

Special Meeting October 28, 2015

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Rick Norby at 5:30 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. City Hall IT Proposals:** Alderwoman Sergeant stated that the Budget and Finance Committee met with City Staff to discuss the IT proposals from Pine Cove and MARCO. Alderwoman Sergeant made a motion, per the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve hiring Pine Cove, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded the motion. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that the memo provided by Treasurer Dey doesn't make either firm seem responsible. Treasurer Dey stated that they are what is available in this area, but that City Staff recommended Pine Cove because they are not contracting out the cabling as MARCO is, and they have a tech that lives in the Sidney area that will be available for assistance, where MARCO's nearest tech is in Minot. Treasurer Dey also stated that the Pine Cove bid will be approximately \$600-\$1000 cheaper due to changing the 9 desktops to 7 desktops and 2 laptops. Alderman Smith asked how long the contract will be with Pine Cove, and Treasurer Dey stated that the contract will be a 3 year contract, compared to a 5 year contract with MARCO. All council present voted aye.

City Clerk Redfield stated that the Pine Cove contract has the City borrowing the money for the infrastructure needed via a local bank, but with the amount budgeted this year for the project, financing is not needed, and that she would recommend the Council approving paying for the infrastructure outright instead of paying interest on a loan. Motion was made to approve paying for the infrastructure upgrade through the Pine Cove contract outright by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All council present voted aye.

- 5. City Attorney Contract:** Alderwoman Sergeant stated the Budget and Finance Committee met and discussed the Attorney Contract with Netzer Law Office, and she made a motion, per the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the contract with Netzer Law Office hiring Joel Krautter as the City Attorney, Don Netzer and Tara Rose-Miller as Deputy City Attorney's, with an update to the contract stating that they will not be allowed to be attorney's in any lawsuits against the City of Sidney, swearing the new Attorney's in will take place at the November 2, 2015 meeting and a Special Meeting will need to be called for November 17th, 2015 to go over duties with the new City Attorney's. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that she would like to see the City Attorney Contract modified to cite Montana Codes, as other City Attorney Contracts do. Mr. Krautter stated that they could easily be added. Motion was made to include the modification to the City Attorney Contract to cite Montana Code to the previous motion was made by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council present voted aye.

Mr. Krautter stated the Special Meeting being called is at the recommendation of the Ethic's Council at the Montana Bar Association to discuss the scope of duties and confidentiality issues so that everyone starts the new contract fully understanding the duties of the new attorneys and avoid ethical issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm

ATTEST:



Jessica Redfield
CITY CLERK



MAYOR NORBY

November 2nd 2015
DATE SIGNED