

October 16th, 2017

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, Christensen, and Gartner; Absent: Smith
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **October 2nd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 2nd, 2017 regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
 - b. **October 11th, 2017 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 11th, 2017 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting minutes by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Troop 187 (Mark Delany, Max Nicholson, Shane Hagwood, Corbin Steinbeisser, and Michael Hagwood):** Mr. Delany stated that the Troop 187 was present per the requirements for receiving their Citizenship in the Community Badge.
 - b. **Boys & Girls Club-Banner across Central:** Alderwoman Christensen stated the Boys and Girls Club would like permission to hang the banner across Central Avenue. She stated that the Council approved this last year, but it was not done, and that they have reached out to the MDT for approval, but have not heard back yet. She further stated that the banner would be up from the second week in November through Thanksgiving. Alderman Koffler made the motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club hanging their banner across Central Avenue if also approved by the MDT, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. After no further discussion, 4 voted aye and Alderwoman Christensen abstained.
 - c. **The Rush-Kiosk set up on City Hall Property for Polar Plunge/Parade of Lights:** Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Chamber has asked The Rush to set up a kiosk in the parking lot behind City Hall for the Polar Plunge/Parade of Lights. She further stated that being City property, approval is needed to allow them to be there. Motion was made to approve The Rush setting up a kiosk behind City Hall for the Polar Plunge/Parade of lights by Alderwoman Sergent, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if this was in the same area as the Chili Cook-off, and Alderwoman Christensen stated that the Chili Cook-Off will be inside the old fire hall, but yes in the same area. After no further discussion, 4 voted aye and Alderwoman Christensen abstained.
 - d. **Sidney Area Chamber-Bleachers on City Parking Lot on Central Avenue for Polar Plunge/Parade of Lights:** Alderwoman Christensen stated that for the Polar Plunge/Parade of lights events, the Chamber would like to set up bleachers at the west part of the City parking lot on Central Avenue. She stated the Richland County Fairgrounds have agreed to put-up and take-down the bleachers, and that they would be up on Wednesday and stay up possibly through the weekend, depending on availability to have them taken down. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that although it is a City parking lot, when it was deeded to the City of Sidney, the previous owner John Aisenbrey put deed restrictions on the property to ensure it is used for public parking. She further stated that she contacted Mr. Aisenbrey and explained the situation, and that he was grateful to be contacted and checked with, but that he had no issue with the bleachers and is happy about the event. Motion was made to approve the placement of bleachers on the west part of the City parking lot on Central Avenue for the Polar Plunge/Parade of Lights events by Alderwoman Sergent, and Alderwoman Rasmussen seconded the motion. After no further discussion, 4 voted aye and Alderwoman Christensen abstained.
 - e. **Joyce Schulz**
 - f. **Dustin Schulz**
 - g. **Serina Everett**
 - h. **Quinn Schwartz**
 - i. **Jordan Mayer-Interstate Engineering**
 - j. **Mylla Steinbeisser**
 - k. **Will Steinbeisser**
 - l. **Tieranna Trudell**
 - m. **Ariana Isakson**
 - n. **Courtney Hecker**
 - o. **Alen Messer**
 - p. **Beau Partridge**
 - q. **Emily Skogen**
 - r. **Hunter Shuhan**
 - s. **Arlene Shuhan**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nothing
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. Mayor asked to observe a moment of silence to honor Dolph Harris, who was big in the community.
 - b. Mayor Norby stated that the mail out ballots for the local election in November will be going out in the Mail on October 18th.
 - c. Mayor Norby stated that there will be a Mayor Candidate Debate on October 24th and the MSU Extension Office.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
 - a. **Park and Recreation Committee**
 - i. **Lights in Quilling's Park:** Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that the Park and Recreation Committee met with the property owners surrounding Quilling's Park pertaining to the LED lights. She stated that safety was the biggest topic for wanting the lights on, and that there was only 1 who came forward not wanting the LED lights in the park. She further stated that it was the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Committee to have the LED lights in Quilling's Park on from dusk to 10:30pm. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that Joyce Schulz provided a letter pertaining to this issue and asked that it be read prior to decision, and asked Mrs. Schulz if she would like to read the letter. Mrs. Schulz stated that if the Council members had the letter and read it, it does not need to be read out loud, and all Council members present stated they had read the letter. Motion was made to have the LED lights in Quilling's Park on from dusk until 10:30pm by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. In discussion, Alderwoman Christensen stated that the zoning code passed in April of 2017 approves recreational lighting to be on until 11pm, but the Park and Recreation Committee thought 10:30pm was adequate for the park. Mrs. Schulz asked if the LED lights could be adjusted down more, and Mayor Norby stated that they could try but don't know if it is possible. Dustin Schulz stated that he thinks that they should be able to be adjusted down so

