aye.
 - c. **Sissy MacGrady- Cattle AC- Cornhole Tournament with a live band outside- July 24th, 2021-** Ms. MacGrady came forward to ask permission from the City Council to have a live band along with a cornhole tournament, and a huge BBQ dinner outside the Cattle AC. Ms. MacGrady stated that she hasn't spoken with the VFW yet but they may involve the VFW and host the event right out back in that parking lot, either way the alley will be blocked off for the duration of the event. Ms. MacGrady said she wants to involve the VFW so the Cattle AC could host their cornhole tournament in that parking lot but, after the cornhole tournament that parking lot will be opened back up with the band. Ms. MacGrady said that right now the Cattle AC is thinking of having the cornhole tournament be from 8:00PM to Midnight but, the times could change. Ms. MacGrady said that alcohol will be served outside, and things will be blocked off just like the last time. Chief Kraft said for future reference if you could provide a detail map of the event, and a written statement that would be very helpful, PWD Hintz said he has no issues with this event. Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve of the Cattle AC hosting their cornhole tournament on July 24, 2021, from 8:00PM to Midnight, Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ms. MacGrady said there will be ID bouncers there at the entrance and exit checkpoints outside, with no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - d. **Debra Anderson-** Mrs. Anderson came forward to address a pedestrian safety concern with a local business here in town on the 200 block of 7th ST SW, Mrs. Anderson passed around photos to the council members of the snow equipment and small motor vehicles blocking the sidewalk by All Seasons Motorsports Store. Mrs. Anderson believes the city does own the part of every boulevard in town, and this equipment is parked right on city property. Mrs. Anderson stated she would like city to remove the equipment from the side to make it safe

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for pedestrian to walk safely on the sidewalk again, PWD Hintz mentioned it is public right from the curb to the gutter goes right up next to the edge of the building, and PWD Hintz believes that all those buildings are built right on the property line. Alderwoman Rasmussen said that road connects to the bike path, so this defiantly needs to be addressed, Mrs. Anderson stated that during the school season that street is rough and very busy with foot traffic, and Chief Kraft also wanted to property owners will utilize that curb up next to the property line. Alderwoman Rasmussen wanted to make a motion to send this to the Nuisance Committee for further discussion, Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

- e. **Jeffery Hintz-** Mr. Hintz was approached by the Foundation for Community Care if they could set up a lemonade stand tomorrow on July 7th, 2021, for about 1.5 hours that afternoon in the city hall corner parking lot. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion approve of the Foundation for Community Care for setting up a lemonade stand in the city hall parking lot. Alderman Koffler seconded the motion, with no further discussion all present voted aye.
- f. **Jordan Mayer- Interstate Engineering-** Mr. Mayer was thinking about the kids in the Richland County Community who do not have Sidney Pool Passes, and Interstate Engineering would like to sponsor a weekend of free swim for any child or adult who does not have a pool pass. Mr. Mayer stated that he would like to hang a banner up at the pool and put an ad in the Sidney Herald, Mr. Mayer also stated that maybe Interstate Engineering could sponsor a couple of weekends at the pool this summer. Mr. Mayer mentioned he did not know the cost for a weekend of swim would be and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks mentioned that she would look it and give Mr. Mayer a more accurate number next week. Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that she would like for Interstate Engineering to host the free swim the weekend before school starts because the weekend of the fair would not work out very well, and Mayor Norby completely agreed with Alderwoman Rasmussen. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve of Interstate Engineering sponsoring a couple of weekends for free swim, Alderwoman Godfrey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- g. **Jeff Mead**

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing.

7. **MAYOR NORBY:** Nothing.

8. **COMMITTEE MEETING WORK:**

a. **Budget and Finance Committee**

- i. **APRA FUNDS:** Alderwoman Rasmussen gave an update over the APRA Funds that the Budget and Finance Committee discuss, Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin said the city has already received \$788,413.47 of APRA Funds on June 17th, 2021. Alderwoman Rasmussen also mentioned these funds are to be used for COVID Response and Emergency, and Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that the Budget and Finance Committee discussed using these funds to remodel city hall for the moment. Alderwoman Rasmussen also said that Budget and Finance Committee also discussed giving money to law enforcement or to the employees who were unable to go home during COVID weeks, Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion for the city to look at hiring an architect to start designing the new layout for City Hall out of oil and gas funds. Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion, Alderwoman Godfrey asked if the city could match the funds with other infrastructure projects if the city uses some of the money towards the remodel of city hall. Alderwoman Rasmussen said that the city does not have to use all of the money in one spot, so it will depend on how much money is left over, with no further discussion all present voted aye. PWD Hintz stated the APRA Funds can be used for stormwater infrastructure projects now.

