

# September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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:** Christensen, Smith, Gartner, Rasmussen, and Sergeant; Absent: Koffler
  4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
    - a. **September 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2016 regular council meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.
  5. **VISITORS:**
    - a. **Mel Hoffman, Thrifty White Drug: request of use of City Sidewalk:** Mr. Hoffman stated he was before the City Council to request the use of the city sidewalk on the west side of the White Drug building for plant racks from approximately April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the racks are stair steps about three feet wide, and that the handicap area is not blocked. PWD Hintz stated that it blocks ADA access as they traverse the sidewalk, and that there are more issues with the situation than just the plant racks on the sidewalk. He stated that their off street parking has been taken over by selling of plants, only one green house was permitted for the summer months only, and now there are two that are up year round. PWD Hintz stated that he did receive written confirmation from the church that they have agreed to let White Drug use their parking lot, and that the handicapped ramp access has not previously been blocked. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that she has taken her double wide stroller down the sidewalk and didn't have issue, and it is wider than a wheel chair. It was the general consensus of the City Council to send the request of Mr. Hoffman of white drug for use of city sidewalks to the Street and Alley Committee.
    - b. **Jordan Hall, Fellowship Baptist Church: request for use of camper in City Limits:** Mr. Hall stated he was before the City Council to request the approval of the use of a camper by one of his church members who lives in the camper 4-5 nights a week at to service the foodbank the church provides. He stated that having someone there is beneficial, as there are late night requests that are easily taken care of if there is. The other nights of the week the gentleman has a job out of town. Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Ordinance only allows for 28 days in a year. In discussion Alderman Smith asked if he would be staying in the camper through the winter, and Mr. Hall stated he hadn't yet, but would be if allowed. Mr. Smith asked where the food was kept and if the gentleman has access to the food and if there is a place within the church he could stay. Mr. Hall stated that the food is kept in a designated place at the church, he does and have access, and that he was under the impression the church was not in the appropriate zoning to allow people to stay in the church. Mr. Hintz stated the church is in Community Highway Business, which he does not believe allows for it. Alderman Smith stated he was trying to find an alternative solution. Motion was made to send the request of Jordan Hall of the Fellowship Baptist Church to use a camper for living quarters within the city limits to the Street and Alley Committee by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all Council present voted aye.
    - c. **Jeremy Norby, Sidney Tiger Sharks Swim Team: 2017 meet and camp dates, update:** Mr. Norby stated that he and Jeremy Klempel and Sean Dodds had been asked to represent the swim team to meet with the committee as previously discussed, and that they would like to schedule that meeting. He stated that the swim team also wanted to inform the City Council that for the 2017 swim season they would like to have their swim camp May 29, 30, and 31<sup>st</sup>, and that this year they are hoping to increase the camp from 40 swimmers to 80 swimmers by providing both morning and afternoon sessions, before the swimming lessons at the pool start and before it gets busy. He stated they would also like to have the camp prior to practice starting to give more practice time to swimmers. Mr. Norby also stated that the divisional swim meet is being hosted in Sidney at the Svaarre swimming pool on July 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. They anticipate 450 swimmers, which is great for the community and tourism. Mr. Smith stated he would like to see coordination with the pool managers for approval of any dates. Mr. Norby stated that the swim team also want to work with the pool managers to also get better practice time to hopefully increase participation from 120 to 180 participants in the program.
  6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
  7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
    - a. Mayor Norby announced the City of Sidney received an award from MMIA. It was the Award for Loss Control Achievement for Third Class Cities for the 15/16 fiscal year because we had the lowest incurred dollars in the Workers Compensation Program for the past 5 years. Mayor Norby stated PWD Hintz has agreed to receive the award at the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in October on behalf of the City of Sidney.
    - b. **Council appointment to the Impact Fee Committee:** Mayor Norby informed the City Council that the Council member representative to the Impact Fee Committee is open, due to Mrs. Gilbert resigning. He stated he would give the Council time to think about which one would like to fill the position.
  8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
    - a. **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**
      - i. **Purpose and Direction of Board:** Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that the Park and Rec Advisory Board has new members on the board and the board has questions on the roles and expectations of the Council. She stated that she does have the City Code on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to take back to the board.
      - ii. **Baseball agreement and conditions:** Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that the baseball program did not complete the agreement that they had with the city pertaining to the maintenance of Moose Park during the baseball season to the standards expected. She stated that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board is recommending charging them for the work that the City Parks Department had to do in the process.
      - iii. **High School Bike Path Display Project:** Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that Parks Superintendent Ridl presented the Park and Recreation Advisory Board with the High School Bike Path Project, which would place art projects from the high school students on the bike path by the high school.
      - iv. **Sprinkler systems for Veteran's and Quilling's Parks:** Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the sprinkler system installation for Veteran's and Quilling's Parks.
- After discussion it was the general consensus of the City Council to send all the Park and Recreation Advisory Board action items to the Park and Recreation Committee of the Sidney Council for further discussion and review.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Resolution 3724-SID 104 Boundary Line Relocation for Mayo Subdivision, and Hilltop Enterprises Phase II and IV-Tabled**
  - b. **Dawson Christian Variance Request-Tabled to be reported on by Street and Alley Committee at the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting**
11. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
  - a. **Ordinance 566-City Clerk/Treasurer-2<sup>ND</sup> Reading:** City Attorney Krautter read Ordinance 566, amending the City Code to allow for a clerk/treasurer and deputy clerk/treasurer, aloud for the second reading. Motion was made to pass the second and final reading of Ordinance 566 by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. After no further discussion, voting went as follows:  
**Ayes: 5**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Absent: 1 (Koffler)**
  - b. **Travel to MLCT Conference October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in Missoula:** City Attorney Krautter stated he would like to attend the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference from October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup> in Missoula on behalf of the City. He stated there are City Attorney sessions that discuss attorney issues that he can gain knowledge at by attending. Motion was made to approve City Attorney Krautter attending the MLCT Conference in Missoula on behalf of the City of Sidney by Alderwoman Sergeant and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all Council present voted aye.
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
  - a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo stated that he is waiting on plans for the Oktoberfest to be held in the city parking lot behind the Meadowlark Brewery. Chief DiFonzo asked PWD Hintz about the Sidney Air Show, specifically the blocking of roads and streets and the request that citizens vacate their homes during the show. PWD Hintz stated that because of an air box needed for the shows there were a couple homes where residents were asked to not occupy their homes during the show. He stated that for the same reason 13<sup>th</sup> and

