

January 19th, 2021

Due to the current COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic and rising cases in Richland County, the December 7th, 2020 meeting of the Sidney City Council will be **HELD VIRUTALLY ONLY**. The public is invited to participate via a Zoom meeting. You can participate with via by video or phone:

Meeting ID: 928 1716 6545

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Rules of the Meeting: Mayor Norby will take roll call at the beginning of the meeting, if you join after this has happened please announce you are present for official minutes. Mayor Norby will call for public comment, then Council member comment, then ask for a motion on each agenda item. If you are calling for an item not listed on the agenda, you will be asked to speak under visitors. Please announce your name prior to making comment, do not speak over or at the same time as others, and keep your phone/video on mute when not making comment.

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:** Sergent, Rasmussen, Koffler, Gartner, Godfrey and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **January 4th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 4th, 2021 regular meeting of the Sidney City Council by Alderwoman Sergent and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no changes or discussions, all present voted aye.
 - b. **January 11th, 2021 Budget and Finance Committee:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2021 Budget and Finance Committee by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Maliki -HS Government**
 - b. **Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:** Nothing
8. **COMMITTEE MEETING WORK:**
 - a. **Budget and Finance Committee**
 - i. **Additional Emergency Leave for COVID-19 Policy:** Alderwoman Sergent stated the Budget and Finance Committee recommended the City Attorney creating a policy extending the COVID hours per the Federal Guidelines until the end of FY20-21. Alderwoman Sergent made this motion and Alderman Koffler Seconded. In discussion Alderwoman Christensen stated the school board is not renewing, extending. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated extending would be just extending the time not starting hours over, renewing would start the 80 hours over. Mayor Norby stated he would prefer to renew the 80 hours, and Chief Kraft agreed stating officers have had to quarantine and not actually gotten. Alderwoman Godfrey asked if we require documentation proving required to quarantine and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated we do, and Alderwoman Godfrey stated she is in agreeance to renewing it. Alderwoman Christensen agreed. It was the consensus of the City Council to clarify the motion to mean a full renewal of the 80 Covid hours, meaning all employees will start over with the full 80 hours. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - ii. **Comp Time Policy Review and Update:** Alderwoman Sergent stated the Budget and Finance Committee recommended the City Attorney amended comp time for non-exempt employees' max accrual to change to 60 with a one-time cash out of 40 hours. Alderwoman Sergent made a motion to reflect these changes be made and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - iii. **Use of City Property for solicitors and vendors application and process:** Alderwoman Sergent stated the Budget and Finance Committee recommended the City Attorney create a policy and procedure that food vendors are only allowed on City property if it is a part of a temporary event, and made such motion. Alderman Koffler seconded the motion and with no further discussion, all present voted aye.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nothing\
10. **NFISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Pleasant Wood Manner-Airport (tabled)**
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Pella Church Variance Request:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the Pella Church front yard variance for an electrical sign, which the Zoning Board recommended approval with the condition that they follow the illumination standards in City Code. Motion was made to approve the Pella Church Variance by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **Election of City Council President:** Motion was made to elect Alderwoman Christensen as the 2021 City Council President by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderman Koffler seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON:** Nothing
13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
 - a. **Ordinance #587-Changing Police Department Retirement from PERS to MPORS-2nd Reading:** City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance 587 out loud for the second reading. Motion was made to approve the second reading of Ordinance 587 by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, voting went as follows:
Ayes: Sergent, Rasmussen, Koffler, Gartner, Godfrey and Christensen
Nays: None
Absent: None
 - b. **Ordinance #588-Updating Water Code-2nd Reading:** City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance 588 out loud for the second reading. Motion was made to approve the second reading of Ordinance 588 by Alderman Koffler and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded. With no further discussion, voting went as follows:
Ayes: Sergent, Rasmussen, Koffler, Gartner, Godfrey and Christensen
Nays: None
Absent: None
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT:**

