



City of Sidney, MT  
Water and Sewer Committee Meeting  
January 10, 2022 5:30 PM  
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 8828 3494 8109 Passcode: 4332809 Call: 1-346-248-7799

Visitors: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Troy Jensen and via phone: Laura Gundlach and Travis West.

Alderman DiFonzo subbed for Alderwoman Rasmussen, as she was unavailable.

### New Business

#### Eastern Montana Meats Connect to City Sewer

Mr. West stated after a discussion with Mr. Lunderby, who has acquired more business, they would like to increase the proposed amount waste given to the City to the max amount they could process which is approximately 16,300 gallons per day.

Mrs. Gundlach stated she has looked into this further since the last time the City met on it and because it is considered a slaughter house, the EPA considers this to fall under the categorical industrial discharge charter for effluent guidelines and technology based standards. She stated this will cause the City additional work to ensure compliance with the EPA that also must be considered. She stated their proposal shows high levels of BOD and very high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus which will need treatment other than what our system is currently doing, or pretreated. She stated she would suggest doing a rate study to look at actual costs for taking this additional waste so no cost is put on current rate payers.

Mr. West asked if pre-treating the waste would get costs down and Mrs. Gundlach stated it could and the EPA would likely require it as they require best available technology. He also asked if the EPA permit would be acquired by them or the City and she stated the City would have to have their own permit, but Eastern MT Meats might have to get their own because of the Yellowstone River. PWD Hintz stated City Code 3-5a-6 item F requires the pretreatment of such waste. Mrs. Gundlach stated she recommends looking into pretreatment, variances and a rate study, unless they are going to pretreat down to domestic waste levels. Mayor Norby asked how much a rate study would cost and she said between \$5-10,000.

Alderman DiFonzo asked if MMIA had been consulted for insurance purposes and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated they had not yet been, but she could set a meeting to do so. Mayor Norby stated he would like to see the insurance consulted and have them review the proposal before committing.

Motion was made to consult MMIA with proposal and than have another Water and Sewer Committee Meeting to make final recommendation to the City Council.

Motion made by DiFonzo, Seconded by Godfrey.

Voting Yea: Koffler, DiFonzo, Godfrey