

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1998

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. with Mayor Blake Gosnell presiding, and the following Councilmembers answering roll call: Lyle G. Van Fleet, Douglas L. Glandon, Bob L. Mendenhall, Jeffrey A. Winn, and Ed Conrad. Rich Wilkening arrived later in the meeting, at 7:50 P.M. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Engineer Kenneth D. Bucklin, Bill Potts; Roger Bird, R & R Excavating; Ray M. Snakenberg, R & R Excavating; Joe L. Jones, Jr., Subsurface Const.; Joe L. Jones, Sr. Subsurface Const.; Nick Hammes, French-Reneker; Steve Rhoads, Jasper Construction; Gary Hickenbottom, Norris Asphalt; Michael Muldoon, Norris Asphalt Paving Co.; Duane Atwood, Atwood Electric; Larry G. Smith, Smith Service; Mike Welter; Bill Tremmel, Tremmel Backhoe; Gini Garrett; Roger Sieren, Ideal Ready Mix; and H. J. Boehm.

Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Conrad, that the agenda be approved, after removing items 9 and 10, Memorial Hall and Park & Recreation. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

This being the time and place fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the Sigourney, Iowa, City Square Project, including Sidewalk Improvement Project, 1998, the Mayor called for any oral objections to the making of said improvements, or to the adoption of the Plans, Specifications, form of Contract or estimate of cost. No oral objections were offered and the Clerk reported that no written objections thereto had been filed.

Councilmember Van Fleet introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF  
CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of December, 1997, preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs were filed with the Clerk of Sigourney, Iowa, for the construction of the City Square Project, including Sidewalk Improvement, 1998, within the corporate limits, and the final detailed Plans and Specifications therefor were filed February 4, 1998; and

WHEREAS, said plans and specifications are consistent and in compliance with the final grades established by Ordinance for all sidewalks to be improved; and

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for said City Square Project, including the Sidewalk Improvement, 1998, was published as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA:

That the said plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost are hereby approved as the Plans, Specifications, form of Contract and estimated cost for the City Square Project, including Sidewalk Improvement, 1998.

The second was by Councilmember Winn. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Menden-

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hall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Thereupon the Mayor announced that a further purpose of the meeting was to receive, open, consider and tabulate bids for the construction of the Sigourney, Iowa City Square Project, including Sidewalk Improvement, 1998, pursuant to the plans and specifications now adopted. Engineer Kenneth D. Bucklin opened the envelopes and before looking at the bids, in the absence of City Attorney John N. Wehr, Councilmember/Attorney Ed Conrad reviewed the bid bonds. The bids were as follows:

Jasper Construction Co. Newton, IA	\$763,749.00
John W. Sammons Co. Keokuk, IA	719,170.14
Delong-Keith Washington, IA	801,231.76
Norris Construction Co. Ottumwa, IA	749,566.60

The Mayor declared a recess on the bid reporting to give the engineers an opportunity to check calculations and tabulate each bid, and proceeded with the Council meeting in the interim.

Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Conrad, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 1998 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The revised Cable Television Franchise Agreement was reviewed and Councilmember Glandon reported he had talked with Consultant Pat Callahan in regard to the concerns of City Attorney John Wehr, and Pat said that we are about as covered as we will be, and he felt it appropriate to go ahead with the adoption of the Franchise Agreement. Councilmember Glandon moved, seconded by Councilmember Van Fleet, that the review of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement be considered the second reading thereof toward adoption. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Glandon moved, seconded by Councilmember Van Fleet, that the third reading of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement be waived and the same adopted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Conrad, that the following applications of Kind's Jack & Jill for renewal of alcoholic beverages permits be approved: Class E Liquor License at 720 E. Jackson, and Class E Beer Permit at 118 S. Main. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Van Fleet introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of Eugene Strohman for Tax Exemption on a pole machine shed. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

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Councilmember Mendenhall introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of John Bowers for Tax Exemption on a new house. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Glandon, to approve the Sigourney Public Library Board of Trustees, as follows:

	<u>Term Ending</u>
Kathy Bates.....	06-30-99
Everdine Goley.....	06-30-01
Al Galapp.....	06-30-01
Sally Marget.....	06-30-03
Carl Mohr.....	06-30-99
Larry Northup.....	06-30-01
Tony Pitsch.....	06-30-03
Roslin Thompson.....	06-30-03
David Wilson.....	06-30-99

Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The Mayor and Council discussed a letter received from Becky J. Hall asking for refund or credit for 22 months of being charged, but not using, our garbage service. It was agreed that in that she was contacting us about a nonresidence (her travel agency) that as a business she has the option to use the City garbage service or another. Also, it would be different if she lived within the corporate limits, in that in the past it has been ruled that a business cannot avoid garbage charges by carrying such garbage to their residence. Councilmember Glandon stated he feels it is the owner's responsibility to notify us of such non-use under such circumstances, and that we should not give a rebate or refund therefor. Without voting action, the Council agreed. Mayor Gosnell said he will write a letter to Mrs. Hall to that effect.

Councilmember Glandon said he is getting estimates for seal-coating. He also reported there may have been a possible problem arise today when the Street Foreman failed to locate a storm sewer on East South Street after the Iowa One Call came in, and the contractor hit the tile. He feels a policy needs to be set. The Mayor said he feels that all underground locates - water, sewer, and storm sewers - should be located by the Water-Wastewater Superintendent, and he will get a memo out.

The Clerk handed the Mayor two advance notifications of water or wastewater trainings where Ron Doubek could add a one-half CEU at both locations by attending and neither would be a great distance and minimal cost. There was no objection.

The Clerk advised the Mayor and Council that a check for \$15 has been received from a young man who admitted that he had stolen from the Pool in the past and that after accepting Christ he wanted to make restitution.

Ron Doubek came into the meeting and brought up the matter of jetting sewer lines; that this past week he called Municipal here on an emergency, which turned out not to be the City's problem, and each time something like that happens it costs the City \$350-\$400 and does not go under our Contract with them. He said Municipal has a smaller used pressure jet, in good shape,

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which they would sell to us for \$4000.00. Doubek feels it would save us money within a year or two. Councilmember Mendenhall stated it would be a nice addition so that we would be able to determine whether or not the City's sewers are plugged. Doubek said they will bring it down so we could take a look at it. The Mayor told him to have them do that and look at ways in the budget that it might be justified.

It was mentioned to Ron Doubek about locating the storm sewers, but the Mayor said he wants to have more discussion about the subject. Doubek said he does not have a storm sewer map, but he would work with Don Gilliland on the same.

Councilmember Wilkening arrived at 7:50 P.M.

The engineers returned to the room and the Mayor asked for a report on the bid letting. Mr. Bucklin stated that there were no errors on the Sammons proposal and it totaled correctly at \$719,170.14. He also stated that they are an excellent company. He was asked how soon they would start and he replied that it might be within thirty days. The Engineer also stated that there will probably be about \$50,000 in Change Orders, which should be considered standard. Councilmember Glandon introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, that the bid of John W. Sammons Co., Keokuk, Iowa, for the construction of the Sigourney, Iowa, City Square Project, including Sidewalk Improvement, 1998, described in the Plans and Specifications heretofore adopted by this Council for said project, after public hearing on published notice required by law, be and is hereby accepted, the same being the lowest bid received for said work. The second was by Councilmember Conrad. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

The approval of the Contract with John W. Sammons Co. will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

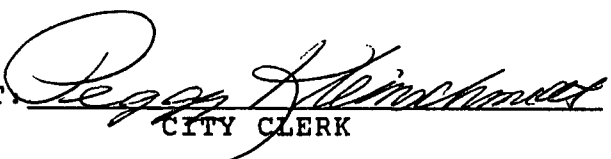
Mr. Bucklin was asked about the Change Order on the current Water Project, for work on watermain valves. He said he would have that at the next meeting.

Engineer Bucklin asked the Mayor about the communication from Engineer David Fredericks about the wastewater discharge and the need for response before the end of the month. The Mayor said he had not read it yet but will get a letter out.

The Mayor asked the engineers if they have a storm sewer map. The reply was, not really, just in places. It was suggested that was something that could be considered in the future; on some projects the inspector has had time to tie in storm sewers.

Councilmember Conrad moved for adjournment at 8:05 P.M. The second was by Councilmember Winn.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

