



City of Sidney, MT
Street and Alley Committee Meeting
November 20, 2024 5:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. New Business

a. Review Snow Removal Code Update

The Street and Alley Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the snow removal code and tracked suggested changes. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin recommended giving staff more time to look into the penalty and fines and how they are assessed. She stated they need to clarify if this would be creating a new tax district for property taxes, utilize the current Nuisance tax district or if there is a way to go after these without utilizing property taxes.

It was the General Consensus of the Street and Alley Committee to table this until the beginning of December.

b. CBDG Grant Contribution for the Growth Policy Update

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this is at the request of Richland County for the incorporated Cities to financially contribute to the growth policy update that will include all jurisdictions. She stated they have requested the City contribute up to \$10,000 that they will utilize primarily for better community outreach and better and more accurate responses to surveys than what just the public meetings provide. PWD Hintz stated growth policies are a necessary evil and although they are not used in day to day operations they are needed for grants. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated they are utilized by the planning board and with more public participation it could create better use of growth policy and future planning.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated this would be either a general fund or oil and gas fund unbudgeted expenditure and she would recommend it coming from the general fund. She stated because it is unbudgeted the Council could state they will allocate the money out of next fiscal year, which the County Planner indicated would not be an issue. She stated if it comes out of this fiscal year and the general fund there is a small chance a budget amendment could be required, but there is over \$1.5 million in cash in that fund to cover this additional expenditure.

Motion was made to recommend approval of allocating \$10,000 out of the FY24-25 budget for the growth policy update.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by DiFonzo.

Voting Yea: DiFonzo, Christensen, Rasmussen

Adjourned 6:07pm