

June 6th, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Rick Norby at 6:30 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Sergent, Gilbert, Gartner, Smith, Christensen-Absent: Koffler
4. **CORRECTION OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. **May 16th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 16th, 2016 regular council meeting by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderwoman Sergent. All Council present voted aye.
 - b. **May 17th, 2016 Park and Rec Committee Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 17th Park and Rec Committee meeting by Alderwoman Sergent and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. All Council present voted aye.
 - c. **May 17th, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 17th, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee meeting by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All Council present voted aye.
5. **VISITORS:**
 - a. **Johny Nesper, 313 10th Ave SW, Sidney:** Mr. Nesper stated he came before the Sidney City Council with a grievance about dogs in his neighborhood. He stated that the dogs are not only a nuisance and have damaged property, but also are a safety concern for the children in the area. He stated that a solution to the situation could be to expand the existing running at large and disturbing the peace laws to include mandatory obedience training or relocations should the animals be reported on to many times. Alderwoman Gilbert asked Mr. Nesper if he had spoken to his neighbors, and he stated he had. Chief DiFonzo stated that the owners of the dogs have been cited by police multiple times, and that it is up to the Courts to decide about the dogs. Mr. Nesper inquired if there were any steps that could be taken for more legislation in City ordinances, or if there was anything else that could be done by the City to make sure that owners of dogs have to do the things he stated earlier, and Mayor Norby replied that the City Judge makes the sentences. City Attorney Krautter suggested Mr. Nesper talk to private council for civil litigation, and Mr. Nesper stated he wanted to avoid litigation and keep things civil if possible. Chief DiFonzo stated that the City Police are doing everything that they can, but that it is now up to the Court and suggested that Mr. Nesper attend the court appearance of the dog owner with his neighbors to testify if possible, and to make sure they call every time an incident occurs so it is documented.
 - b. **Kelly Reisig-Library Update:** Mrs. Reisig came before the Sidney City Council to give an update on the Richland County Library. She stated that the Library has increased its activities and expanded for new age groups, and will be continuing them through the summer. She stated the Library is having a kick off to the summer reading program in Veterans park at 2pm on Thursday June 9th, 2016, which will be a free concert with free activity booths, and that they will also be having an ending party for those in the program that completed the requirements. Mrs. Reisig stated that the library has also expanded its continuing education classes. She stated that expanding the Library is still being looked in to, as there are approximately 6,000 visitors to the Library each month and they want to meet the demands of the community, including looking into different hours of operation. Mrs. Reisig stated the Richland County Library was awarded the Excellence in Library Services in the Community Award this year. Richland County has also made the commitment to the Library and expanded internet speeds to a 1GB speed, which makes the Richland County Library the only library in Montana besides the Billings Library to offer that speed of internet, which is great for distance learning.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Nothing**
7. **MAYOR NORBY:**
 - a. **Election Day for Primary-June 7th:** Mayor Norby reminded everyone present that Tuesday June 7th, 2016 to go vote in the Montana Primary Election.
 - b. **Legislative Lunch-July 13th:** Mayor Norby announced that the Montana League of Cities and Towns with the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority are hosting a legislative lunch in Sidney on July 13th. He stated invites will be sent when the details are figured out.
8. **COMMITTEE WORK: Nothing**
9. **ALDERMEN REQUESTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing**
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Resolution 3724-SID 104 Boundary Line Relocation for Mayo Subdivision, and Hilltop Enterprises Phase II and IV-Tabled**
11. **NEW BUSINESS: Nothing**
12. **CITY PLANNER HOW: Nothing**
13. **CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing**
14. **CHIEF OF POLICE DIFONZO:**
 - a. **Report:** Chief DiFonzo stated that that he has had a request to install "Children at Play" signs in Fisher Trailer Court, at the entry of the Court, and that he will be working with PWD Hintz to get this done, as there is a City Park in the middle of the development.
15. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HINTZ:**
 - a. **Report- PWD Hintz updated the Council on Public Works Department's recent projects, including the softball nets at the South Meadow Softball Complex being installed, and street repairs. He also stated that AE2S brought plans for the new Water Treatment Plant for the City Staff to look at. PWD Hintz also stated that he will be working with the Police Department about deceased wild life and garbage being disposed of in Peterson Park. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if the garbage count was less than before and PWD Hintz stated it is down 9.21 tons.**
 - b. **Sewer Vac Truck:** PWD Hintz informed that Council that he needed their approval to add the sewer vac truck purchase to the FY16-17 budget. The Council had approved the purchase if Impact Fees could be used, but it has since been discovered that they cannot. City Clerk Redfield stated that the working budget has these numbers included. Motion was made to include the purchase of the sewer vac truck for \$380,000 in the FY16-17 sewer budget by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. All Council present voted aye.
16. **COMPLIANCE OFFICER JENSEN:**
 - a. **Report-CO Jensen provided the Council with the May monthly report, and stated that her focus had been on big lots and working with property owners to get them cleaned up.**
17. **FIRE MARSHAL GILBERT:**
18. **CITY TREASURER DEY:**
 - a. **STIP Account :** City Clerk Redfield stated that per the Council's request at the May 16th, 2016 Council Meeting, Treasurer Dey found out that the policy changes that have happened with the STIP accounts is the requirement of the passing of a Resolution to keep the STIP account. Clerk Redfield stated that Treasurer Dey also found out that to close the account, she would have to contact the STIP office via e-mail and inform them that we would like to withdraw the funds and close it out. Some paperwork would need to be completed for the transfer of the money. To re-open at a later date, should the Council choose, a resolution would need to be passed and provided to the STIP office with the funds wanting to put into the account. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that she would like to see the \$10,509.45 remain in the STIP account to see what interest rates may do in the future, and possibly withdraw at a later time. Motion was made to close the STIP account and withdraw the funds by Alderman Smith, and seconded by Alderwoman Christensen. In discussion Alderwoman Gilbert stated she doesn't see what keeping that money in the account is hurting. Alderman Smith stated that we more than likely will not see a change in the interest rates. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that it is only \$10,000, and Alderman Smith stated that it is still an extra account to be reconciled and balanced on the City books. Voting went as follows:
Ayes: 4
Nays: 1 (Alderwoman Gilbert)
Absent: 1 (Alderman Koffler)
19. **CITY CLERK REDFIELD: consent agenda**
 - a. **GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS: e-mailed**
 - b. **Claims to be approved: \$ 104,605.58 + \$615.40 = \$105,220.98**

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Sidney Public Schools
Kellee & Johnathan Goetz
Elwood Forry
Mondak Heritage Center
Daryl Minow

Remodel/Addition
Addition-Garage
Addition-Porch
Storage Container
Addition-Siding

L1, B26, Original
L4, B1, Bachs 2nd
L15, B36, Kenoyer
L8, B32, Original
L12, B12, Gardner

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2016-98	Richland County	1105 3 rd St NW	Fire Hall	L4A, Richland Cty Minor Sub
2016-99	Anthony Thiessen	2530 Red River Dr	House and Shop	L8A, B5, Hillside Acres
2016-100	Marvin Johnson	307 32 nd Ave NW	Fence	L10 & 11, Wagon Wheel
2016-101	Cory Baisch	1525 10 th Ave SW	Fence	L2, B5, Lyndale 2 nd Add

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderwoman Christensen and seconded by Alderman Gartner. All council voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

July 5th 2016
DATE SIGNED