

June 2nd, 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:** Sergeant, Gilbert, Koffler, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **May 19th, 2014:** Motion was made by Alderwoman Christensen to approve the minutes from the May 19th regular city council meeting, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council present voted aye.
 - a. **Kiwanis, Bob Frank and Bill Vader Wheel:** Kiwanis made a request to the city council that on June 13 they could have part or all of the block directly in front of the Richland County Courthouse blocked off. They will be hosting their annual Pie Social from 8am – 2pm. They would also require the City to provide tables and garbage cans for the event, which is helping in the celebration of the Richland County Centennial. Chief DiFonzo stated that he had no issues with doing this. Motion was made to approve blocking of the street in front of the Richland County Courthouse on June 13th for the Kiwanis Pie Social by Alderwoman Gilbert, and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. Chief DiFonzo stated that many more requests are likely to come in to city hall so he would like to see the motion to leave further decisions at the discretion of him and PWD Hintz. Alderwoman Gilbert amended her previous motion to include this, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the amendment. All council present voted aye.
 - b. **Afiac, Sandra Guenot:** Mrs. Guenot presented the city council with a packet that outlines the benefit of the city changing to pre-taxing the payments from employee's paychecks, or "flexing" them. In the packet it explains that it could save the city up to 7.65%. There is no cost to set up this type of plan, but it does require Mrs. Guenot to meet with every employee to go over the benefits and have them sign a waiver if they choose not to participate. City council members chose to look over the information further and make a decision at a later date.
 - c. **Officer Alex Rosalles and Officer Xero:** Officer Rosalles presented his new K9 partner Xero to the city council. They have completed all the required training, and are now getting on the job experience together. The K9 van has also been finished. An article will be in the Sidney Herald this week thanking the community for the donations that completely paid for Xero, his and Officer Rosalles' training, and the equipment.
 - d. **Bagnell RV Park, Gordy Bagnell and Al Block**
 - e. **Interstate Engineering, Adam Smith and Lowell Cutshaw**
 - f. **Murtagh Municipal Engineering, Patrick Murtagh**
 - g. **Duane Mitchell**
 - h. **Sidney Herald, Susan Minichiello**
 - i. **Jensen Services, Jeremy Jensen**
 - j. **City of Sidney, Compliance Officer Jeff Mead and City Treasurer Jessica Hoon**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **City Mower Contract:** Mayor Norby presented a contract with Jensen Services to do the mowing of the out grown lawns this summer. City Attorney Navratil stated that he would like to amend the contract slightly to ensure the liability and safety of the City. Mayor Norby asked to approve him reviewing and signing of the contract after the changes are made so that the mowing can be started, as there is already laws needing attention in the city limits. Motion was made to accept the contract with Jensen Services with any changes made by City Attorney Navratil was made by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council voted aye.
 - b. Mayor Norby stated that the council has been invited to Joe Russell to attend the open house for the Candlewood Suites on June 3, 2014, from 4pm to 7pm.
 - c. Mayor Norby stated that the Auditor Bob Denning, Downey and Associates is here to do the annual audit. He and Treasurer Hoon have provided a packet of information pertaining to the accounts for the City of Sidney for the council. Mr. Denning would like to meet with the City Council on June 3, 2014 at 4pm in the City Hall Chambers.
 - d. Mayor Norby stated that they received a request of the city council to express their support for the USDA Research Center. City Attorney Navratil stated they are seeking this so they can acquire funding. Motion was made to put the USDA ARS Center letter of support on the agenda by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council voted aye. Motion was made to sign the letter of support for the USDA ARS Center by Alderman Smith, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council voted aye.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Park and Rec:**
 - i. **Swim team camping in park:** Alderman Koffler stated that PWD Hintz, Chief DiFonzo, and Parks Superintendent Ridl presented the swim team with the rules for them to camp in city parks for their meet June 7 and 8, and the swim team agreed with them. Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve the rules as presented to the swim team, and Alderwoman Sergeant seconded. All council voted aye.
 - b. **Sanitation**
 - i. **Garbage Issues:** Alderwoman Gilbert stated that the sanitation committee met with PWD Hintz to go over the garbage issues. In the meeting it was discovered that the current ordinance for the solid waste department is very out dated and needs updated. It was the recommendation of the sanitation committee to have City Attorney Navratil look at and update the solid waste ordinance.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Alderwoman Sergeant stated that the Fire Department held their annual Fireman's Breakfast on Sunday June 1 and they had a good turnout. They served approximately 1350 plates and the donations they received were up from last year.
 - b. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that she is looking for group volunteers for the Centennial 'Clean-up' that is June 5-7 to clean up the City of Sidney prior to the Richland County Centennial.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**
 - a. **Bagnell RV Park:**
 - i. **Rezoning Application:** City Planner How stated that Bagnell RV Park is currently in the process of being purchased by the Park Land Company, it is his recommendation to change the zoning of Bagnell RV Park to Mobile Home Park, so that in the future the Conditional Use Permit to allow RV's would not be needed. In the staff report he presented there are 17 conditions compiled by both the applicant and himself that would need to be met that he reviewed with the city council. Chief DiFonzo asked if the barricades that are currently up on Warren Street would be taken down. PWD Hintz stated that he would like to see them stay up and he and Chief DiFonzo agreed that until the street is dedicated to the city they should stay up. Al Block, representative of Park Land Company and minor partner in the purchasing of Bagnell RV Park stated that they are in full agreement of all of the conditions as outlined. Gordy Bagnell, current owner of Bagnell RV Park, stated that he has a letter provided by City Clerk Redfield stating that all fees were paid for the existing 88 spaces. Motion was made to approve the rezoning of Bagnell RV Park to Mobile Home Park was made by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Gilbert. City Planner How stated he would like it in the motion to include that condition 6 include keeping the barricades up. Alderwoman Christensen amended her motion to state such, and Alderwoman Sergeant seconded it. All council present voted aye.
 - ii. **Variance Application:** City Planner How stated that this is to allow the RV Park to have the already existing and licensed 88 spaces, which is more than the current zoning allows for. The same 17 conditions are outlined in the variance application as was in the rezoning application. Motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the variance with the conditions outlined including amending condition 6 to include keeping the barricades up, and was seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:**
 - a. **Ordinance 552: Wastewater Code, 2nd reading:** City Attorney Navratil read aloud the second reading of Ordinance 552. Motion was made to approve the second reading of Ordinance 552 by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. Voted went as follows:
Ayes: Christensen, Smith, Gartner, Koffler, Gilbert, and Sergeant
Nays: None
Absent: None

