

April 17th, 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; Absent: None
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. April 3rd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting: Motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 3rd, 2017 regular Council Meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Jeremy Norby-Clean-up day:** Mr. Norby stated that Seitz Insurance is wanting to host a Clean-Up Day, as they have previously. He stated that they plan on having it on May 12th, 2017, which is a Friday before the State Softball Tournament. Mr. Norby stated that they would like to utilize a parking lot to have a kick-off breakfast that would also serve as a sign-in location where people will be given designated areas to pick-up garbage, which would start with the downtown area and grow out depending on the number of volunteers. He stated that besides approval from the City Council, he would also ask for additional dumpsters to be placed for the putting of trash bags, and trash bags to be donated from the City of Sidney, as they have previously. He further stated that they will be reaching out to the Fire Department for use of their water trucks to clean off sidewalks if needed. Mr. Norby stated it will be a full day event, and that the Meadowlark is providing \$1 off coupons for their pints from 4-6pm to close the event. It was the general consensus of the City Council to approve the Clean-Up Day presented by Seitz Insurance and to place extra dumpsters for the event and donate trash bags.
 - b. **Kenny Vannatta and Tony Hanson-Sewer Line:** Mr. Vannatta came before the City Council to discuss an issue with his sewer line in the NE corner of the City of Sidney. Mr. Vannatta's neighbor tore down their residence and in the process of updating their sewer line discovered that Mr. Vannatta's sewer line did not connect to the City sewer main, rather to their sewer line. It was decided by the two property owners, with the okay of the City of Sidney staff that Mr. Vannatta needed reroute his line to connect directly to the sewer main. Mr. Vannatta stated that the sewer main is an old clay pipe, and the contractors that he received bids from to do the sewer line are worried about the liability when they connect to the main should it break, as it would cause several back-ups, and that the City should be the one who connects the line with the main. Utilities Manager Anderson stated that the City of Sidney does not do the tapping of the main, they would hire a contractor to do the work, and they would still hold liability. Mr. Vannatta asked if the City could be on site while the contractor was drilling, and Utilities Manager Anderson stated that the City is always on site for a job like this, and that it is a requirement that the City inspect the main before and after the tapping. Mr. Vannatta asked what happens if the main collapses, and PWD Hintz stated that the contractor would be liable. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if the City knew of any contractors that would have more experience that would feel better about this job, and Utilities Manager Anderson stated it is up to the home owner to choose and hire the contractor.
 - c. **Quinn Schwartz-Sidney Herald**
 - d. **Jordan Mayor-Interstate Engineering**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Update on HB 473:** Mayor Norby informed the Council that HB 473 has passed out of the Senate, but it was highly amended to be a lesser tax that slowly increases until 2023. He stated that because it was amended, it will have to go back to the House for approval.
 - b. **File Date for 2017 Election is April 20th, 2017:** Mayor Norby reminded Alderwoman Sergeant, Alderwoman Rasmussen, and Alderman Koffler that the opening date for filling to run for the Council is Thursday April 20th, 2017.
 - c. **Oath of Office for Tanner Gomke:** Mayor Norby issued the Oath of Office for Tanner Gomke.
 - d. **Oath of Office for Gregory Brooks:** Mayor Norby issued the Oath of Office for Gregory Brooks.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK: Nothing**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Alderwoman Rasmussen stated that the Park and Recreation Board met and have decided to review their policy handbook and will be bringing it back to the Park and Recreation Committee.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Resolution 3724-SID 104 Boundary Line Relocation:** Motion was made to un-table Resolution 3724 by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. After no discussion all Council present voted aye.

City Attorney Krautter stated that after extensive work with Interstate Engineering Resolution 3724 is ready for approval. He stated that this resolution amends and replacing Resolution 3475 which was the original resolution for SID 104. He stated that there are 3 exhibits to Resolution 3724, exhibit A-1 shows the new boundary line, exhibit B-1 has the legal description, and exhibit C-1 shows the new assessments for the properties within the SID. He stated that

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this project started initially when part of the SID was platted and when it was discovered that some lots were not being assessed for the SID. City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that she just wanted to remind the Council that the public hearing for this was held on March 20th, 2017 and that besides the newly assessed properties, most of the assessments went down. City Attorney Krautter stated that he recommended passage of Resolution 3724. Motion was made to pass Resolution 3724 by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

12. CITY PLANNER SANDERSON: Nothing

13. CITY ATTORNEY:

- a. **Report:** City Attorney Krautter stated that the draft of the Fire Hall contract has been sent over to County Attorney Weber on April 17th, 2017. He further stated that he would like to attend the Attorney's Conference in Billings on My 10th to the 12th as it goes over issues from around the State. He said he will have it on the agenda for Council approval on May 1st, 2017.

14. CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:

- a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo stated he wanted to welcome the new officers to the Sidney Police Department and that he was glad to have both of them on board.

Alderman Smith asked Chief DiFonzo if anything has been done about a stop light on 12th Ave NW where the Justice Center, Hospital and the new Fire Hall will connect with HWY 16. Chief DiFonzo stated that he had talked to the MDT Regional Director Shane Mintz and that the City will need to write a letter requesting the stop light. Chief DiFonzo stated he will write the letter to the MDT.

City Attorney Krautter asked Chief DiFonzo if the police department could provide the City Council with monthly reports such as PWD Hintz that gives numbers of citations and such. Chief DiFonzo stated that the Police Department did previously, but when the software was updated the numbers were no longer readily available, but that he could talk to Police Administrator Malsam about getting them done again. Alderman Smith stated that he would like to see monthly reports from both the Police Department and the Fire Department.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:

- a. **Report**
- b. **Waste Water Treatment Plant-Phase 2 Change Order #2:** PWD Hintz stated that the louvers in the UV blower building need to be upsized and that he is recommending approval based off of the engineer's recommendation. Motion was made to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Change Order number 2 by Alderman Koffler and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. In discussion Alderman Smith asked for more specifics on sizes on why, and PWD Hintz stated that he didn't know the exact sizes but they are for fittings 4, 5, and 6 and will be welded fittings. Utilities Manager Anderson stated that the blowers generate lots of heat, and powered louvers let cool air in with flexible fittings. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.

16. FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT: Nothing

17. CITY TREASURER: Nothing

18. CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda

- a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS:** e-mailed

2017-74	Zac Yockim	314 4 th Ave NE	Fence	B6, Kenoyer's Add
2017-75	Loren Dempsey	3217 4 th St NW	Temp Shed	L6, B4, Wagon Wheel
2017-76	Kirby Halvorson	1777 Sunflower	Deck	L59-60, B9, S. Meadow
2017-77	Teresa Mannix	323 8 th St SE	Portable Shed	E100' of B79, Kenoyer's Add

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK/TREASURER



MAYOR NORBY

May 1st 2017
DATE SIGNED