

March 6th, 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:** Christensen, Smith, Koffler, Rasmussen, and Sergeant; Absent: Gartner
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. February 21st, 2017 Regular Council Meeting: Motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 21st, 2017 regular council meeting by Alderwoman Rasmussen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergeant. All present voted aye. City Attorney Krautter stated that he noticed that the discussion between himself, Utilities Manager Anderson and Jana Watson concerning the new zoning code was not in the minutes under the Public Hearing. Alderwoman Rasmussen made a motion to amend her initial motion to include the changes per City Attorney Krautter, and Alderwoman Sergeant seconded the motion. After no further discussion, all present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. Jordan Mayer: Interstate Engineering
 - b. Quinn Schwartz: Sidney Herald
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. Public Hearing for SID 104 Boundary Line Relocation and Assessments will be on March 21st, 2017: Mayor Norby announced that there will be a public hearing on the SID 104 Boundary Line Relocation will be on March 20th, not the 21st as posted on the agenda.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK:** Nothing
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nothing
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Svarre Swimming Pool Pass Costs for 2017: City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that after reviewing the ticket sales from 2016, they were right on point with the anticipated revenue, and with no large expected costs for the pool in 2017, she would recommend keeping the pool prices the same as the previous year. Motion was made to approve keeping the pool pass costs for 2017 the same as 2016 by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.
12. **CITY PLANNER SANDERSON:** Nothing
13. **CITY ATTORNEY KRAUTTER:**
 - a. Report: City Attorney Krautter stated that he was able to talk to County Attorney Weber concerning the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sidney and Richland County for the new fire hall. He stated that County Attorney Weber would like to review the original contract, as it was passed in approximately 2010, and that they hope to have a draft and update done within the next month.
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. Report: Chief DiFonzo stated that they had approximately 14 applications for the open City Police Officer positions, and have held interviews. They currently are looking at making two offers, one individual is from Havre and the other is from Minnesota. He stated that filling the two positions will still leave him one officer short, but he is wanting to see how things go before filling the final position. He further thanked Alderwoman Sergeant for participating in all the interviews. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if either of the candidates had been through the academy, and Chief DiFonzo stated that they had not been through the academy. He further stated that they are waiting on background checks before officially offering the positions and getting the approval from the City Council.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. Monthly Report: Mayor Norby stated that PWD Hintz is in Missoula for Floodplain training, but that his report was provided for the Council for February 2017.
 - b. Morrison Maierle Contract Amendment #1 to Task Order 7C: City Clerk/Treasurer Redfield stated that Morrison and Maierle have provided amendment #1 to Task Order 7C, which does not increase the budget for the original contract, just expands the scope to include the survey work that was discovered in the process of Netzer Law Office doing the title opinion for the outfall land at the lagoon. City Attorney Krautter stated that during the work for the title opinion, he had a discussion with the State of Montana and it was discovered that more land in tract F is exposed due to the river changes, and because of the law of accretion, it should be City Property. The state recommended that the City of Sidney do a survey, have the State of Montana sign a quit claim deed, and then do a quiet title action. After all of this is completed, the City of Sidney should have a clean title to that property and no title opinion will be needed in the future for the use of that land. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked how people are notified of the quiet title action and if it would be at a Council meeting, and City Attorney Krautter stated that it is usually handled via notification in the newspaper.

City Attorney Krautter stated that in the contract amendment Morrison and Maierle have stated that their schedule will be starting as early as March 6th and be done no later than June 1st,

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2017, but because of the States recommendation of this survey being done in certain river flow times, he does not think it can be done in that time frame. He therefore made the recommendation to table to contract amendment until he can discuss this with them and get the schedule changed. Motion was made to table Amendment #1 to Task Order 7C for Morrison Maierle by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen. After no discussion, all present voted aye.

- c. Interstate Engineering-water line easement for USDA and North Water Line Project: Mr. Mayer with Interstate Engineering stated that the North Water Line Project had gone out to bid, and that the bids are due by March 13th at 3pm to be then opened on March 14th at 11am. He stated that although they have acquired easements from Joe Russell and MSU for the Extension office, but that there has been a need for further work with the USDA Easement. He stated that they may require a survey and environmental impact study. If that is the case, Interstate Engineering may need to amend their contract to include the added costs. He said that at this point the project is within budget, and that they hope to announce the award of the project at the March 20th, 2017 Council Meeting.

16. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:** Nothing

17. **CITY TREASURER:** Nothing

18. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**

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

b. **Claims to be approved:** \$ 68,066.20

2017-65 Eric Wutke
2017-66 Roger Byer
2017-67 John Mercer

620 6th St SE
113 East Main St
118 S Central

Fence
Roof
Remodel

L11, B49, Kenoyer
L1&2, B14, Original
L8, B14, Original

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK/TREASURER


MAYOR NORBY

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DATE SIGNED