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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:**
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:**
5. **Closed for Executive Session-Discuss Litigation Strategy:** Mayor Norby closed the public meeting to discuss litigation strategy at 6:37pm. Mayor Norby reopened the public meeting at 7:03pm.
6. **VISITORS:**
  - a. **Sidney High School Government Class:**
    - i. Josie Yockim
    - ii. Adriana B.
    - iii. Serenity Kuntz
    - iv. Hadley Garsjo
    - v. Wade Cutler
    - vi. Jackson Franklin
    - vii. Hudson Severson
    - viii. Rylee Waters
    - ix. Colten Reed
    - x. Jordan Darby
    - xi. Boston Peters
    - xii. Tate W.
  - b. **Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering**
7. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
8. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **MLCT President Announcement:** Mayor Norby announced he has started his term of President of the Montana League of Cities and Towns, with his term ending at the next conference.
9. **COMMITTEE MEETING WORK:**
  - a. **Water and Sewer Committee**
    - i. **Interstate Engineering Contract Amendment #2 to Task Order 3:** Alderman Koffler stated the Water and Sewer Committee met and reviewed the contract amendment, which decreased to an increase of \$30,000. He stated the City will look into recouping these costs in liquidated damages once the project is completed and recommends approval of the amendment. Mr. Mayer stated the project is currently 7 weeks past the contract finish date and with the weather they might have to wait to finish paving until spring. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin reminded the City Council it is an hourly not to exceed contract and it is the not to exceed portion they are agreeing to, but that does not mean the entire \$30,000 will be spent. Motion was made to approve the Interstate Engineering Contract Amendment #2 to Task Order 3 by Alderman Koffler and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
10. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Pleasant Wood Manner-Airport (tabled)**
12. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
13. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing**
14. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
  - a. **Ordinance #584-Updating the Fireworks Code (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading):** City Attorney Kalil read Ordinance 584 out loud for its second reading. Motion was made to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 584 by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, voting went as follows:  
**Ayes: Christensen, Godfrey, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen and Sergent**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**
  - b. **Resolution #3851-2020 BARSAA Funds Distribution Request:** City Attorney Kalil read the 2020 BARSAA Distribution Request Resolution out loud. Motion was made to approve Resolution 3851 by Alderman Koffler and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
15. **CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT:**
  - a. **September 2020 Police Department Report:** Chief Kraft provided the City Council with the September 2020 Police Department Report.
  - b. **Transfer of Police K-9:** Mayor Norby stated action was no longer needed on this agenda item.
  - c. **MMIA LEXIPOL Pilot Program:** Chief Kraft stated this discussion stated the previous spring with MMIA president Alan Hulse when he was in Sidney. He stated LEXIPOL specializing in policies and procedures for Governments, specifically law enforcement with model policies for each state and a robust training program that will require officers to complete routine training and quizzes on policies. He stated the MMIA Board authorized the pilot program and Mr. Hulse reached out to him to have Sidney participate. He stated the pilot program includes one year of service and the implementation fee of the base service paid for by MMIA. He stated after that the City will decide how they want to forward. Motion was made to approve the City of Sidney Police Department participating the MMIA LEXIPOL Pilot Program by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded. Alderwoman Christensen states she felt it sounds like a great program. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
  - d. **Award of Enhanced Remote Work Capability Grant of \$50,000 through MT Board of Crime Control:** Chief Kraft stated the Sidney Police Department was awarded a \$50,000 no match grant that will be utilized by purchasing new mobile computers for the cars and for command staff along with the docking stations and required equipment. Motion was made to approve the award of the Enhanced Remote Work Capability Grant by Alderman Koffler and Alderwoman Sergent seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
16. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
  - a. **Update:** PWD Hintz stated the City has received the new garbage truck, but it has sadly already broken down. He stated they are still using the old truck until it gets fixed. He stated the 2019 BARSAA project is complete

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and under budget, and the CIPP sewer lining project from Main Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street is complete for now, with a small portion to be completed later. Mr. Mayer stated the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Project did their final water connection today, still working on at this moment. He stated with the current weather situation and no end in sight, they might have to pave at a later date, something that they will wait to decide. He stated there is also possible COVID-19 contacts in the Franz crew, which could shut them down for 14 days. He stated with all of this in mind, there will now be 3 more pay applications, one additional from the 2 he had announced would be left previously.

- b. **WWTP P3 Draw #21 for \$9,582.00:** PWD Hintz presented the City council with the WWTP P3 Draw #21, which is the engineering costs for the wash down station. Motion was made to approve the WWTP P3 Draw #21 for \$9,582.00 by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderman Gartner seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

**17. FIRE MARSHAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR RASMUSSEN:**

- a. **September 2020 Fire Department Report:** FM/BI Rasmussen provided the City Council with the September 2020 Fire Department Report. He stated they pump tested the ladder truck and it passed, but 2 days later the pump went out, but Tri-County Implement was able to order and replace it.

**18. CITY CLERK/TREASURER CHAMBERLIN:**

- a. **September 2020 Treasurer's Report:** Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the City Council with the September 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- b. **September 2020 Journal Voucher Report:** Motion was made to approve the September 2020 Journal Voucher Report by Alderwoman Sergent and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- c. **September 2020 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer of \$149,447.31:** Motion was made to approve the September 2020 Water/Sewer Bank Transfer of \$149,447.31 by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- d. **Consent agenda**
  - i. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
  - ii. **Claims to be approved: \$ 165,377.86**

\*\*2021-030 On Hold

\*\*2021-052 On Hold

2021-054	John Sander	309 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW	Deck	L14, B2, Miller Addition
2021-055	Tommy Quiroz	215 5 <sup>th</sup> St SE	Fence	L4, B53, Kenoyer's Add
2021-056	Chloe Butler	719 5 <sup>th</sup> St SE	Fence	L6, B48, Kenoyer's Add
2021-057	Niehenke Welding	312 N Central	Addition	L1, B2, Original Townsite
2021-058	Nance Pedro	334 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave	Trailer & Shed	L31, Fairgrounds Add
2021-059	Jayne Kelly	208 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SE	Addition	L11, B20, Sidney Original

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR NORBY

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CITY CLERK

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DATE APPROVED