

March 1st, 2021

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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:** Sergent, Rasmussen, Koffler, Gartner, Godfrey, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **February 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 16th, 2021 regular meeting of the Sidney City Council by Alderwoman Sergent and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no changes or discussions, all present voted aye.
 - b. **February 9th, 2021 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 9th, 2021 Water and Sewer Committee by Alderwoman Sergent and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. PWD Hintz wanted to make a correction to the minutes, he would like to change the question response do we need to annex into the city. PWD Hintz mentioned that the correct response should have been: If they would like to hook up to services, then they need to annex into the city. With after the changes, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Larry Christensen- Richland County Sportsman Club:** Mr. Christensen stated the Richland County Sportsman Club are wanting to use Moose Park on June 12th, 2021 for their Car/Motorcycle Show again. He stated the car show would be from 12pm to 3pm, so they would need access to the park from 9am to 4pm. He also stated that the Sidney Girl Scouts will be there serving concessions. Motion was made to approve the Richland County Sportsman's Club using Moose Park on June 12th, 2021 at the times provided for their car/motorcycle show by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. In discussion, PWD Hintz asked if Babe Ruth Baseball would interfere, and Alderwoman Christensen stated they would need to be improved right away so they can plan around it. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Renee Christensen**
 - c. **Mark Rerryman- Sidney Herald**
 - d. **Jordan Mayer- Interstate Engineering**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - a. **Budget Amendment FY19-20:** City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated that at the October 7th, 2019 City Council meeting Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the \$49,000 estimate from Pine Cove Consulting, the City of Sidney's IT Consultants, for necessary improvements to the server. At the time she informed the City Council that the improvements were necessary to stay under warranty and if something were to happen and the server was not under warranty the cost to fix it could be upwards of \$500,000. The City Council approved moving forward with this necessary improvement, paid out of Oil and Gas Fund, which put the City over budget in that fund by \$6,218, which is why the budget amendment is necessary. This is the only amendment to the FY19-20 budget needed. Mayor Norby opened the public hearing for the Budget Amendment FY19-20 at 6:37 pm. Mayor Norby called for any proponents three times for the Zoning Code Change with none coming forward. Mayor Norby called for any opponents three times for the Zoning Code Change, with none coming forward. With no further testimony or comments, Mayor Norby closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Legislative Update:** Mayor Norby stated that he testified on House bill #314 and that bill did get tabled for now, and Mayor Norby also mentioned that he has only testified on four bills this year.
8. **COMMITTEE MEETING WORK:**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<p>Parks and Recreation – Chair Godfrey – Sergent, Christensen Street and Alley – Chair Christensen–Sergent, Gartner City Buildings & Street Lighting – Chair Gartner– Koffler, Rasmussen</p>	<p>Water and Sewer – Chair Koffler – Godfrey, Rasmussen Sanitation– Chair Rasmussen –Koffler, Gartner Police and Fire – Chair Sergent –Godfrey, Christensen Budget and Finance – Chair Sergent, Gartner, Christensen</p>
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 - a. **Alderwoman Rasmussen-Street Issues:** Alderwoman Rasmussen mentioned that she spoke with PWD Hintz last week about a dip on 12th AVE NW, Alderwoman Rasmussen said that she must slow way down to avoid those visible dips. PWD Hintz stated that he will get bump road signs installed to help slow traffic down. Alderwoman Rasmussen also stated that she received a text from Jesse McDaniel and her

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concerns about 22nd AVE NW, she said that on 22nd AVE NW people seem to go way above the speed limit, and it is very poorly lit road with several spots and minimal space to walk outside the white shoulder line in some areas. Alderwoman Rasmussen also read that hopefully the city will consider putting in a walking/biking path up as far as Red River Drive. PWD Hintz mentioned that there is a long-term master plan, and the only concern is funding for this. PWD Hintz also said that he will do some checking into some grants for this project.

- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing.
- 11. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing.
- 12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing.
- 13. CITY ATTORNEY:
 - a. Resolution #3855- Budget Amendment Resolution: Mayor Norby read out loud Resolution #3855, motion was made to approve Resolution #3855 by Alderman Koffler. Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion, with no changes or discussion all present voted aye.
- 14. CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT:
 - a. Update: Nothing.
- 15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:
 - a. Update: PWD Hintz stated that last week there was a water main break that turned out to be a leaking valve, and the Richland Motor Inn did was a water break. PWD Hintz also mentioned that bump signs were installed on 12th AVE over by West Side School, and Franz Construction did blade the road down on 4th AVE SE. Jordan with Interstate Engineering stated that he will be mailing out the water specs for the water main, he also mentioned that there will be a later bid opening for this project.
- 16. FIRE MARSHAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR RASMUSSEN:
 - a. Update: Nothing.
- 17. CITY CLERK CHAMBERLIN: Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer mentioned that Auditor Bob will be coming to Sidney on March 17th and 18th to review the FY 19-20 Audit.
- 18. CITY TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:
 - a. Consent agenda
 - i. Claims to be approved: \$ 66,496.36.
 - ii. Building Permits to be approved:

****2021-030 On Hold for Dollar Tree**

****2021-073 On Hold**

2021-078	Boys & Girls Club	201 3 rd AVE SE	Sign	L1-6, B20, Original
2021-079	B&B Builders	1136 14 th ST SW	Shed & Addition	L2,B2, Lyndale Acres
2021-080	American Tower	115 2 nd ST SE	Cell Tower Addition	L1, B19, Original
2021-081	Shannon Click	1997 Sunflower Lane	Shed	L49,B9, South Meadow Village

19. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM

ATTEST:

MAYOR NORBY

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED