

April 20th, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Rick Norby called the regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Alderwoman Sergent, Alderwoman Gilbert, Alderman Gartner, Alderman Smith, and Alderwoman Christensen.
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **April 6, 2015:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2015 regular city council meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Selling Alcohol Before Noon on Sunday Ordinance (For-amend/repeal ordinance, Against-keep ordinance as is)**
 - i. Arnold Hanson, South 40-For
 - ii. Ray Johnson, Winner's Pub-For
 - iii. Kelly Burke, Reese and Rays IGA-For
 - iv. John Reynolds, Reynolds Market-For
 - v. Gary Baldwin, Cadillac and Rod Iron-For
 - vi. Raleigh Peck, Electric Land-For
 - vii. Bill Barber, Church Community-Against
 - viii. Walt McNutt, Resident-For
 - b. Michael Francinguel, Sidney Herald
 - c. Steve Arnold
 - d. Joel Kleinsasser
 - e. Lora Sundheim
 - f. Kevin Sundheim
 - g. Lowell Cutshaw, Interstate Engineering
 - h. Michael Roiger
 - i. Cheryl Roiger
 - j. Karen McNutt
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Legislature Update:** Mayor Norby informed the Council that he and City Clerk Redfield went to Helena the previous Sunday through Monday to testify on Senate Bill 416 and to discuss the issues that the City of Sidney is having with funding. He stated that they had meetings with numerous Senators and Representatives, the League of Cities and Towns, and anyone else that would listen. He also stated that SB 416 is still in the House Appropriations Committee and is currently being amended, hopefully bringing more money impacted areas.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Budget and Finance:**
 - i. **Employee Health Insurance:** Alderwoman Sergent informed the Council that the Budget and Finance Committee met to discuss the health insurance for the upcoming year. She stated that MMIA is anticipating a 5.3% rate increase. It was the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to have the City assume the cost of the 5.3% rate increase and to provide eye and dental insurance through MMIA at cost of the employee, and this recommendation was in the form of a motion to approve by Alderwoman Sergent. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if no longer using Union Gateway was a part of this motion, because she felt it is a local business and with it not being a large amount she would like to see it kept local. She also stated that Union Gateway represents the employee's interests on claims and it gives someone local to go to with questions. City Clerk Redfield stated that not using Union Gateway was at the recommendation of the MMIA Account Representative Janet Mackin who stated that MMIA and current City Staff are more than adequately providing the service that Union Gateway would be providing, but without the additional cost, which could be used to offset the rate increase. Alderman Smith asked how many times City Clerk Redfield knows Union Gateway was officially used, and she replied only once in her memory. Mayor Norby stated that he needed a vote on the current motion, which did not include if the City would continue to use Union Gateway as a member representative. All council present voted aye.

Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion to send whether or not to continue using Union Gateway as the City Representative back to committee for further review. With no second, the motion failed.

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve no longer using Union Gateway as the City of Sidney member representative with MMIA, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 aye, 1 nay, and 1 absent.
 - ii. **Procurement Cards:** Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Budget and Finance Committee met to discuss the use of procurement cards within the city. She stated that the procurement are similar to debit cards that will work better than purchase orders and will give more control over purchases. Alderwoman Christensen stated it was the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee in the form of a motion to approve moving forward with the procurement cards, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. Alderman Smith asked if there was any fees or costs, to which Treasurer Dey stated that as long as a \$40,000.00 minimum use was met there would be no fees, and the utility bills that the city could pay with these cards alone would cover that. Chief DiFonzo asked if all departments were to be affected, why the department heads were not included in the conversation. Alderwoman Christensen informed him that a department head meeting would be taking place in next week. All Council present voted aye.