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14<sup>th</sup> streets will be closed from 3 to 4 pm. He stated that the Airport is in charge of all of this, and that he has not heard anything negative pertaining to it.

## 15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Report:** PWD Hintz stated there was a pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 of the Sidney Lagoon Project that day at 2pm, and that Western Municipal is planned to start construction on Monday. He said they have an aggressive schedule, and that the project is anticipated to last 488 days, and that Christmas Day 2017 phase 2 should be done.

PWD Hintz stated Interstate Engineering has the water main topal survey complete and that the preliminary numbers are fitting within the budget. He stated Richland County has joined in on the project and will be paying to connect the Extension building to the water to get better fire protection for the building.

- b. **AE2S Revised Agreement:** PWD Hintz stated that the original amendment for the geotechnical work of the Water Treatment Plant was \$55,000.00, but because he requested AE2S to put the project out for performance based proposals, it lowered the cost of the work by \$26,000.00. Motion was made to give Mayor Norby permission to sign the AE2S revised agreement for the geotechnical work on the Water Treatment Plan by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. After no further discussion, all Council present aye.

- c. PWD Hintz informed the Council that he will be attending the MLCT Conference with City Attorney Krautter.

## 16. COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Nothing

## 17. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing

## 18. CITY TREASURER: Nothing

## 19. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed
- b. **Claims to be approved:** \$ 532,756.57 + \$2,419.30 = \$535,175.87

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Held

Dora Christensen

American Land Dev

1103 Sunflower Lane

709 Sunrise Court

Shed

Modular House

L6, B4, North Meadow Village

L3, B10, Sunrise Village

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gartner. After no discussion, all council voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR NORBY

October 3, 2016  
DATE SIGNED