

May 15th, 2017

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:** Christensen, Smith, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen, and Sergeant
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **May 1st, 2017 Regular Council Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 1st, 2017 regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **May 8th, 2017 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2017 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **South 40 (Ray Johnson)-Street Dance on June 30TH :** Mr. Johnson stated he was coming before the Sidney City Council to ask for approval to have a street dance on the street between the South 40 and IGA for the celebration of the South 40's 40th anniversary. He stated that he talked to IGA and they are okay with the use of the street. He further stated that he had talked to PWD Hintz, and Chief DiFonzo prior to the meeting and that he will be looking into using the parking lot behind the South 40 that is owned by Yellowstone Bank. Chief DiFonzo stated that the empty lot owned by the bank is already fenced off so would be a good location, but that he will work with Mr. Johnson and the South 40 on planning. Mr. Johnson stated that they hope to have the street dance on June 30th. Motion was made to approve the South 40 having a street dance on June 30th, with the consultation of Chief DiFonzo by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Boy Scouts Troup 190:**
 - i. Ty Graves
 - ii. Aden Graves
 - iii. Kade Graves
 - c. **Quinn Schwartz: Sidney Herald**
 - d. **Jordan Moran: Interstate Engineering**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Men's Health Month Proclamation:** Mayor Norby read the Men's Health Month Proclamation out loud. Motion was made to approve the Men's Health Month Proclamation, declaring June as Men's Health Month by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and was seconded by Alderman Koffler. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Sidney Herald Reporter Quinn Schwartz** asked Mayor Norby if he had any response or follow-up to Mrs. Gilbert's comments in the Sidney Herald article pertaining to her running for Mayor for the City of Sidney, specifically about the City needing to tighten their belts and make budget cuts. Mayor Norby stated that Mrs. Gilbert had been on the City Council for 14 years, so she should be aware of how many cuts have been already made all over the City budget. Mayor Norby further stated that although he does respect the County, the City is not the County and therefore things are done differently. He stated that as to the selling of the law enforcement vehicles for funding street maintenance, Mrs. Gilbert was on the Council when it was decided to utilize the old police vehicles as City vehicles to save money in the purchase of new vehicles, and he challenges her to go to any other town in Eastern Montana and compare the state of our streets to theirs, as ours are the best. Mayor Norby stated that one of the reasons City Staff has not been out doing street repairs this spring is that they have been working on the South Meadow Softball Complex improvements, and getting the Svarre Pool ready to be open. Mayor Norby stated in reference to her comments on administrative wages, everyone knows that she is meaning City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield's wages, but that in order to have attained a qualified Treasurer the City of Sidney would have had to pay over \$30/hour for that position alone, and City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield is doing both. Mayor Norby stated that he is scared of what cuts she will make and the position it will put the City of Sidney.

Alderman Smith stated that Mrs. Gilbert was on the Council so she should know that weather and temperature play heavily into correctly patching pot holes in the streets, and that this spring has not cooperated for that.

Mayor Norby stated that the City Council and City Staff do a great job utilizing the small amount of money the City of Sidney has available, and that there is a strict budget to be followed.

Alderman Koffler stated that as a man who makes deliveries around the State, he can attest that the City of Sidney streets are the best around.

Mayor Norby stated that the City of Sidney has great management that does a lot of preventive work that keeps costs down.

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8. COMMITTEE WORK:

- a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Alderwoman Sergent stated that the budget process for FY17-18 has started, and with the loss of all oil and gas severance tax revenue, the City is really looking at tightening the budget. She stated that the Budget and Finance Committee have recommended approval of the code correction transfers and to only do some of the budgeted transfers. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated the only transfers being recommended to make are \$100,000 from the Oil and Gas Fund to the Fire Truck CIP, \$10,000 from the Oil and Gas Fund to the Streets Equipment CIP, and \$250,000 from the Revolving Fund to the General Fund, and that all other budgeted transfers will not be made. Alderwoman Sergent stated that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet again on Monday May 22nd, 2017 at 5pm to continue discussing the budget. Motion was made to approve City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield to do the code correction transfers and only the budgeted transfers recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee by Alderwoman Sergent, and the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

9. ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated the Park and Recreation Board met and are continuing to review their policy and procedures. She stated that the agreements for City Park use have been reviewed by City Attorney Krautter and sent out to the organizations. She further stated that the Board is assigning specific parks to each Board Member, as they have done in the past.
- b. Alderwoman Christensen stated that she would like to thank Seitz Insurance and everyone who participated in the Clean-up Day. Mayor Norby stated he would also like to thank everyone, including Jeremy Norby of Seitz Insurance who headed the day. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated even the schools were involved in cleaning up the City.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Appointment of Brett Allen to the Park and Recreation Board:** Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that Mr. Allen has been involved with the soccer association and has been involved greatly in the youth programs and the community, and that he would be a great asset to fill the remaining open position on the Park and Recreation Board. Motion was made to approve the appointment of Brett Allen to the Park and Recreation Board by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergent. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON:

- a. **Rosaaen Amended Plat:** PWD Hintz stated that this is combining 3 lots into 1 in CLM zoning. He stated that City Planner Sanderson provided his staff report with findings and in it recommends approval with conditions. Motion was made to approve the Rosaaen Amended Plat with the conditions outlined by City Planner Sanderson by Alderman Koffler, and seconded by Alderman Smith. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Stone Amended Plat:** PWD Hintz stated this is a lot aggregation in R3 zoning, and that City Planner Sanderson provided his staff report with findings and in it he recommends approval with conditions. Motion was made to approve the Stone Amended Plat with the conditions outlined by City Planner Sanderson by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

13. CITY ATTORNEY:

- a. **Report:** City Attorney Krautter stated he had a positive phone conversation with the Dakota District Office concerning the issues with the local post office. He stated that they will be looking into the local policies that are trying to be implemented and will have a conference call with the City of Sidney hopefully this week. He stated anyone who would like to participate in the conference call is welcome. Alderwoman Rasmussen thanked City Attorney Krautter for his ongoing work on this situation.

14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:

- a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo stated that he wanted to remind everyone that the Softball State Tournament is going to take place next week, and that the tournament will have 12 communities represented, so there will be more people in town. He further stated that the Sidney School is still looking for volunteers for the tournament.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Report:** PWD Hintz stated that there was some mechanical issues with the street patching truck, but that it has been fixed and that pot holes are starting to be fixed today, as the weather has started to cooperate. He further stated that the Public Works Department has almost accomplished all the goals set forth with the South Meadow Softball Complex improvements, and that there is just finishing work to be done. PWD Hintz stated that the Public Works Department has patched and cleaned the Svarre Pool and have started to fill it today, and that it should be ready for the Tiger Sharks Swim Team Camp. Chief DiFonzo stated that the Public Works Department has done a great job with the Softball Complex, and have met all needs he has asked for, and that they should be commended for their work, as our softball complex is now one of the better ones in our area. PWD Hintz stated that many people chipped in on the project, including the School, the public and Oneoke.

16. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing

17. CITY TREASURER: Nothing

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18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda

a. GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed

b. Claims to be approved: \$ 269,709.23

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HELD

2017-86

Stan Rosaaen

301 2nd Ave NW

Steel Bldg

L5A, B2, Original

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Lawrence Volk

519 5th St SE

Shed

L5&6, B50, Kenoyer

2017-88

Terry Desjarlais

708 2nd ST NE

Fence

L16, B12, Kenoyer

2017-89

Bruce Mathieu

509 6th ST SE

Fence

L3, BL63, Kenoyer

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no further discussion, all present council voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK/TREASURER


MAYOR NORBY

June 5, 2017
DATE SIGNED

