

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Due to the current COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Sidney City Council will be held via phone conference only. The public is invited to participate in the meeting by calling **1 (872) 240-3212, access code 893-103-285**. For this reason also, the agenda has been limited to only the legally required action items to continue providing the necessary services.

**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 on mute when not making comment.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council via phone conference was called to order by Mayor Norby at 6:30 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Via Phone: Christensen, Godfrey, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen, and Sergent.
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting of the Sidney City Council by Alderwoman Rasmussen and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **COVID-19-Governor's directive for shut-offs and late fees:** Mayor Norby gave the following public statement:

Governor Bullock on March 30, 2020 issued directive 3.31.20 on evictions, foreclosures and utilities. In this directive it states:

"For the duration of this Directive, no business or political subdivision of the State supplying electricity, gas, sewage disposal, water, telephone, or internet services for use, in whole or in part, in a dwelling unit or residence shall terminate that service. No fee or charge for late or untimely payment that becomes due after this Directive takes effect may be billed or collected."

This directive is effective until April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 unless extended by Governor Bullock.

At the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Meeting I announced "that no shut-offs of water and sewer happen for non-payment until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and all late fees will be suspended until that time also. We will reevaluate the situation at that time." The City of Sidney will still be following this announcement, keeping in mind Governor Bullocks directives in extending it past May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Please keep in mind that this is not a forgiveness on your water/sewer bills, and they still need to be paid in a timely manner and any carry-over balances will have to be paid in full at the end of this current situation. As always, you can contact City Hall with any questions pertaining to this.

8. **COMMITTEE WORK: Nothing**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing**
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Mimi's Kitchen Parking Variance:** PWD Hintz stated the Parking Commission met and reviewed the parking variance for Mimi's Kitchen, who do not have enough off street parking for the proposed retail store that will give cooking classes in the evening. He stated they recommended approval knowing there is public parking lots that can be used in close distance and that they are pursuing getting permission to use the Stockman Bank lot in their off hours. Motion was made to approve the Mimi's Kitchen parking variance by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Godfrey seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing**
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE KRAFT: Nothing**
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
  - a. **WWTP Phase 3 Draw #17 for \$6,187.00:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the WWTP Phase 3 Draw #17, which is for engineering fees only. Motion was made to approve the WWTP Phase 3 Draw #17 for \$6,187.00 by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderwoman Christensen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
  - b. **Interstate Engineer Task Order 3, Contract Amendment 1:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the Interstate Engineering Task Order 3, Contract Amendment 1. He stated this is a no cost amendment for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Water Line Project. Mr. Mayer stated in the SRF process they were informed they had to have bullet items as part of the contract for the 1 year warranty walk through and construction close-out documents. He stated these are items they always complete, so are included in the original contract amount, just need to be specifically added. He further stated the bid opening for this project is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:30am. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated once the environment review is ready it will be put in the Sidney Herald and posted on the City of Sidney website for public comment. Motion was made to approve the Interstate Engineering Task Order 3 Contract Amendment 1 by Alderman Koffler and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
16. **FIRE MARSHAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR RASMUSSEN: Nothing**

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

- a. **Consent agenda**
  - i. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
  - ii. **Claims to be approved: \$ 243,034.78**

**No Building Permits to be approved at this time.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR NORBY

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CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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DATE APPROVED