

March 2nd, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the 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:**
 - a. **February 17, 2015:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015 regular council meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **District 2 Drug and Alcohol Presentation-Christine Turek, Zoe Thom, Scottlynn Anglesey, Missy Smies:** Mrs. Smies introduced Miss Turek, Miss Thom, and Miss Anglesey who then presented to the council a power point on what they learned during their trip to Orlando for CADCA and what they will be doing in the future in Sidney.
 - b. **MonDak Heritage Center-Joe Bradley and Leann Pelvit:** Mr. Bradley informed the council that he was present on behalf of the MonDak Heritage Center formally protesting the mowing tax assessment that was put on the MonDak's property taxes by the City of Sidney. He informed the council that he does not believe the lot in front of the Scout Cabin should have been mowed, as they had a hired mower and had previously sprayed Round-up for the weeds. Alderwoman Gilbert made a motion to send the formal protestation of their mowing tax assessment to the Park and Rec Committee. It was the general consensus of the Council to do so. The Park and Rec Board invited Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Pelvit to attend the committee meeting on Thursday March 5th 2015 at 5pm.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - a. **TBID Budget:** Mayor Norby called the Public Hearing for the TBID Budget for 2015 to order at 6:38pm. Mayor Norby called for any testimony for the TBID 2015 Budget 3 times, with no one coming forward. Mayor Norby called for any testimony against the TBID 2015 Budget 3 times, with no one coming forward. Motion was made to formally approve the TBID 2015 Budget by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Koffler. All council present voted aye. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:40pm.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **NPR Interview:** Mayor Norby informed the Council that he, City Clerk Redfield, Utilities Manager Anderson, and Chief DiFonzo interviewed with the NPR Radio, and that City Clerk Redfield will inform the council of when the segment will air.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Water and Sewer Committee:** Alderman Smith informed the Council that the Water and Sewer Committee met and discussed the sewer hook-up of non-city resident Jim Gullickson, but decided not to allow the hook-up to City Services per City Code that states that no not annexed residential can be hooked to city services.

Alderman Smith informed the Council that the Water and Sewer Committee met and discussed the hook-up of the High Plains Vet Clinic to the City Sewer, and recommend approval of hook-up following the stipulations set forth by City Staff, per City Code which allows not annexed commercial buildings be connected to city services. Motion was made to approve the hook-up of the High Plains Vet Clinic to City Sewer, as long as they follow all City Staff stipulations and requirements by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council present voted aye.

Alderman Smith informed the Council that the Water and Sewer Committee met to discuss the proposed Payback Agreement of Hill Top Estates for their portion of the infrastructure that was installed. Alderman Smith stated that City Code only allows for payback agreements to be created at the time of annexation so it was the Water and Sewer Committee's recommendation not to approve the Payback Agreement.

Alderman Smith informed the Council that Utilities Manger Anderson told the Water and Sewer Committee that there have been changes to the City Water. PWD Hintz stated that the water hardness has been increasing and that the City will have to do a study in the future to figure out what is wrong, but that they currently do not know what is causing it. Alderman Smith stated that there is no health issues with this, just updating the Council.
 - b. **Budget and Finance:** Alderman Sergeant informed the Council that the Budget and Finance Committee met with Chief DiFonzo, Paul Groshart, and City Attorney Navratil to review Resolution 3689. She stated that City Attorney Navratil is further reviewing the Resolution to ensure it covers the City Needs moving forward.

Alderwoman Sergeant informed the Council that the Budget and Finance Committee met to discuss the Downtown Enhancement Project. The City Budgeted \$200,000 for the project that only encompasses a small area of Sidney, and the Committee agreed that this should be put on hold until the City is aware of the funding that they get through legislature given the infrastructure needs.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nothing
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Compliance Officer Job Description:** Mayor Norby asked the Council to approve the updated Compliance Officer Job that was tabled in about June, and has since been reviewed by PWD Hintz, Chief DiFonzo and himself. Motion was made to approve the Compliance Officer's Job Description by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if any schooling would be required, and PWD Hintz responded that there is none available that we know of. All council present voted aye.
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW:**
 - a. **American Land Group-Sidney Crossing: Preliminary Plat Extension:** City Planner How stated that Hal Haymoth requested a 1 year extension of the Preliminary Plat for Sidney Crossing which is due the beginning of April. He stated that they do not have any infrastructure in the ground yet and that they are waiting to see what the oil prices do before moving forward. City Planner How recommended approval of the 1 year extension of the Preliminary Plat for Sidney Crossing, and Alderman Smith made a motion to that effect. Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. City Attorney Navratil asked if they had any financial guarantee in place, and City Planner How stated that they would not until infrastructure is in place. All council present voted aye.
13. **CITY ATTORNEY NAVRATIL:** Nothing
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo presented the Council with a letter of resignation for Rhema Keller whose last day will be March 14, 2015, and will be moving to the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Chief DiFonzo recommended approval of the resignation. Motion was made to approve the resignation of Rhema Keller from the Sidney Police Department by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. Alderman Smith asked Chief DiFonzo stated he is 2 police officers short and that they have promising applications in to interview. All Council present voted aye.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **Report:** PWD Hintz presented the Council with his monthly report. He also stated that the pot holes are becoming apparent and they are preparing to start to take care of them.
16. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEAD:**
 - a. **Report:** Compliance Officer Mead presented his monthly report to the Council.
17. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:** Nothing
18. **CITY TREASURER:** Nothing

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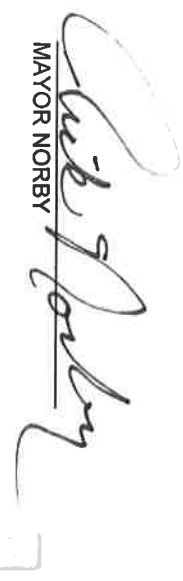
19. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda
- a. GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed February 26, 2015
 - b. Claims to be approved: \$ 102,595.96
 - c. Building Permits to be approved:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

March 14, 2015
DATE SIGNED