

# Street and Alley Committee Meeting

## Minutes

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6:30PM (or once Police and Fire Committee is over)

Present: Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent, Bryan Gartner

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, PWD Hintz, Chief DiFonzo, City Attorney Kalil, Caysi Johnson, Jeff Mead, Amy Efta, Larry Christensen, Brent Littlen, Rocky Norby, Don Franz, Blaine Rogers, Robert Severson, Tim Partin, Bill Linder, Rick Partin, Mike Shank, Jim Lander, Marv Schulz

**Ordinance #581-Updating City Code for Idling Vehicles:** City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance out loud. Chief DiFonzo stated that he presented this code change in November to the City Council to help protect residents from noise and odor. He stated there has been complaints over the years on this issue. Discussion was had on the Ordinance, with many business owners bringing forward issues with it. These issues included: prohibiting their existing businesses from running properly because their trucks need to run overnight at times, new emission standards on new trucks making them quiet and not as odorous, the proximity of most commercial/industrial zones to residential zones being less than 500 feet, running diesel vehicles during off hours for emergency situations such as sewer back-ups, that trucks need longer than 30 minutes to be warmed up and that usually happens before 7:00am, and the cost of getting trucks running once they freeze up completely. It was also discussed that the Ordinance is partially in anticipation to the rumored plans at Cenex, that would negatively affect the residential area to the West of it. Chief DiFonzo stated that the ordinance can and should be amended to compromise with the issues presented by the business owners in attendance, and that their points were appreciated. It was the decision of the Street and Alley Committee to look into amending Ordinance 581, and to meet again.

**Update City Code 9-9-17 and 10-2-13-Parking:** Chief DiFonzo stated the update to City Code 9-9-17 is for overnight parking in City Parks or parking lots for City Parks. He stated that the Parks close at 11pm, and so parking is not necessary after that time. Mr. Rogers asked if this included next to Veteran's Park, and Chief stated this does not apply for parking on City streets, only the parking lots such as at South Meadow and Peterson Parks. Motion was made to recommend approval of moving forward with updating City Code 9-9-17 by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderman Gartner seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Chief DiFonzo stated the update to City Code 10-2-13 is to bring City Code in line with State Code. He stated City Code does not give a number of days vehicles are allowed to be parked on State Highways, and vehicles are left on Central Avenue for months. He stated State Code only allows for 2 days, which will make snow removal an such easier to do. He stated that for City Streets it is 5 days. Motion was made to recommend the approval of the update to City Code 10-2-13 by Alderman Gartner, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

**Right-of-way permits-Update City Code:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Committee has been presented a copy of the Bozeman City Code for right-of-way permits and regulations. She stated this code was provided by City Planner Sanderson and needs to be read and reviewed by the Committee for the City of Sidney to utilize in updating their code.

**O'Brien Lot:** PWD Hintz stated he approached Sidney Eye Care/Mrs. O'Brien about the lot next to City Hall on Central, as the sidewalks are in need of updating. In that discussion, they offered to sell the lot to the City of Sidney. He stated the lot could be used for future City Hall expansion or a parking lot. He stated they offered

the lot for \$50,000, and that Leif Anderson of Beagle Properties stated that it should appraise for around that amount. City Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated they are not seeking approval for the purchase of the lot at this time, rather permission to move forward with a buy/sell agreement, contingent on appraisal, and get it appraised. She stated once it was appraised, it would be brought back to the City Council for decision on if it should be purchased and price. Mr. Rogers stated the City Council should also include the cost for improving the sidewalks and turning it into a parking lot with their decision. Motion was made to recommend approval of moving forward with getting the property appraised and looking into the purchasing of the lot further by Alderman Gartner, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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Jessica Chamberlin, City Clerk

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Tami Christensen, Committee Chair