

## Police and Fire Committee Meeting

### Agenda

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:00PM

Present: Kali Godfrey, Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks, Chief Kraft

#### 1. 10:00 o'clock Siren:

Alderwoman Sergent opened the Police and Fire Committee Meeting at 6:00PM to talk about the 10:00 o'clock siren and the Sidney Police Department Eastern Montana Drug Task Force.

Alderwoman Christensen stated that everyone she has talked too around town would like for the city to leave it alone, people have stated that they like curfew siren to let them know its time for bed. Mayor Norby stated that he has been approached in the community by people and they also mentioned to him to leave it alone, Chief Kraft said he has heard not to change it as well.

Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to leave the 10:00 o'clock siren as it is right now, Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

#### 2. Sidney Police Department Eastern Montana Drug Task Force:

Chief Kraft stated that the Sidney Police Department has not been associated with a Drug Force Task for several years, Chief Kraft said during the height of the last oil boom DIC, and the FBI were very effective in Sidney. Chief Kraft mentioned that the Sidney Police Department and the Richland County Sherriff Office feel as if it would be a significant benefit to the community and it would require a financial contribution spilt between the Sidney Police Department and the Richland County Sherriff Office. Chief Kraft stated the Sidney Police Department share would be about \$6,000.00 a year, Alderwoman Christensen asked where are they station out of? Chief Kraft stated that they are stated out of Miles City, and they would come up to the Richland County area to work regularly and work on some cases around here, Chief Kraft mentioned if the city chooses not to partnered up with Eastern Montana Drug Force Task, they will still come up to the area to work but, they will not take the initiative to work the area.

Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve of the \$6,000.00 per agency per year with the Eastern Montana Drug Force Task, Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Chief Kraft also wanted to bring up an informative topic with recruitment efforts with the Sidney Police Department, Chief Kraft stated that he has had a phone meeting with video company called Threefold LLC based out of Bismarck North Dakota. Chief Kraft also stated this company would design a recruitment video for the Sidney Police Department and showcase the department and the

City of Sidney, Chief Kraft also mentioned Threefolds LLC will also post on the Sidney Police Department Social Media accounts. Chief Kraft said he would like Threefolds LLC to really showcase how safe it is to live in Sidney and how great the Sidney Police Department would be to work for, Chief Kraft is hoping with this recruitment video showcased some qualified applicants will apply. Chief Kraft also said he got a quote from Threefolds LLC and it would be around \$19,135.00 for the video but, Chief Kraft also said he wanted a video that would be great to use for the next five years or so. Alderwoman Christensen asked if this project could go into next year budget, and Chief Kraft said yes it very much could. Mayor Norby mentioned that he watched a sample recruitment video that Threefolds LLC did design, and Mayor Norby said it was a very powerful video.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.



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BreeAnn Shanks, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

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Janet Sergent, Committee Chair