b. **Nuisance Committee**

- i. **Property Complaints:** Building Inspector/Fire Marshall Rasmussen stated the Nuisance Committee met to discuss four properties in Sidney that were in code violations, Building Inspector/Fire Marshall Rasmussen stated that City Attorney Kalil is working on a letter so then those letters can be posted to the properties. City Attorney Kalil stated that the letters are currently ready to go and will be sent out to Building Inspector/Fire Marshall Rasmussen the next morning.

9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Parks and Recreation – Chair Godfrey – Sergent, Christensen
Street and Alley – Chair Christensen–Sergent, Stevenson
City Buildings & Street Lighting – Chair Stevenson– Koffler, Rasmussen

Water and Sewer – Chair Koffler – Godfrey, Rasmussen
Sanitation– Chair Rasmussen –Koffler, Stevenson
Police and Fire – Chair Sergent –Godfrey, Christensen
Budget and Finance – Chair Sergent, Christensen, Rasmussen

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing.

12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON:** PWD Hintz stated that he received an email from City Planner Sanderson with some updates about subdivision rates, and PWD Hintz said he will have it ready for the next council meeting.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**

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- a. **Resolution #3859 - Canceling Primary Election:** City Attorney Kalil read Resolution #3859 to cancel the primary elections out loud. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve Resolution #3859 and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye. Voting went as follows:
Ayes-Christensen, Godfrey, Stevenson, Rasmussen, Koffler
Nays- None
Absent-Sergent

14. CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT:

- a. **Update:** Chief Kraft stated that the Sidney Police Department received very few firework complaints this year and the officers were out there contacting citizens who were shooting fireworks off after hours. Chief Kraft also said that there was one small fire in town that was put out by the officers who arrived on scene, Chief Kraft said overall the fourth of July went very well this year in Sidney. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that she is proud of the Sidney community residents who respected fireworks and were responsible lighting them off, Alderman Koffler stated that after midnight the night of the fourth he did not hear any fireworks being lit off.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Update:** PWD Hintz stated that the city crew has done a lot of paving around Sidney, and the sanitation department hauled 525 tons of garbage out to the landfill in the month of June 2021. PWD Hintz also said that in the water and sewer department things are going great for them, PWD Hintz also said in the parks department they are keeping up with the mowing even though it has been dry out. PWD Hintz also said that the tree dumping station down at the city shop has been all cleaned out and it is barricaded off.

16. FIRE MARSHAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR RASMUSSEN:

- a. **Update:** Fire Marshall/Building Inspector Rasmussen said that the Sidney Fire Department is running heavy this year, and the fire calls are already up towards 120 phone calls for the year. Fire Marshall/Building Inspector Rasmussen said that during the busy dry years the phone calls can be up around 190 per the year and fire season is coming with the dryness out.

17. CITY CLERK/TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:

- a. **FY-20-21 Budget Transfers:** City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that these are budgeted transfers that the city will do in FY20-21. City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that the city general fund revenue is less than a 100 grand, with the revenues being so on the point City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin is recommending all budgeted transfers. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve the budgeted transfers as presented and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Consent agenda**
 - i. Claims to be approved: \$718,893.21.
 - ii. Building Permits to be approved:

****2021-030 On Hold**

2021-119	Katalin Commiller	912 5 th ST SW	L4,B6, Miller Add.	Fence
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**** 2021-120 On Hold**

2021-121	Frank DiFonzo	South Meadow Park	NWSW Meadow Sub.	Shed
2021-122	Matthew Sorrells	1135 S Central	L1,B4, Peterson	Temp. Shed
2021-123	Richard Will	222 6 th ST SW	L8,B53, Kenoyer	Fence
2022-001	Lori Johnson	306 11 th AVE SW	L19,B3, Nels Bach.	Garage Add.
2022-002	Jerald Bergmand	619 2 nd AVE SE	L8,B59, Kenoyer	Fence

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Alderman Koffler, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR NORBY

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED