

## February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Norby at 6:30 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Christensen, Godfrey, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen and Sergent
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular City Council meeting by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. **Dr. Anthony: Sunrise Women's Clinic-Community Walk (via Zoom):** Dr. Anthony came before the City Council for approval of a route for a community walk for life being hosted by the Sunrise Women's Clinic on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. She stated they do have liability insurance and want to start the walk at Central Park, with the same walk as the Suicide Prevention, about 3 miles. Chief Kraft stated he has reviewed the route and has no issue with it. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Sunrise Women's Clinic Walk for Life and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
  - b. **Jason Schrader: Fundraising for electronic sign for new City corner Lot of Central Ave & 2<sup>nd</sup> St:** Mr. Schrader came before the City Council to present the idea of installing an electronic sign on the corner lot by City Hall, to be fundraised by himself for. He stated there is a need for sharing information in his discussions in the community. Information on events, Council meetings, etc. He stated he would like to start fundraising for it if it is feasible. He stated if it is not, he would like to start the conversation of utilizing other boards to share this information. Mayor Norby stated a Committee Meeting is needed to discuss other issues with the parking lot, such as layout, and he would like to add both of those to a Committee Meeting. Motion was made to send the electronic sign and layout to the Street and Alley Committee by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Koffler seconded. In discussion Alderwoman Godfrey stated she is probably opposed to this as the Chamber does have such a sign and the effectiveness is questionable, plus having to many electronic signs would increase this. She also stated the Chamber does share this information. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated the conversation could revolve around how to share this information and Mr. Schrader agreed. Alderwoman Sergent stated the Richland Federal Credit Union sign does share and Alderman Gartner stated he has concerns on the distraction for drivers. Mr. Schrader stated he agrees and just wants the conversation to be had. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
  - c. **Renee Jean-Sidney Herald (via Zoom)**
  - d. **Shay Steinbeisser (via Zoom)**
  - e. **Jordan Mayer (via Zoom)**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
  - a. **Boys and Girls Club Conditional Use Permit for Electronic Sign:** PWD Hintz stated the Zoning/Board of Adjustment met and reviewed the Conditional Use Permit application. He stated there was no opposition and they recommended approval. He further stated there was a discussion on parking in the alley with vehicles overhanging into the alley, but they were able to clear that up. Mayor Norby called the public hearing for the Boys and Girls Club Conditional Use Permit for an electronic sign to order at 6:41 pm. Mayor Norby called for any proponents, three times, and none came forward. Mayor Norby called for any opponents, three times, and none came forward. With no further testimony, Mayor Norby closed the public hearing at 6:42 pm.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **Montana Legislative Update for January 2021:** Mayor Norby stated the Legislative Session has been moving very slow. He stated they plan to testify on HB 201 on prevailing wages for construction, which is very important to save money on projects. Alderwoman Christensen stated the contractor's association will be opposing the bill. He stated participating and testifying virtually has worked well and has saved the City of Sidney money. He stated the COVID task force he sits on is currently on hold, as their major roll was the legality, he has another task force that is meeting on day-to-day issues.
  - b. **Resignation to Planning Board-Shanks:** Mayor Norby presented the City Council with BreeAnn Shanks resignation letter to the Planning Board due to her no longer living within City limits. He thanked her for her time on that board and stated the City will be looking to fill that position.
  - c. **Boy's Scouts Proclamation 2021:** Mayor Norby stated he has been asked by the Boys Scouts to do a proclamation at tonight's meeting declaring the week of February 7<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Boys Scouts week and asked for permission to add this to the agenda. Motion was made to approve adding the Boys Scouts Proclamation to the February 1<sup>st</sup> agenda was made by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderwoman Godfrey. With no further discussion, all present voted aye. Mayor Norby read the Boys Scouts proclamation out loud, declaring the week of February 7<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to be Boys Scouts Week. Motion was made to approve the 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:

- a. **Boys and Girls Club Electronic Sign Conditional Use Permit:** Motion was made to approve the Boys and Girls Club electronic sign permit by Alderman Koffler, and Alderman Gartner seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Appointment to City Council Committees:** Council President Christensen stated after discussing with her fellow Councilmembers, it is her recommendation to keep the 2021 Council Committee assignments the same as 2020. Motion was made to approve the 2021 City Council Committee appointments by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing

13. CITY ATTORNEY:

- a. **Resolution No. 3853-Sidney Employee Handbook Comp Time Policy Update:** City Attorney Kalil presented the City Council with Resolution 3853, updating the City Employee Handbook Comp Time Policy, per the previous City Council Meeting. Motion was made to approve Resolution 3853 by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Resolution No. 3854-Emergency COVID-19 Policy:** City Attorney Kalil presented the City Council with Resolution 3854, Creating the FY2020-2021 Emergency Covid-19 Leave Policy, per the previous City Council Meeting. Motion was made to approve Resolution 3854 by Alderman Koffler, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

14. CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT:

- a. **Update: Nothing**

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **4<sup>th</sup> Ave Water Project Draw #6 for \$62,416.00:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Water Project Draw #6. Motion was made to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Water Project Draw #6 for \$62,416.00 by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderman Koffler seconded. Mr. Schrader stated he lives on 5<sup>th</sup> Street where the street has not been fixed as part of this project. He stated he moved into town to avoid driving on gravel roads, he stated he has concerns with approving a draw when this has not been addressed. PWD Hintz stated this has nothing to do with the restoration, but he can contact them to surface restoration to improve the road until they can be finished this spring. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this draw is engineering for the West Holly Project and Alderwoman Rasmussen stated the City is utilizing left over contingency money from that project. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **WWTP P3 Draw #24 for \$8,933.00:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the WWTP P3 Draw #24. Motion was made to approve the WWTP P3 Draw #24 for \$8,933.00 by Alderman Koffler, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- c. **Update: Nothing**

16. FIRE MARSHAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR RASMUSSEN:

- a. **Update: Nothing**

17. CITY CLERK/TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:

- a. **Update-Oil and Gas Payment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020 received for \$33,544.79:** Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she is happy to report the City of Sidney received their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020 oil and gas payment of \$33,544.79. First Quarter payment was \$41,097.51, second quarter was \$14,976.81, for a total so far received this fiscal year of \$89,619.11. She stated the City Council budgeted \$123,000 for this revenue, so if quarter 4 is in line with quarter 3 they will meet their budgeted revenue for this fiscal year.
- b. **Consent agenda**
  - i. **Claims to be approved: \$596,818.44**
  - ii. **Building Permits to be approved:**

**\*\*2021-030 On Hold for Dollar Tree**

2021-072 Tim Kohl 708 5<sup>th</sup> St NE Manuf. Home L38, B4, Fischer Estate

**\*\*2021-073 On Hold**

2021-076 City of Sidney 1101 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE Shed

2021-077 MacGrady Construction 106 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW Remodel Partial L1&2, B18, Original

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR NORBY

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CITY CLERK

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DATE APPROVED