

CITY OF SIGOURNEY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor Pro tempore Glandon presiding in the absence of Mayor Gosnell, and the following Council members answering roll call: Rich Wilkening, Lyle G. Van Fleet, Douglas L. Glandon, Bob L. Mendenhall, and Ed Conrad. Council member Jeffrey A. Winn was absent. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Bill Potts, Kenneth D. Bucklin, John N. Wehr, Ron Doubek, Alana Lemons, Monte Hurst (Manatt's), Nick Hammes, Roger Bird, John Zuck and Jim Tedrow (U.S. Filter), and Bill Tremmel. Later arrivals were Larry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Heisdorffer.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Mendenhall, that the agenda be approved as posted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Wilkening moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 3, 1999 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon opened the public hearing on the proposed drawings, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the proposed Spring Street Watermain Improvements. There were no comments or objections, oral or written. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the proposed Drawings, Specifications, form of Contract, and estimated cost for the proposed Spring Street Watermain Improvements Project be approved as now on file. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon then closed the public hearing and asked if all bids had been submitted. None others were then filed. He then asked Engineer Bucklin and City Attorney Wehr to open the proposals filed and approve the Bid Bonds submitted therewith. They were reported as follows:

Drish Construction Inc. Brighton, IA.	\$ 127,660.00
G&R Miller Construction Washington, IA.	105,620.00
Yordi Excavating, Inc. North Liberty, IA.	127,575.00
R & R Excavating Sigourney, IA.	88,088.00
Manatts, Inc. Brooklyn, IA.	116,477.50
DeLong-Keith Construction Co. Washington, IA.	115,940.00
Midland Construction, Inc. Lancaster, MO.	110,960.00

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JJJ Enterprises, Inc.
Lowden, IA.100,288.54

John W. Sammons Construction Co., Inc.
Keokuk, IA. 129,393.95

Mayor Pro tem Glandon announced that he would recess the report on the bids until the Engineers have had time to review and verify the apparent three lowest proposals, and the meeting would continue in the interim.

At 7:25 P.M. Council member Mendenhall moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the Council go into executive closed session with the City Attorney to discuss the Kelley Street Sewer and related matters. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The visitors left the room. At 7:50 P.M. the Council meeting resumed. Mayor Pro tem Glandon announced that the result of the executive closed session was that no further action will be taken on the Kelley Street Sewer matter.

Mayor Gosnell had requested that Y2K Compliance be put on the agenda. Mayor Pro tem Glandon stated he had been called last night by the Fire Department about a meeting thereon and asked the City Clerk if someone from the office could attend. Larry Smith, Keokuk County Emergency Management Director, stated that the meeting will be Friday, February 19th, at the Sigourney Indian Hills site, between 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon, and is an Iowa Communications Network seminar sponsored by the State of Iowa Emergency Management Division. The City Clerk said she will attend, and will ask Teri also. Engineer Bucklin said Mayor Gosnell had talked with him last week about the water and sewer operations being Y2K compliant and that no computer chips therein should be date sensitive and everything can be manually operated. He said the traffic signals are operated with computer chips, but can be controlled manually if necessary. He said he did not believe the meter reader would be time sensitive, but if we have questions we should contact Dynamic Systems, although he suggested doing that after the fact. Ron Doubek spoke up and said that he has read all of the operating manuals and nothing is date sensitive. Larry Smith added that September 9, 1999 may also be a critical date with anything computer date sensitive because programmers have frequently closed their programs with 9999.

Council member Van Fleet introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE AREA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Chapters 28E and 473A of the State Code of Iowa, as amended, authorized the governing units to cooperate in the operation of a regional planning commission; and

WHEREAS, by the Articles of Agreement, signed on August 15, 1973, as amended, the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission did become the authorized planning agency for Service Delivery Area 15; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Sigourney, Iowa is a part of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission and has agreed to contribute .25 per capita, for a total amount equal to \$527.75, to cover the financial operating costs of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sigourney City Council has designated

Blake Gosnell, Official Representative
Douglas L. Glandon, Alternate

to serve on the Area 15 Regional Planning Board of Directors.

AGREED TO THIS 17th day of February, 1999.

The second was by Council member Conrad. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Engineer Bucklin reported that the official low bidder on the Spring Street Watermain Project is R & R Excavating, with JJJ Enterprises and G&R Miller next. They will send the Contract to R & R and ask them to obtain their bond and have the Contract ready to submit to the Council at the next meeting.

Item 7 on the agenda, Policy for Department Heads regarding hiring contractors and timely billings therefor, was left on the agenda because the Mayor has not done anything more in regard the same.

Engineer Bucklin reported that Richard de Regnier has filed an action in Small Claims against Sammons Construction and French-Reneker regarding his water damage on the Square Project. He further stated that Sammons has everything cleared except the claims for water damages and that the decision will need to be made at the next meeting as to how the final payment will be handled in light of those claims: that the Council may want advice from their attorney. Council member Conrad inquired about an abnormal situation at the Fire Station after the construction, but Ron Doubek advised he had already taken care of that problem.

Council member Van Fleet said he had nothing to report on the Memorial Hall. He did report that he had talked with Bain Electric about wiring the shelter at the Park and the estimate was \$1250.00, with underground from curb in being \$1650.00; that he has not got a hold of anyone else yet. He further reported that Trees Forever plan to plant trees at the Park on the north side and there are three stumps that need to be ground out - that Dan Appleget, Sigourney TreeCare, will do so for \$170 with no clean up, or \$280 for cleanup and black dirt. Mayor Pro Tem Glandon said to have Dan do the work since his equipment is lighter than our's. Council member Van Fleet also said a hickory tree needs to be shaped.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon reported the pole building will be here before the end of the month.

Ron Doubek said he has prepared the specs to be sent out on the painting of the water tower and from the report of the paint sample he had analyzed, it can't be sandblasted. It is in the budget for after July 1st, but he will ask for quotes for payment after July 1, 1999 or before July 1st, 2000. He will ask for the proposals to be returned for the meeting a month from now. Engineer Bucklin asked about the valve at the base of the tower: that while the tower is empty would be a good time to replace that valve. Ron Doubek replied that the valve turning outfit might succeed in turning it before that time.

Council member Van Fleet stated he has sent out specs for the tennis courts to four County contractors, and they are to be back the first meeting in March.

Engineer Bucklin asked if since the low contractor proposal on the West Spring Street Project came in lower than the estimate, if the City would want to add on east to Main

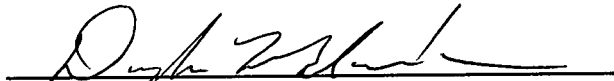
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Street. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said if we would do that the bottom three bidders should each have an opportunity to quote on that additional, so we would not have the ill feelings generated from the Hickory Street Project add on. Ron Doubek said the May Street watermain is in bad shape and should be redone. Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked if that could be done out of maintenance and repairs, but more than one quote must be obtained.


Larry Smith asked from the audience if the wiring for the Park Shelter and the City Pole building are up for bids. Council member Van Fleet said he hasn't sent out requests for electrical quotes. Mr. Smith said he is a licensed electrician and he would like to quote. Council member Van Fleet told him he heard earlier the specs for the Shelter: six openings, six circuits, and five lights in the center.

Leland Heisdorffer appeared before the Council to complain that when he purchased the trailer park a couple of years ago from Mike Parcell, that he had paid a large water bill as result of a leak after the meter and he still doesn't feel he should have paid that since it was the result of the meter being in a pit. He was told the meter must be readable all 12 months, and that one had not been. He said it is now. He also brought up the matter of his property (formerly Kermit Fixmer's) on West South Street. He had asked Ron to shut the water off at that location, but the valve did not work. He was told it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the valve. He said he did not feel that was proper in this case since the City had provided the valve. Ron Doubek said it was possible on this specific valve that Paduke Snakenberg had put in a used one. He was told that he will be charged the minimum water usage until he has the valve working so it may be turned off. He said Ron had told him that he would provide a new valve if needed. There was some discussion as to how long the City has been providing the valves and Ron Doubek suggested a more stringent method as to how the property owner easily knows what is his responsibility. Mayor Pro tem Glandon told Mr. Heisdorffer that we cannot go retroactive to these situations because we could go back 100 years, but we are getting tougher and attempting to treat all situations the same. Ron Doubek said one pit has been under water since August, and if the customer doesn't want to pay for the water then he needs to provide the means for the City to shut it off. Mr. Heisdorffer said he also doesn't think it is fair to charge the landlord if a tenant doesn't pay their bill - that when it gets to the amount of the deposit, it should be shut off. The City Clerk told him because of the timing in reading the meters and billings, that would be impossible to do under this system (the meters don't calculate gallons used and cost as running totals) and that the deposit doesn't always cover two months. Ron Doubek said if the letter re multi-users had been sent out or published, it would clarify a lot of questions. The Mayor Pro tem asked the City Clerk to put on the next agenda the consideration of publishing that letter. Leland Heisdorffer next brought up the matter of the shut off valve on his property on Jackson Street, formerly Pelley's. He said it is up about 8" above the ground and he wants access to the garage. Engineer Bucklin said that would be G&R Miller's responsibility to correct that, and he asked Ron Doubek to call Millers. The City Clerk reminded Mr. Heisdorffer that when he was in the office yesterday morning he also had a complaint about the \$7.00 sewer charge mandated wherever there is a connection and until it has been disconnected at the main, even if a mobile or travel trailer is not on the lot. He thanked her for reminding him of that issue. He said he ran hoses from one travel trailer to another for the sewer line and he didn't think he should be charged for each site.

Council member Van Fleet moved for adjournment at 8:39 P.M. The second was by Council member Conrad.


DOUGLAS L. GLANDON
Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST


Peggy Kleinschmidt
City Clerk