Alderwoman Christensen stated it was the second recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to not allow large purchases until the end of the fiscal year without council approval. She stated this is recommended because of the known financial strains the City of Sidney is in and will continue to be in in the next fiscal year, and that her recommendation was in the form of a motion, to which Alderwoman Sergent seconded. After discussion Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to amend her original motion to include that large purchase amounts will be set with the aide of Department Heads, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. All council present voted aye.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Alderwoman Gilbert informed the council that on the 28th of April Hazard Mitigation Specialist Nadine will be in Sidney to discuss the North Meadow Retention pond and possible grant funds and also look at the Well 11 Generator, which was provided via grant funds.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**
 - a. **Iverson Amended Plat-Lots 7 & 8 of Block 5, Original:** PWD Hintz informed the council that this was an amended plat combining two lots. Mr. Iverson had purchased 2 lots with 2 separate buildings, but would like them connected, and according to City Code, connecting buildings must be on the same lot. City Planner How recommended approval of the Iverson Amended Plat. Motion was made to approve the Iverson Amended Plat by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Smith, all council present voted aye.
 - b. **Sidney Growth Policy Hearing-Tuesday April 21st, 2015 6pm:** Mayor Norby announced that the Sidney Growth Policy Hearing would be Tuesday April 21 at 6pm and the MSU-B Extension Office, and will be followed by the County Transportation Plan Hearing.
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:** City Attorney Navratil informed the Council that the Sage Court Homes project is moving forward. Chief DiFonzo stated that the Memorandum of Understanding still needs to be set.
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo informed the Council that on Thursday April 23, 2015 he will be riding with the Sheriff to deliver a local prisoner to Powell County.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**

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- a. **Report:** PWD Hintz informed the Council that he had a correction from the Cell Tower Lease information that he provided the council previously, and that was the tower at City Hall is still up for lease. After much discussion it was decided that PWD Hintz and City Attorney Navratil will look into the situation further and present back to council.
- b. PWD Hintz stated that Quilling's and Water Tower Park are being facelifted this spring, but will be done in the next couple weeks.
- 16. COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
- a. **Report: Nothing**
- b. **Park Board Update: Swim Passes:** Compliance Officer Mead, presenting on behalf of the Park and Rec Board, informed the council that the provided numbers for the swim pass prices this year were created at the lengthy discussion between the pool Managers, City Staff, the Park and Rec Board, and the Swim Team. He stated it was the Park and Rec Boards recommendation to approve the prices provided for the 2015 summer. Motion was made to approve the new swim pass prices by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council present voted aye.
- c. **Mowing:** Compliance Officer Mead asked that a Park and Rec Committee meeting be held to finalize the Mowing Policy for the 2015 summer.
- 17. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:**
- a. **Report: Nothing**
- 18. CITY TREASURER:** City Treasurer Dey informed the Council that an updated claims report was provided, increasing the claims to be approved to \$236,513.15 due to last minute bills that needed to be paid directly.
- 19. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed April 17, 2015
- b. **Claims to be approved:** \$ 234,853.81---increased to \$236,513.15
- c. **Building Permits to be approved:**
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| 2015-102 | Brent Bowlds | 501 9 th St SE | Garage | L16, B2, Nielsen Halvorson 2 nd Phase I |
| 2015-103 | Jason Torrance | 414 2 nd St SE | Garage | L19 & 20, B27, Kenoyer |
| 2015-104 | Nina Keller | 529 7 th Ave NE | Mant. Home | L8, B4, Fischer's Estates |
| 2015-105 | Cherise Parlin | 517 8 th Ave NE | Fence | L10, B6, Fischer's Estates |
| 2015-106 | McNutt Family Trust | 110 12 th Ave SW | Roof | L1, B2, JB Subdivision |
| 2015-107 | Warren Fisher | 1993 Sunflower Lane | Fence | Lot 51A |
| 2015-108 | Robert Rosehendorfer | 1995 Sunflower Lane | Fence | Lot 50A, |
| 2015-109 | Timothy Frank | 614 9 th Ave SW | Fence | L12, B1, Hanson |
| 2015-110 | Randy Iversen | 205 2 nd Ave NE | Demolition | Block 5, Original |
| 2015-111 | Fulkerson Funeral Home | 311 2 nd St NW | Demolition | L6, B37, Original |
| 2015-112 | John Kelly | 537 35 th Ave NW | Roof | L7&8, B5, Original |
| 2015-113 | Iversen Invest. Prop LLC | 205 2 nd Ave NE | New Home | L22, B8, Wagon Wheel Village |
| 2015-114 | Iron Rod Village LLC | 756 10 th Ave SE | Storage Shed | L5,6&7, B2, Augustus Vaux |
| 2015-115 | John Kelly | 501 35 th Ave NW | Roof | L13, B8, Wagon Wheel Village |
| 2015-116 | JD Jensen | 314 6 th Ave NE | VB Shop | L6&7, B7, Kenoyer |
| 2015-118 | Dawson Christion | 1098 16 th St SW | Garage | L5, B8, Lyndale Phase 3 |

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

May 4th, 2015
DATE SIGNED