

December 2nd, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order Mayor Norby at 6:30 pm,
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Christensen, Smith, Gartner, Koffler, Rasmussen, and Sergent
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **November 18th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 18th, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
 - b. **November 18th, 2019 Street and Alley Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the November 18th, 2019 Street and Alley Committee Meeting by Alderwoman Sergent, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
 - c. **November 21st, 2019 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the November 21st, 2019 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting by Alderman Smith, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Shane Lee-Local issues continued and request local funding be withheld from Police Department:** Mr. Lee came before the City Council to again discuss his being the victim of a conspiracy and also to request the City Council withhold all funding from the Police Department until they agree to investigate. Alderwoman Rasmussen told Mr. Lee that the City Council could not withhold funding from the Police Department, as they are there for the safety of the entire town.
 - b. **Jason Schrader**
 - c. **Amy Efta-Sidney Herald**
 - d. **Shawna Jasin**
 - e. **Peter Jasin**
 - f. **Shelby M**
 - g. **A. Erickson**
 - h. **Sam Berglund**
 - i. **Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering**
 - j. **Fredrik M**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - a. **Upcoming: December 16th City Council-Zoning Code Update:** Mayor Norby announced that there will be public hearing at the December 16th, 2019 City Council meeting for the proposed zoning code update.
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Call for Committee meeting for review of Ward 2 applicants:** Mayor Norby stated there was only one applicant for the open Ward 2 position, Kali Godfrey, whose letter was presented to the City Council. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to have the approval of the appointment of Kali Godfrey to the Ward 2 City Council open position on the December 16th, 2019 City Council agenda. Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion, and all present voted aye.
 - b. **Lighting in Peterson Park:** Mayor Norby stated he is seeking approval from the City Council for the installation of 3 lights in Peterson Park. PWD Hintz stated the light installation will cost approximately \$1,000 each. Mayor Norby stated they would be LED Solar lights, and the installation cost will come out of Street Lighting, and the purpose is to make the park easier for the Police Department to monitor. Motion was made to approve the installation of 3 lights in Peterson Park by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. In discussion, Mayor Norby stated the County has installed these types of lights in Richland Park, and other than some issues with how they were installed, they work fine. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Water and Sewer Committee**
 - i. **Morrison Maierle Storm Water Study Contract:** Alderman Smith stated the Water and Sewer Committee met and reviewed the scope of work and contract for the Storm Water Study. He stated the study will cost approximately \$154,949 with 7 phases that were reviewed for cutting back, but ultimately they decided all the phases are important for the study to be done right. He stated the City did receive a \$15,000 grant for the study, and that the City budgeted \$60,000 for it. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated the project will cover two fiscal years, so the remaining amount will be budgeted next fiscal year. Motion was made to approve the Morrison Maierle Storm Water Study contract by Alderman Smith, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. Mr. Schrader asked if the City can find money for this study, can they find money for the park improvements he proposed previously. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated the funds being used for the Storm Water Study are oil and gas funds, which has not been receiving revenue and will not for a while. She stated that the oil and gas reserves have been saved for safety or improvements, and that park improvements are general fund expenditures. She stated the general fund is funded by property taxes, which also funds police and fire which take precedence as they are public safety. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated they are also applying for another \$15,000 planning grant, and once the study is done they will use it to apply for FEMA grants. Mr. Schrader asked if there was a way to do an additional tax for parks or a way to charge tourists or oil companies, and Mayor Norby stated there is but with property taxes being high already it is not something they are willing to do right now. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**

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10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Appoint BreeAnn Messer-Planning Board 2 year term:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated Mrs. Messer has agreed to do another term, representing the City on the Planning Board. Motion was made to approve the appointment of BreeAnn Messer to the Planning Board by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. With no discussion, all present voted aye.

12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing

13. CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing

14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:

- a. **November 2019 Police Department Report:** Chief DiFonzo stated he will provide the City Council with the Police Department monthly report at the December 16th, 2019 meeting.
- b. **Grants for Body Armor:** Chief DiFonzo stated that 5 vests have reached their life expectancy, which cost approximately \$1,100 apiece. He stated that they received a \$2,800 grant from the Mason Moore Foundation, and a \$3,000 grant from the Department of Justice to cover the costs of these vests.
- c. Chief DiFonzo provided the City Council with a draft proposal for addition to Nuisance Ordinance. This draft pertains to the idling of diesel powered vehicles. Mayor Norby stated that there may be a better location in the City Code for this update than the Nuisance Code. After reviewing, the City Council asked City Attorney Kalil to draft an Ordinance to implement this code update and where in the code it should be located.
- d. Chief DiFonzo stated the Parade of Lights went very well and there were no issues.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **November 2019 Public Works Report:** PWD Hintz provided the City Council with the November 2019 Public Works Report. He stated the Public Works Department has installed the Christmas lights.

16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen:

- a. **Update:** Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen stated he will provide the City Council with the Fire Department November report at the December 16th, 2019 meeting.

17. CITY TREASURER REDFIELD:

- a. **Update: Nothing**

18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD:

Consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 100,016.82**

2020-054	Sheldon Milender	542 35 th Ave NW	Mobile Home	L20, B8, Wagon Wheel
2020-055	Family Dollar	402 E Holly St	Interior	Sunrise Subdivision
2020-056	Ken Moen	406 3 rd Ave NE	Duplex	L2, B1, Original
2020-057	Sage Oilfield	1160 E Main St	Roof & Front	L3A&4A, B1, Jones
Harper				
2020-058	Paul Tjelde	342 21 st Ave NW	Mobile Home	L4, W Sidney Mobile
Home Village				
2020-059	Shops at Fox Run	430 North Central	Remodel	L8, Block Retail Sop B,
Augustus Vaux				

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR NORBY

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED