

# September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Sergeant, Rasmussen, Koffler, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen, and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
  - b. **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting minutes by Alderman Koffler, and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
  - a. **Kelly Reisig-Richland County Library:** Mrs. Reisig from the Sidney Richland County Library presented a pamphlet to the City Council. She thanked the City Council for the continuing financial assistance to the Library. She further stated that the Library was given the Excellence in Library Services award for the second year. Mrs. Reisig then reviewed all that the Sidney Richland County Library offers to the community, including over 33,000 items, free digital books and magazines with library card, 11 ne data bases, and an added computer station. She stated that the Library is a gathering place for the community, the "community living room", that provides a safe place for the younger people in the community and that caters to the senior citizens also. Mrs. Reisig also stated that September is Library card sign-up month. Mayor Norby and City Council thanked Mrs. Reisig and the Sidney Richland County Library for all that they do for the community.
  - b. **Paula Eberling-Victim Witness Program:** Mrs. Eberling provided the City Council with a handout packet that has information for the Victim Witness Program. She stated that they are the 7<sup>th</sup> District Victim Witness Program, so they do service a large area and are not allowed to turn anyone away. She stated they are currently funded via the State of Montana Board of Crime which is approximately \$40,000 a year, and from the local surcharge revenue. Mrs. Eberling detailed all of the services that the Victim Witness Program does in the community, including assisting in victim need (shelter, transport, clothing, etc.), transport to get home, prosecution costs, expert witness costs, bringing training to the community, and assisting in Orders of Protection. She said the Victim Witness Program has been around for 22 years, and they are constantly looking for additional funding, as they do not qualify for federal funding because they are not a shelter. Mrs. Eberling stated that they will be hosting a JSEC training on labor and human trafficking soon, and will provide the details when they are known. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked what the hours of service were for the program, and Mrs. Eberling stated they are available 24 hours a day, including transporting sexual assault victims to the hospital of their choice for examination now that Sidney Health Center does not provide that service. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked how many people from Sidney they have helped in the last year, and Mrs. Eberling stated that they have had 254 primary and secondary victims, most of which are from Richland County, and roughly 3,000 City cases in the last 2 years, but not all cases produce a victim or witness. Mayor Norby and the City Council thanked Mrs. Eberling and the Victim Witness Program.
  - c. **Penny Walter-Victim Witness Program**
  - d. **Chilleen Devine-Victim Witness Program**
  - e. **Serina Everett**
  - f. **Brian Bieber-Fairview City Council**
  - g. **Deb Gilbert**
  - h. **Quinn Schwartz-Sidney Herald**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
  - a. **Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference-September 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>:** Mayor Norby stated the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference is being held a week earlier than previous years, and will be September 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. **Mail Ballot for 2017 Election:** Mayor Norby stated the City Council received a letter from County Clerk and Recorder Stephanie Verhasselt requesting the City Election be a mail ballot election. Motion was made to approve the 2017 City Election being a mail ballot by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
  - c. Mayor Norby stated that he will be having a meeting with Governor Bullock tomorrow, September 19<sup>th</sup>, who has asked to have a Mayor's Meeting to discuss the State budget concerns.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:**
  - a. **Water and Sewer Committee**
    - i. **Boys and Girls Club use of Johnson Park land:** Alderman Koffler stated that the Water and Sewer Committee met with the Boys and Girls Club, who informed them that they are 95% sure that they will be acquiring the Methodist Church for the new Boys and Girls Club building, which will save the club substantially in just remodeling the church instead of constructing a new building. Alderwoman Christensen stated that they expect the Church to go to vote on the decision in October.
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing**
11. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing**
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
  - a. **Report-August 2017:** Chief DiFonzo provided the monthly report for August 2017.
  - b. Chief DiFonzo stated that he met with the people from Oktoberfest, and they will be setting up the same as last year. He also stated that he met with the Harvest Fest at Fox Run, and they will have the entertainment outside, with the people going in and out. He also stated that the Homecoming Parade went well, but there was a situation brought to his attention about some of the youth on the floats slinging

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candy at vehicles, there was no injuries reported, but it does add to the conversation about allowing for the throwing of candy during parades.

### 15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Report-** PWD Hintz stated there will be a DEQ meeting on toxic chemicals in the landfill on Wednesday, September 20, at 5:30pm, and all are invited. He also stated that the Waste Water Treatment Plant construction meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, at 1:30pm at City Hall if anyone would like to hear an update on Phase 2 construction. He further reminded that there would be a Park and Recreation Board Meeting Tomorrow, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm.
- b. **Sunny's Side Walk-** PWD Hintz stated that he needs a motion from the City Council to approve the sending of a letter to Sunny's Café to fix their sidewalk. Motion was made to approve PWD Hintz sending Sunny's Café a letter requesting they do necessary improvements to the sidewalk in front of their business by Alderman Smith, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. Chief DiFonzo stated that when the letter is ready, he will deliver it to them. Alderman Smith asked if they had been notified at all, and PWD Hintz stated they had not, as City Code dictates the Council must approve contacting them. PWD Hintz further stated that there are multiple sidewalks in the downtown area that are needing to be addressed. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

### 16. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing

### 17. CITY TREASURER:

- a. **Bank Transfer of \$272,818.70:** Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated the transfer from the Water/Sewer bank account to the City of Sidney repurchase or checking account is \$272,818.70, and that does include the August payroll. Motion was made to approve transferring \$272,818.70 from the water/sewer bank account into the repurchase or checking bank account by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
- b. **Treasurer's Report-August 2017:** Clerk/Treasurer Redfield provided the City Council with the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. She stated that she does have the FY17-18 budget entered into the system now, so further reports will show the percentages of expended or revenue received.

### 18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda

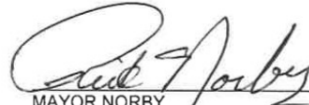
- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed**
- b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 359,308.21 + \$2,620.33 = \$361,928.54:** Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that there was claims added from the Sidney Police Department for \$2,620.33. She also stated that these claims include the donations approved to be made this fiscal year.

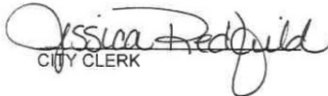
2018-23	Bryan Reuter	2176 Sage Lilly Dr	Fence	L14, B75, MVS
2018-24	Aquilla Painter	507 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave SW	Fence	S 50ft, N 100ft Block A, Kenoyer

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Koffler. After no discussion, all council voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
MAYOR NORBY

  
CITY CLERK

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017  
DATE SIGNED