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that the lights don't shine as much out of the park, but still cover the park. PWD Hintz stated that he could look into adjusting them down more. Alderwoman Rasmussen amended her original motion to include adjusting the lights down and Alderwoman Christensen seconded her amended motion.

After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

9. ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Well Houses 7 and 10-Waive Building Permit Fees of \$176.00 each:** Utilities Manager Anderson stated that buildings at well 7 and 10 are in need of replacement, and that the building permit fees for each building would be \$176.00. He further stated that it is proposed for the City Council to waive the building permit fees for the Water Department for a total of \$352.00. Motion was made to approve the waiving of the building permit fees for the well houses at well 7 and 10 totaling \$352.00 by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. After no discussion, all present voted aye.

12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON:

- a. **Simpson Lot Aggregation:** PWD Hintz stated that this is aggregating lots 24 and 25 of block 1 in Northview Subdivision, and it is zoned R-3. He further stated that City Planner Sanderson provided a staff report on this, and in it recommends approval. Motion was made to approve the Simpson Lot Aggregation by Alderwoman Sergeant, and seconded by Alderman Koffler. In discussion, Alderwoman Christensen asked where this was located, and Mayor Norby stated that this is the subdivision by the new apartments he manages. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

13. CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing

14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:

- a. **Report-Chief DiFonzo** provided the September 2017 report for the Sidney Police Department. He also asked when the Fire Department would be completely out of the old Fire Hall and into the new Fire Hall. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that it was her understanding that it would not be until middle of November, and PWD Hintz stated that they still have office stuff, parts, tools, compressors and other items still in the old Fire Hall. Chief DiFonzo stated that he needs to look at the area he will be moving the evidence into from the City Shop, and is guessing that the Public Works will need that area at the City Shop this winter. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that she felt a set date would be best, and Chief DiFonzo stated that December 1st would be soon enough for him. It was the general consensus of the City Council that the Fire Department should be moved out of the old Fire Hall by December 1st.

Chief DiFonzo stated that there were 3 Police Officers promoted to Sergeant starting October 16th, and they were Officer Rosalles, Officer Finn, and Officer Kammerzell.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Report-** PWD Hintz stated that before it freezes, he would like to take the Council for a tour of the Lagoon to see its progress.
- b. **North Frontage Water Project Change Order #2:** PWD Hintz stated that the change order number 2 for the North Frontage Water Project is for \$2,920.00, and this is because of an unmarked service line being hit during boring that was going to the USDA building. Motion was made to approve change order number 2 of the North Frontage Road Water Project by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- c. **North Frontage Water Project Pay Application #4 \$70,824.91:** PWD Hintz stated that the pay application number 4 for the North Frontage Road Water Project for \$70,824.91 is before the Council for approval. Jordan Mayer stated that there should only be one more pay application for this project to be closed out, but that he was waiting on final paperwork to submit it. Motion was made to approve paying the pay application number 4 for the North Frontage Road Water Project of \$70,824.91 was made by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.

16. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing

17. CITY TREASURER:

- a. **Bank Transfer (all of October water & sewer claims)-\$277,824.59:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that the Bank Transfer from the water and sewer bank account is for all of the water and sewer claims in October and September's payroll. Motion was made to approve the bank transfer of \$277,824.59 by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Treasurer's Report-September 2017:** City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield provided the September 2017 Treasurer's Report to the Sidney City Council.

18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed**
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 194,354.96**

*2018-27	ON HOLD			
2018-29	Lower Yellowstone REC	3200 W Holly	Fence	M&B TR IN SENW
2018-30	Adam Kearl	306 2 nd St NE	Shed	L7&8, B34, Original
2018-31	Ben Borg	608 2 nd St SE	Shed	L18-22, B25, Kenoyer

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all council voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


MAYOR NORBY


CITY CLERK

November 16th, 2017
DATE SIGNED