

June 15th, 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, Gilbert, Koffler, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nothing
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Central School-Brent Sukut:** Mayor Norby stated that he had submitted to the Council Members the letter provided by Mr. Sukut and that PWD Hintz and Chief DiFonzo were already in the process of looking into his concerns with the traffic by Central School.
 - b. **Dustin Schultz, Robert Edwards, and Jeremy Reese-Softball:** Mr. Schultz stated that he was in attendance to follow-up after the Park and Rec Board meeting and the Sidney Herald Article that discussed the complaints against the softball association and wanted to know what the complaints were. Mayor Norby stated the complaints were drinking, tobacco use, and cursing in a city park with young children around. Chief DiFonzo stated that all the City of Sidney was trying to accomplish by the meeting was to inform the Softball Association of the complaints against them and give them the opportunity to take care of the situation and start abiding by the Park Rules.
 - c. **Art Hancock and Art Hancock JR-Kelly Properties:** Mr. Hancock stated that he was in attendance on behalf of Kelly Properties in Wagon Wheel Subdivision, asking that the street, gutter, and storm water be fixed. PWD Hintz stated that an SID was started about a year and a half ago, but do to high costs it was tabled. Also before the SID for the streets and gutters are done, the storm water needs major costly improvements. By general consensus of the Council it was decided to send the Wagon Wheel Subdivision SID and storm water improvements to the Street and Alley Committee.
 - d. **Patrick Murtagh: Murtagh Municipal Engineering**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:** Nothing
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:** Nothing
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Alderwoman Gilbert stated she was approached by a lady who received a bill from the City of Sidney for the tax assessments that usually go on the property taxes and was wondering if anyone knew what the situation with that was. City Clerk Redfield stated that there was a mistake with the County assessing the property, but that the situation had been taken care of months previously.
 - b. Alderwoman Gilbert asked PWD Hintz when the chip sealing would be done, and he stated that he is trying to get the schedule worked out with someone for the distributor truck, as the City of Sidney no longer has one. He stated hopefully it will be done in July or August.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Urban Funding:** Alderwoman Christensen stated there was a meeting with MDT and Richland County pertaining to the use of the City and County's Urban Funding for the improvement necessary on East Holly, minutes of said meeting were provided in the council packets. PWD Hintz stated that even though he was hoping to use those funds for other projects, he does agree with using them on this project as the storm water improvements are at the top of the list of priorities. Alderwoman Gilbert asked the amount necessary, and Alderwoman Christensen stated \$1.4 million between the City and County. Motion was made to use the Urban Funding on the East Holly improvements by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:** Nothing
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:** Nothing
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo provided two alcohol permits with deposits, one for EOG on the 30th of June in Veteran's Park, and the other for a birthday party with approximately 30 people in Quilling's Park on the 20th of June.

Chief DiFonzo stated he would like to give a special thank you to Patrick Murtagh and Murtagh Municipal for their donation to the safety lights going in at central school.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **Report:** PWD Hintz stated he has been receiving complaints about the post office requiring new property owners to move their mail boxes from on their houses to on the curb, in the public right of way. He stated that having the mail boxes on the curb hinders parking, is a safety issue for the public, and issue for street maintenance, and an eye sore. City Clerk Redfield stated that she had also received complaints from citizens who were told it was a city code/law forcing the new property owners to do this. PWD Hintz stated that our code does not address residential mail boxes, but it does for the downtown businesses who are also being told they must comply with this, and it prohibits it. PWD Hintz and City Attorney Navratil are going to look into the issue further.
 - b. Mr. Murtagh, Murtagh Municipal Engineering, informed the council that the Phase 1 of the lagoon is just having the last touch-ups completed, and that Phase 2 has the plans completed except for the electrical components. He stated that the bids had gone out for the large equipment which will help make the electrical plans easier to complete. He also stated that there was a bill from Oakland Construction that needs to be paid, per his and PWD Hintz recommendation.
16. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
 - a. Provided the minutes from the Park and Rec meeting on June 9, 2015.
17. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:** Nothing
18. **CITY TREASURER DEY:** City Clerk Redfield stated that there was last minutes MDU bills that she provided before the meeting for the council to look at totaling \$5,306.69 that need to be added to the claims. She also stated that the claim for Oakland Construction Mr. Murtagh discussed for \$235,829.03 also needs to be added to the total, making the new claims to be approved \$396,445.16
19. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
 - a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed**
 - b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 155,309.23 + \$5,306.69 + \$235,829.03 = \$396,445.16**
 - c. **Building Permits to be approved:**

2015- 139	Pam Smith	215 9 th Ave SE	Addition	LT 13 & 14, BLK 32, Kenoyer
2015-140	Seth Jonas	1597 Aster Court	Covered Patio	LT 38 & 39, South Meadow Village
2015- 142	B & B Builders	124 S Central	Remodel	LT 7, BLK 14, Orignal
2015- 143	Kunda Welding		Fence	
2015- 144	Pat Syth	751 6 th ST NE	Fence	LT 19, BLK 4, Fischer's Estate
2015- 145	ASZ Construction	804 9 th ST SW	Garage	LT 2, BLK 6, Carpenters I
2015- 146	Duane Mitchell	323 7 th AVE SW	Garage	LT 6, BLK 9, Gardner
2015- 148	Michael Backhays	109 5 th ST SW	Fence	LT 1, BLK 53, Kenoyer

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY
July 15th 2015
DATE SIGNED