

November 15th, 2021

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Meeting ID: 830 3432 7342 Passcode: 023785 Call: 1-346-248-7799

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Norby.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Godfrey, Stevenson, Koffler, Rasmussen, Sergent, Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **November 1st, 2021- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes:**
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Lee Harris-Sweeping:** Mr. Harris came before the City Council asking for them to consider looking into the sweeping assessments. He stated that he understands that his subdivision has not been charged for the last 15 years for sweeping, but the 47.5% increase in his property taxes over 4 bills for sweeping alone is extravagant. He stated that he has paid his property taxes for this year, but ultimately would like to see a review of how sweeping is assessed and the rates for future years. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin brought this in front of the Budget and Finance Committee prior to the City Council meeting and the Committee agreed to start to review the sweeping assessments, especially since the original ordinance was passed in 1964.
 - b. **Jaden Hoesel:** Mr. Hoesel of 613 4th St NE came before the City Council to issue a formal complaint on the Robert Blair property and the property directly across the street from him. He stated Mr. Blair's property has junk vehicles, tires, chemicals, construction debris and other safety issues on his property, in the alley and on the public right of way. He also has several junk vehicles and trailers on the street. He stated the property across the street from his house, which is an empty residential lot, is being used to store commercial equipment such as a back-hoe, trailers, and such. He stated they also yell at him for parking on the street in front of the lot. PWD Hintz stated he has looked at both properties and a Nuisance Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled.
 - c. **2021 Polar Plunge:** Chief Kraft stated they hope to have the 2021 Polar Plunge in the usual location by the old fire hall on November 26th to fundraise for the Special Olympics. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the Special Olympics has provided the event insurance. Motion was made to approve the 2021 Polar Plunge at the Old Fire Hall parking lot by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderman Koffler seconded. Alderwoman Godfrey stated they would also like to include a Pie Throwing at the Fire Department and the Tendo group selling pizza by the slice in the Old Fire Hall garage entry. Alderwoman Rasmussen amended her motion to include these items and Alderman Koffler seconded the amended motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Shop Small Proclamation:** Mayor Norby read the 2021 Shop Small Proclamation out loud. Motion was made to approve the 2021 Shop Small Proclamation by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
8. **COMMITTEE MEETING WORK: Nothing**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing**
11. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
 - a. **Ordinance 591-Adopting 2021 Subdivision Regulations:** Mayor Norby read Ordinance 591 out loud for its first reading and Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve the first reading. Alderman Stevenson seconded the motion, and with no further discussion voting went as follows:
Ayes: Sergent, Rasmussen, Koffler, Stevenson, Godfrey and Christensen
Nays: None
Absent: None
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT:**
 - a. **October 2021 Police Department Report:** Chief Kraft provided the October 2021 Police Department Report.
 - b. Chief Kraft stated they had the kick-off meeting for the new website, with design and integration starting. He stated the kick-off date is anticipated to be March 15th, 2022.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **October 2021 Public Works Report:** PWD Hintz provided the October 2021 Public Works Report. He stated they have completed the sewer lining and storm sewer work. He stated he will be meeting with BNSF tomorrow at noon to discuss the two railroad crossings.
 - b. **WWTP Phase 3 Draw #27 for \$22,029.00:** Motion was made to approve the WWTP Phase 3 Draw #27 for \$22,029.00 by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - c. **RRGL Grant- North Meadow Storm Sewer:** PWD Hintz stated they would like to submit for the DNRC RRGL Grants for storm water projects, either the North Meadow or Anderson projects, as designated in the Storm Water Master Plan. He stated Morrison Maierle would submit for the grant, and their cost would be paid for via the grant. Motion was made to approve submitting the RRGL Grant for storm water projects by

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Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

- d. **ARPA Application:** PWD Hintz stated the City submitted 4 grants for the competitive ARPA Grant fundings, none of which were funded in the first round, so they would like permission to resubmit these grants, 2 storm water and 2 water projects. He stated because the grants have been submitted previously, the cost to resubmit should be negligent. Motion was made to approve resubmitting the ARPA grant applications for the second round by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

16. FIRE MARSHAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR RASMUSSEN:

- a. **October 2021 Fire Run Report:** FM/BI Rasmussen provided the October 2021 Fire Run Report.

17. CITY CLERK/TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:

- a. **October 2021 Treasurer’s Report: Tabled for 12-6-21 Meeting**
- b. **October 2021 Journal Voucher Report: Tabled for 12-6-21 Meeting**
- c. **Consent agenda**

- i. **Claims to be approved: \$ 132,108.32**
- ii. **Building Permits to be approved:**

**2022-048	ON HOLD			
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2022-051	Checkers Inc	108 2 nd St NE	L10-12, B6, Original	Remodel
2022-052	Steve Pierce	323 7 th Ave SW	L6, B9, Gardner Add	Fence
**2022-053 to 2022-57	ON HOLD			
2022-058	Mark Nicouls	618 10 th St SE	L3, BB, Nielson Halvorson	<u>Fence</u>

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Motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the additional claim by Alderman Koffler and Alderman Stevenson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR NORBY

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED