

# August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Norby at 6:30 pm:** 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, Smith and Christensen, Gartner
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **August 5<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
  - b. **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Closed Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Closed Council Meeting by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
  - c. **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Budget and Finance Meeting by Alderwoman Christensen, and Alderman Gartner seconded the motion. With no changes or corrections, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. **Molly Davidson- Morrison Maierle**
  - b. **Laura Gundlach- Morrison Maierle**
  - c. **Amy Efta- Sidney Herald**
  - d. **Jeff Mead**
  - e. **Jordan Mayer- Interstate Engineering**
  - f. **BreeAnn Messer**
  - g. **Perry & JO Ellen Bartles:** Perry Bartles came forward to discuss some of the issues with the roads in wagon wheel subdivision, the main road leading up to the mail box is one of the biggest problems. The pot holes are so big they are now concerned for the vehicles that have to drive on that road. PWD Hintz mentioned that this fall the city will go up there with cold mix and fix the issues.
  - h. **Tammy Chlem- USPO :** Tammy Chlem wanted to discuss with the council some problems on the five way stop by Lincoln Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> St. The stop sign should be placed on the south side of the street instead of the north side in front of the approach. PWD Hintz said the intersection improvements will take some time getting used to, and there are still some more work that does have to be completed before it is all done. The main purpose of this project is to help improve the cross walk of the pedestrians walking.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **Update:** Mayor Norby made his statement about the police department officer issues.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
  - a. **Budget and Finance**
    - i. **City Clerk/Treasurer Budget Presentation:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield presented the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Alderwoman Rasmussen wanted to give a special thank you to the Sidney Police Department for the flashing lights for the cross walk on Lincoln Ave, and a special thank you to the Sidney Public Works for the painting the cross walks.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON:**
  - a. **Nicholson Lot Aggregation:** PWD Hintz presented the City Council with the Nicholson Lot aggregation, aggregating Lots 15 and 16 and 17 Block 1 of Hillside Acres Subdivision into Lot 17A. He stated that City Planner Sanderson has recommended approval with the conditions that all City of Sidney Department of Public Works requirements are met, and that all City fees, applicable taxes and assessments be paid in full prior to signing the final plat. Motion was made to approve the Nicholson Lot Aggregation by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderwoman Sergent seconded the motion. With no discussion, all present voted aye.
13. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
  - a. **City Attorney Contract:** City Attorney Kalil presented the City Council with the same contract that was previously used with Pippin Law Firm for his own contract now with the city. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve of new contact with City Attorney Kalil, Alderwoman Sergent seconded that motion. With no discussion, all present voted aye.
  - b. **Resolution 3806-Preliminary Budget Approval FY19-20:** City Attorney Kalil stated that City Clerk/Treasurer presented the budget and read Resolution 3806 out loud. Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve Resolution 3806, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. With no discussion, all present voted aye.
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
  - a. **Update:** Chief DiFonzo is looking for approval of hiring police officer Austin Papka who has officially completed the police academy. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve of hiring police officer Austin Papka to the force, and Alderman Koffler seconded the motion. With no discussion, all present voted aye. Chief DiFonzo made comments about the four way stop on Lincoln Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> ST, the intersection will be functional once the whole project is completed. Once the streets are fixed and the signs are up in place things are going to run smoothly and it will take some time before everyone get used to it.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
  - a. **Update:** Laura Gundlach came forward to discuss the recent update with waste water plant, the chemical treatment for the sludge hasn't been touched since it was installed in the early 1960's. The DEQ has approved the city for one year to reduce the volume of the sludge and land apply it elsewhere. Laura also mention to expect to see an AOC update, and that phase three is still going on a little late but, the building is up.
  - b. **Storm Water RFQ-ask for Water and Sewer Committee to review proposals:** PWD Hintz wanted to inform the council that we have gotten five proposals from engineers, a lot of good interest from these firms. It will be going to Water and Sewer Committee after the special meeting for the budget approval on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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## 16. Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen:

- a. **July 2019 Monthly Report:** Fire Marshal/Building Inspector Rasmussen provided the City Council with the July 2019 Fire Department Report. He stated that there has been already about 110 fire calls by in 2019.

## 17. CITY TREASURER REDFIELD:

- a. **July 2019 Treasurer's Report:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield said that the July 2019 Treasure's Report is not ready due to the budget not being passed.
- b. **July 2019 Journal Voucher Report:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield is looking for a motion to approve the July 2019 Journal Voucher Report, Alderman Koffler made a motion to approve the July 2019 Journal Voucher report. Alderwoman Sergent seconded that motion, with no further discussion all present voted aye.
- c. **Stockman Bank/NXGEN-credit card processing:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield presented the council with some new information about Stockman Bank/NXGEN credit card processing machine. Our current processing machine is with Frontline Processing, and if the city were to switch over to Stockman Bank, there would be no monthly service fees and the City could still pay the processing fees unless the amount is over the \$500.00 cap, which the City does not have that option with Frontline. Alderwoman Christensen made a motion to approve of switching over to the new Stockman Bank Credit Card Processing Machine. Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion, after no further discussion all present voted aye.

## 18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD:

### Consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** to be reported and approved monthly
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 115,321.23**

2020-011	James Nicholson	2343 Red River Drive	Garage	L15-17, B1 Hillside Acres P2
2020-012	ON HOLD			
2020-013	Elks Lodge	123 3 <sup>rd</sup> St SW	Patio	L7, B18, Original
2020-014	Walt McNutt	511 Yellowstone Dr	Fence	L17, B1, JB Subdivision
2020-015	Richard Lange	304 3 <sup>rd</sup> St NE	Shed	L7-9, B35, Original

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

Perry Bartles came up and spoke again on behalf of the black top by Lincoln Ave, PWD Hintz mentioned that the State of Montana is covering that project along with the east holly. Jo Ellen Bartles are spoke about the tall grass in Wagon Wheel Subdivision with the Cyclone Properties, PWD Hintz said that letters have been sent to those properties.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR NORBY

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CITY CLERK

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DATE APPROVED