



City of Sidney, MT  
City Council Regular Meeting January 3rd, 2022  
January 03, 2022 6:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE |Sidney, MT 59270

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## Agenda

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### Call to Order

Mayor Norby called the regular meeting of the Sidney City Council to order at 6:30pm.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.

### Aldermen Present

Christensen, Stevenson, Koffler, Rasmussen and DiFonzo; Godfrey via phone.

### Correction or Approval of Minutes

#### December 20th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

No changes or corrections.

Motion made by Alderwoman Christensen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

### Visitors

1. Laura Gundlach-via phone
2. Travis West-Engineering West
3. Taylan Hansen

4. Trudi Speldrich
5. Jenna Anderson
6. Brielle Gorder
7. Chloe Go
8. Kodi Schultz
9. Jade Emly
10. Garrett Dodds

### **Public Hearing**

Nothing.

### **Mayor Norby**

#### **2021 Review**

Mayor Norby thanked everyone for all they did in 2021, including those who ran for office. He stated it was the first time that he can ever remember that 6 out of the 7 elected offices were open for election. He stated looking forward into 2022 he wants to focus on the Nuisance Codes and Committee to Make Sidney Great Again.

#### **Reappoint Troy Jensen to Airport Board: At-Large Member - 5 Year Term**

Motion to approve appointment.

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

### **Committee Meeting Work**

Nothing.

### **Alderman Requests and Committee Reports**

**Parks and Recreation** – Chair Godfrey – Sergeant, Christensen | **Water and Sewer** – Chair Koffler – Godfrey, Rasmussen  
**Street and Alley** – Chair Christensen–Sergeant, Stevenson | **Sanitation** – Chair Rasmussen – Koffler, Stevenson  
**City Buildings & Street Lighting** – Chair Stevenson– Koffler, Rasmussen | **Police and Fire** – Chair Sergeant – Godfrey, Christensen  
**Budget and Finance** – Chair Sergeant, Christensen, Rasmussen

Nothing

### **Unfinished Business**

Nothing

## **New Business**

### **Election of City Council President for 2022**

Motion to elect Tami Christensen as City Council President for 2022.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

### **Setting 2022 Council Committees**

Motion to approve presented committee assignments:

Parks and Recreation – Chairman Difonzo – Godfrey, Christensen

Street and Alley – Chairman Christensen – Difonzo, Stevenson

City Building & Street Lighting – Chairman Stevenson – Koffler, Rasmussen

Water and Sewer – Chairman Koffler – Godfrey, Rasmussen

Sanitation – Chairman Rasmussen– Koffler, Stevenson

Police and Fire – Chairman Godfrey – Godfrey, Difonzo, Christensen

Budget and Finance – Chairman Christensen – Rasmussen, Godfrey

Motion made by Alderman DiFonzo, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

## **City Planner**

Nothing

## **City Attorney**

City Attorney Kalil stated he is not only working on the current nuisance properties, but also working on the update and possible changes to the nuisance codes. He hopes to present such changes at the January 18th, 2022 meeting.

## **Chief of Police**

## **PD Update**

Chief Kraft stated he will have his 2021 Yearly Report to the City Council at the January 18th, 2022 meeting.

## **Public Works Director**

### **PW Update**

PWD Hintz stated he will have the 2021 Public Works Yearly Report at the January 18th, 2022 meeting. He further stated there was a meeting held with an architect to preliminarily discuss the remodel of City Hall and the architect agreed the City of Sidney should be able to remodel City Hall within the ARPA money budget. He stated next step would be to solicit for an architect to do the remodel. Motion was to approve the soliciting an architect.

### **WWTP Phase 3 Draw #28 for \$4,142.00**

Mrs. Gundlach stated this is for the Neilson-Halvorson project. Motion was to approve the draw for \$4,142.00.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson, Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

**Eastern Montana Meats Request to be on City Sewer Services:** Water/Sewer Committee previously denied this request at their July 27th, 2021 meeting (minutes attached) due to our lagoon not being able to take the waste from the kill floor. They are now proposing to not include that waste in what is put into our system.

Mr. West from Engineering West stated Eastern Montana Meats would like to install a sewer lift station and pump their waste water approximately 4,600 feet to the nearest manhole. He stated there will be 2 types of waste, domestic waste from bathrooms and industrial waste from washdown that will only have some blood but will mostly be water and cleaners. He stated they anticipate adding 6200 gallons a day to the City System, none of which will be from the kill floor. He stated all blood from the kill floor is collected separately and will be land applied via DEQ permit. He further stated they are willing to pay all application connection and impact fees. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked if they must get DEQ approval also, and Mr. West stated all plans must be approved by the DEQ. Alderman Stevenson asked what would stop any solids from entering the system and Mr. West stated they would have filters. Mrs. Gundlach stated 6,200 gallons would not have a huge impact to the system, but there would have to be metering and sampling which they did include in their proposal. Mayor Norby asked who would meter and sample and Mrs. Gundlach stated the City would and charge EMT Meats accordingly. Alderwoman Rasmussen asked what has changed from previous proposal and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this proposal does not ask the City to take the waste from the kill floor. Mrs. Gundlach stated she still has concerns and everything would have to be stringently outlined for them to follow. Alderman DiFonzo stated they should have to have an insurance writer in the City's name should their waste cause any issues with our system. Motion was to send this to the Water and Sewer Committee for further review and discussion. Water and Sewer Committee Meeting will be Monday January 10th, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Motion made by Alderwoman Rasmussen, Seconded by Alderman Koffler.  
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson,  
Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

### **Fire Marshal/Building Inspector**

#### **Building and Fire Update**

FM/BI Rasmussen stated his report will be at the January 18th, 2022 meeting.

#### **City Clerk/Treasurer**

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the use of the Municode Meetings for the agenda, packet and minutes is starting, and training will continue for it to be fully used with the new city website. She thanked Chief Kraft for his work on the design of the City of Sidney Website.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion was made to approve claims and building permits under consent agenda.

Motion made by Alderman Koffler, Seconded by Alderwoman Rasmussen.  
Voting Yea: Alderman Koffler, Alderwoman Rasmussen, Alderman DiFonzo, Alderman Stevenson,  
Alderwoman Godfrey, Alderwoman Christensen

**Claims to be approved \$291,270.85**

#### **Building Permits to be approved-No New Permits Issued**

2022-050 ON HOLD

2022-053 ON HOLD

2022-056 ON HOLD

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.