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14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:

- a. **Chief Update:** Chief DiFonzo stated that the minutes from March 19 alluded that the funding for the traffic lights at central is already received, but they are in fact still looking for approximately \$22,000 to get lights like will be placed at West Side School. Chief DiFonzo also stated that Central School is going to be redoing their sidewalks, and in the process of that he asked if they would extend the parking area and made the sidewalks smaller to allow for better parking and make it safer for the buses, and central school agreed. PWD Hintz stated that Safe Routes to School money may be available to help fund the lights.
- b. Chief DiFonzo stated he is happy that they could introduce Xero to the council and that the program is a work in progress but it will be a great asset to the City, County, and surrounding areas.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Monthly Report:** PWD Hintz stated that according to the report garbage is down, but that is due to not getting scale tickets a couple of days when the power was out at the dump. With those tickets he is guessing the garbage would have been up this month also. PWD Hintz stated that the sewer calls are up, and they believe this is due to many people living in one residence.
 - b. **Wagon Wheel SID:** PWD Hintz state that the Wagon Wheel Subdivision is asking to be added to the proposed SID at 34th. Interstate Engineering stated to add the investigation for the added area would cost an additional \$4-5,000.00. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if LYREA was still in opposition to the SID on 34th and what this addition would do to their decision percentage. PWD Hintz stated that they are on the fence, but the addition would lower their percentage of the job. Motion was made to approve Interstate Engineering to investigate the addition to the SID for 34th to include the Wagon Wheel Subdivision was made by Alderwoman Sergent, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council voted aye.
 - c. **Yellowstone Court SID:** PWD Hintz stated that Walt McNutt owner of Yellowstone Court asked for an SID to improve the street, curb and gutter for the Yellowstone Court. PWD Hintz stated that with him being the only owner of the property in that area he is not sure if an SID is required. Motion was made to send to the street and alley committee by Alderwoman Gilbert and seconded by Alderman Smith. All council present voted aye.
 - d. PWD Hintz stated that they had a meeting with Sidney Sugars, who currently has a man camp skid on the out skirts of Sidney on Richland County property that will house employees. They are wanting to be added to City water and sewer services. It was the recommendation of PWD Hintz and City Planner How to have them annex the portion of property that the man camp resides on into the city before allowing the hook up to city services. This portion of the land is contiguous with the city limits. City Planner How stated he meets with them later in the week to discuss all the options. PWD Hintz stated that this is only an FYI at this time.
 - e. Alderman Smith asked PWD Hintz how many of the sewer only residents have picked up the meters to install in their residences. City Clerk Redfield stated that 7-10 meters have been picked up, but there is a list of people to call to come in and pick them up.
- 16. CITY TREASURER:** City Treasurer Hoon stated she was present to answer any questions pertaining to the information provided by her and Auditor Denning. No questions were asked at this time.
- 17. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed May 30, 2014
 - b. **CLAIMS TO BE APPROVED:** \$121,279.47
 - c. **BUILDING PERMITS:**

Joe Russell
Jana Seright
Tina Emly
Edward Couture
Chris Larson
Sidney Health Center
Nick Torgensen
Mel Hoffman

Duplex
Covered Entryway
Fence
Manufactured Home
Fence
Addition
Modular Home
Fence

Lot 2, Block 7, Augustus Vaux
Lot 9, Block 48, Kenoyer
Lot 2, Block 1, Kiline
Lot 5 & 6, Block 3, Wagon Wheel
Lot 5, Block 6, Johnson's Thrid
S32 T 23N Rg 59e Parcel NE
Lot 4, Block 4, Neilsen Halverson Add
Lot 3, Block 4, Gardner

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

Mayor Norby announced that Jeff Mead, the new Compliance Officer, has started full time this week. Mr. Mead stated that so far the response has been positive.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY
JUNE 16, 2014
DATE SIGNED