

March 4th, 2019

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, Smith, Christensen; Absent: Gartner
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **February 19th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 19th, 2019 regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Dayton and Liz Cherney-4th St SW and 9th Ave SW-danger corner that needs signage:** Not present.
 - b. **Sidney High School Government Class:**
 - i. Shaylyne Fisher
 - ii. Hailie Larson
 - iii. Tallen McGinley
 - iv. Wyatt Heringer
 - v. Kylie Byer
 - vi. Cammy Huk
 - vii. Carter Hughes
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - a. **Updating Ward Map:** City Planner Sanderson stated that the update to the ward map is to assign the new annexations into the existing wards. PWD Hintz stated some of these annexations include Sunrise Subdivision, Augustus Vaux Subdivision, Northview Subdivision, Homestead Subdivision, Sidney Crossing Subdivision, and the City initiated annexations. City Planner Sanderson stated that the Montana Code states that new annexations must be put into the ward it is adjacent to, and that these annexations were spread amongst the wards well as wards are supposed to be split evenly by population. He further stated that with the 2020 census, the ward districts will need to be reevaluated, but that the district lines cannot be changes to unseat a current elected official.

Mayor Norby opened the Public Hearing for updating the City of Sidney Ward Map at 6:35pm. Mayor Norby called for any opponents to the updating to the City of Sidney Ward Map, three time, with none coming forward. Mayor Norby called for any proponents to the updating to the City of Sidney Ward Map, three times, with none coming forward. Mayor Norby closed the public hearing for updating the City of Sidney Ward Map at 6:36pm.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **MDT 2019 Regional Meeting:** Mayor Norby stated that PWD Hintz and he went to the MDT 2019 Regional Meeting, where they outline the upcoming plans and projects for the meeting. He stated some of these projects that impact Sidney include the East Holly project, the City of Sidney Urban Routes Project, and the Fairview Highway Project. PWD Hintz stated that the City of Sidney Urban Routes Projects includes the mill and overlay of several locations, including 5th St SE (from 7th Ave Se to 9th Ave SE), Lincoln Ave (from 4th Street SW to West Holly Street), 9th Ave SW (from 5th Street SW to 14th Street SW), and 14th Street SW (from Central Avenue to 9th Ave SW) . PWD Hintz also warned that as the East Holly Project begins, the MDT will have no choice but to divert traffic from the truck route through the residential districts.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK: None**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Alderman Smith asked what the City of Sidney can do for the parking 1-2 blocks off of Central Avenue with the angle parking. He further stated that with the extra-long crew cab pick-ups parking on both sides of the road with angle parking, there is only room for 1 vehicle on the street and is a danger for the community. Chief DiFonzo stated that this needs to be addressed in the Business District, and that he would prefer to have no angle parking and only allow parallel parking in area, but that he will start moving forward into looking into this issue.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **East Holly Water Project Pay Application #4 from Western Municipal for \$90,648.54 (Tabled 2-19-19)**
 - b. **East Holly Water Project Change Order #1 (Tabled 2-19-19)**
11. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
 - a. **Ordinance 576-Updating Ward Map-1st Reading:** City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance 576, Updating the Ward Map out loud, and stated that this was explained during the public hearing at the beginning of the meeting. Motion was made to approve Ordinance 576, updating the Ward Map, by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergent. Voting went as follows:

Ayes: Sergent, Rasmussen, Koffler, Smith, and Christensen
Nays: None
Absent: Gartner
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Police Department Report-February 2019:** Chief DiFonzo provided the City Council with this February 2019 Police Department Report.
 - b. Chief DiFonzo stated that the snow removal done by the Public Works Department on 4th Ave for the 2C Tournament sincerely helped with parking, but that the parking on that road needs to be looked at. He stated that with the high school students not being able to park in the north parking lot for school, tournaments, regular games, and many more situations, the parking on both sides of that road congest it so that traffic is tight to get through. He asked for the possibility for cutting out parking, such as done in front of the Middle School for the west side of that road, in turn widening it. PWD Hintz stated that he felt that was a good idea, but that they are planning to do a major water line replacement under that street in the near future, so the projects would have to be done at the same time, so that the street is not being redone multiple times.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**

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- a. **Public Works Report-February 2019:** PWD Hintz provided the City Council with the February 2019 Public Works Report. He stated that the City of Sidney has already removed the yearly average of snow, and is not done yet for the year.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen:

- a. **Fire Department Report-February 2019:** FM/BI Rasmussen stated he will provide the Fire Department February 2019 report at the March 18th, 2019 meeting.

17. CITY TREASURER REDFIELD:

- a. **Treasurer's Report-February 2019:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield provided the City Council with the February 2019 Treasurer's Report. She stated they are providing the City Auditor with information for the FY17-18 Audit, and that it is progressing well.
- b. **February 2019 Journal Voucher Report:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield provided the City Council with the February 2019 Journal Voucher Report. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve the February 2019 Journal Voucher Report, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- c. **Water/Sewer Bank Transfer for all of February 2019: \$ 84,291.42:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield provided the City Council with the water/sewer bank transfer of \$84,291.42, which she stated was for all of the claims processed in February. Motion was made to approve the water/sewer bank transfer of \$84,291.42 by Alderman Smith, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD:

Consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 31,819.38**

2019-52	Sidney Mercantile	214 S Central	Sign	L9, B19, Original
2019-53	Cody Williams	609 3rd St NE	Addition	L3&4, B13, Kenoyer

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR NORBY

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED