

June 16th, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 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, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. June 2nd, 2014: PWD Hintz stated that under Public Works Director Hintz letter d. the Sidney Sugars only have a man camp skid in place that will house employees in the future, but do not currently. Motion was made to approve the minutes with the changes stated by PWD Hintz by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. Interstate Engineering: Lowell Cutshaw and Adam Smith
 - b. Murtagh Municipal Engineering: Patrick Murtagh and Rick Bruce Berndt
 - c. Bruce Berndt
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **MLC&T: Letter to Finance Committee:** Mayor Norby stated that letters were drafted to give to the Montana League of Cities and Towns to state the impacts due to the oil field. The letters were well received from both Mayor Norby and PWD Hintz, but especially the numbers provided by Chief of Police Difonzo in his report.
 - b. **Governor Bullock Announcement:** Mayor Norby stated that Governor Bullock called and announced that they will be providing relief for the cities, and turned the floor over to Mr. Murtagh to explain. Mr. Murtagh stated that the Governor announced the interest rate for the SRF loan will be reduced from 3% to 2.5%, the amount required to have in reserve will be reduced from 25% of the loan to 10%, and the amount in reserve before the loan is issued from one full year of payments to half a year of payments.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Street and Alley**
 - i. **Yellowstone Court SID:** Alderman Gartner stated that the street and alley committee met to discuss if the Yellowstone Court paving, curb and gutter should be paid for by SID or by private loans. It was the recommendation of the street and alley committee to move forward with the SID. Alderwoman Christensen, speaking on behalf of Yellowstone Court, stated that they had just received figures on the cost of the project and are not willing to move forward with it at this time, per Walt McNutt owner of the Yellowstone Court.
 - b. **Water and Sewer**
 - i. **Sidney Sugars Annexation and hook-up to city services:** Alderman Smith stated water and sewer committee met to discuss the possible annexation of the man camp for Sidney Sugars. He stated that the committee agreed that there should not be man camps within the city limits, per city ordinance, but that city policy does allow for an agreement to be made to allow them to have city services. PWD Hintz stated that they already have city services of water and sewer and such an agreement, but water is coming from a service line via Blue Rock. He also stated that Sidney Sugars would be responsible for their portion of the infrastructure costs to get the services to the desired area, but that they have not sat down with Sidney Sugars yet. City Attorney Navratil stated that city code allows such agreements with businesses, but not for residential purposes, as this would be. Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion to table until further information could be gathered and the city has a better grasp on what Sidney Sugars needs. Alderman Smith seconded the motion and all council present voted aye.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Alderman Gilbert wanted to thank those who participated in the clean-up, as it had a good turn-out. She also stated that Stacey Miller with the Foundation of Community Care wanted her to announce that they will be having a ribbon walk for cancer on June 27th.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Aflac:** Alderwoman Gilbert stated that she believes that all employees should be given the opportunity to meet with Aflac and turn down paying for their insurance pre-tax, as this is a money saving way to pay for their insurance. It was the general consensus of the City Council to approve moving forward with providing the City of Sidney Employees Aflac insurance pre-tax or flexed if the employee so chooses.
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**
 - a. **Sunrise Village letter:** City Attorney Navratil stated that he wants City Planner How's input on this letter which requests an extension on their subdivision improvement agreement so can they can get the necessary improvements done that are needed and suggested putting it into a committee to discuss with him and city Planner How. Mayor Norby stated that he would like the street and alley committee to meet with City Attorney Navratil and City Planner How to discuss this letter.
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:**

Nothing
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Chief Update:** Chief Difonzo stated that the Richland County Centennial was very nice and that there was a very large turn-out for the parade, but that it did not bring with it any added difficulties for the City Police Department.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **Fisher Bypass: Underground storage tanks:** PWD Hintz stated that while in the process of the Fischer Bypass Sewer main improvement construction underground tanks were found on the Nortana Grain property. The proper steps were followed with the state protocol and they have been dug up and oil samples to be tested. He didn't believe it was going to be as big of a problem as originally thought and that the samples should come back clean. The Fischer Bypass job is progressing well and the first payments have been sent to the county for approval and payment.
 - b. **Compliance Officer Job Description:** It was the general consensus of City Council to table this for further review.
16. **CITY TREASURER:** Nothing
17. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
 - a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed June 13, 2014
 - b. **CLAIMS TO BE APPROVED:** \$121,213.89
 - c. **BUILDING PERMITS:**

Nick Torgersen
Sidney Public School
Sidney Health Center
Mel Hoffman
Josh & Jessica Viall
Stanley Rosaaen
Reynolds
B & B Builders
Shenae Goff
Donnie Uran

Modular Home
CTE Expansion
Addition
Fence
Addition to Home
Cold Storage Shed
Wood Attached Shed
Sign
Fence
Fence

Lot 4, Block 4, Nielsen Halvorson
S32 T23N Rg59E Parcel NE ¼
Lot 3, Block 4, Gardner
Lot 19, Block 29, Kenoyer
Lot 6, Block 2, Original
Lots 7 & 8, Block 6, Original
Lot 7, Block 7, Gardner
Lot 8, Block 6, Fischer's Estate

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council voted Aye.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

July 7th, 2014
DATE SIGNED

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