

August 18, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Rick Norby at 6:30 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Sergent, Gilbert, Koffler, Smith, Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **August 4th, 2014:** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Alderwoman Sergent, and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. All council present voted aye.

5. **VISITORS:**

- a. Joe Kauffman: Big Sky Surveying
- b. Paul Groshart: Richland County Housing
- c. Susan Minichiello: Sidney Herald

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Low Income Housing Credit Program:** Mr. Groshart stated that Sunset Village apartments will be constructed to create community low income housing, to fit the needs of the area. Mayor Norby asked for any comments for or against the low income housing, and with none for or against he closed the public hearing.

7. **MAYOR NORBY:**

- a. **Reminder: MLCT Registration is due September 2nd:** Mayor Norby stated that the conference is October 7th through the 11th and that anyone wanting to attend needs to inform City Clerk Redfield.
- b. **Budget Public Hearing: September 2, 2014:** Mayor Norby stated that the next council meeting will contain the public hearing for the budget, any questions or concerns should be addressed with City Clerk Redfield.

8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**

- a. **Water and Sewer:** Alderman Smith stated that the water and sewer committee met to discuss the Resolution of Intent and the Interlocal Agreement for the employee housing with Richland County. It was decided that Chief DiFonzo and City Attorney Navratil will continue to review the agreement and bring back to council once changes are made.

9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Alderman Smith asked that a Resolution be drafted to disband the HR Committee for the Sidney City council. Alderwoman Sergent asked him why he would like this done, and he replied that there has been confusion in the committee's abilities, it can open the council up to litigation, and it is recommended in the Montana Municipal Officer's Handbook to not have an HR Committee. Alderman Smith made the motion to have a resolution drafted to disband the Sidney City Council HR Committee, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded it. All council present voted aye.

Alderman Smith asked City Attorney Navratil if there are guidelines for inappropriate behavior of a city council member outside a meeting. City Attorney Navratil stated that there are rules of conduct, and that the City of Sidney's insurance company is holding a training for the council and officers that would go over this. Alderman Smith asked if there are ramifications for a council person should they not follow the code of conduct or if they act individually or without authority from the council. City Attorney Navratil stated that no council member has authority alone, and that this also will be addressed at the workshop.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Richfield Addition Lot Vacation-Table**

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing

12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**

- a. **Cavanaugh Amended Plat:** City Planner How made the recommendation via City Clerk Redfield to approve the Cavanaugh Amended Plat with the conditions as outlined in his staff report. Motion to approve the Cavanaugh Amended Plat with the conditions outlined by City Planner How's staff report was made by Alderwoman Sergent, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:**

- a. **DRWA Agreement:** City Attorney Navratil presented the council with an amendment to the Dry Red Water Association Agreement that had been previously passed by the council. The amendment modified the current minimum coverage as set by Montana Code. Motion to approve the amendment to the Dry Red Water Association Agreement was made by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.
- b. **Ordinance 555: Nuisance Ordinance Amendment (2nd reading):** City Attorney Navratil read Ordinance 555 amending the nuisance ordinance out loud for the second reading. Motion was made to approve the final reading of Ordinance 555, amending the nuisance ordinance by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Koffler. Council voted as follows:

Aye: Christensen, Smith, Koffler, Gilbert, and Sergent
Nay: None
Absent: Gartner

14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**

- a. **Chief Update:** Nothing
- b. **School Zone Warning Lights:** Chief DiFonzo informed the council that XTO donated the remaining money needed to put the flashing warning signs at Central School, which will cost approximately \$14,000.00 and he feels like these lights will help greatly with safety.

15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**

- a. **Monthly Update:** None
- b. **Sweeper Bid Award:** PWD Hintz provided the council with a bid tabulation. He stated that although Swanston Machinery had the lower bid with a Global M-3 Sweeper, he would prefer to give the Bid Award to Titan Machinery with the Elgin Pelican Sweeper, as they are only minorly over the price of the other and the current equipment the city has at the shop is for a Elgin Pelican Sweeper, and would be able to be used on this sweeper also. Motion was made to giving the bid award to Titan Machinery and the Elgin Pelican Sweeper for \$169,065.00 minus any trade in value by Alderman Smith, and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. All council present voted aye.

16. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**

- a. **Monthly Update:** Nothing

17. **CITY TREASURER:**

- a. **Repurchase Agreement with Stockman Bank:** City Clerk Redfield presented the council with the contract options for the 2 repurchase agreements that are maturing at Stockman Bank. Motion was made to approve renewing the repurchase agreements for both accounts maturing for one year at .25 % interest rate was made by Alderwoman Sergent, and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye.

18. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed August 15, 2014
- b. **CLAIMS TO BE APPROVED:** \$171,892.12
- c. **BUILDING PERMITS:**

Don Peterson 223 3rd Ave NE
Sidney Chamber Office 909 S Central
Mary Bloom 541 8th Ave NE

2X6 Frame
Remodel
Fence

Lot 12, Block 34, Original
Unit 406
Lot 7, Block 6, Fischer Estates

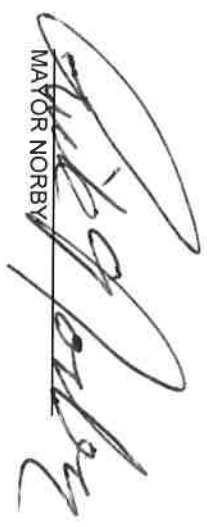
A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm

August 18, 2014

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

September 2, 2014
DATE SIGNED

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