

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1991

The Sigourney City Council met in <sup>REGULAR</sup> special session in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, March 20, 1991, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., as posted, with Mayor Park presiding, and the following Councilpersons answering roll call: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Others present were Tom Street, Tim Oswald, Ruth Manchester, Larry Smith, John Schroeder, Bill Kuntz, Ken Bucklin, H. Michael Neary, Ken Chaney, and the City Clerk.

Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson H. Seip, that the agenda be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Wells moved, seconded by Councilperson Welter, that the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1991 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Bill Kuntz, Keokuk County Board of Supervisors' Chairman, and John Schroeder, Keokuk County Attorney, appeared before the Mayor and Council to discuss the Keokuk County Regional Service Agency's County Wide Plan for Waste Reduction. The Mayor had written the Regional Service Chairman on March 7th unofficially expressing that the Council did not find the Boise Cascade site acceptable because it would violate the City Ordinance on dumping. The Sigourney City Plan and Zone Commission wrote to the City on March 18, 1991 with a copy of their Resolution agreeing in substance to the County plan but opposing establishment of a garbage center within the city limits of the City of Sigourney. Messrs. Kuntz and Schroeder showed a video they had made of the Washington County-City recycling operation (which is not located within the City of Washington) and also distributed copies of a letter from the Mayor of Washington endorsing their operation. The Sigourney City Council took no voting action, but as the two guests left they were told that hopefully something could be worked out for a mutual benefit.

Timothy J. Oswald, Associate, Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, appeared before the group to discuss financing for the water and/or sewer projects. He explained the advantage of Bond Anticipation Notes upfront when we don't know what the construction costs will be or whether or not we will obtain any grants or loans. He had reviewed our annual financial reports and stated that our Water Utility Fund cannot show a track record for revenue bonds. He suggested going ahead with Bond Anticipation Notes, get a firm cost, file the grant application, implement a rate increase to be able to show a track record of collections set, and in the interim invest the BAN proceeds and draw interest thereon; the longer we would draw out this procedure, the less interest income we could expect to generate. The Mayor and Council found this concept interesting, but told Mr. Oswald that they would be more comfortable solidifying our production well quality and quantity and then deciding what we want to do about financing.

Tom Street, Field Supervisor, Watertower Paint & Repair Co., Inc. Clear Lake, showed a video of our ground storage tank, which is in dire need of repair, with the outside badly needing painting. He explained in detail the work he would recommend on said tank, both inside and out, for the total of \$18,992, and will forward a Contract for consideration outlining the entire projected job. He was also asked about maintenance contracts for both storage tanks. In that they renovated the tower tank last year they will

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check that out again this year, but his Company is re-writing their maintenance contracts and will offer two different types to us next year after the free inspection.

In that Larry Smith had been waiting since the start of the Council meeting he was asked if he would like to discuss the tornado warning system. The Chamber of Commerce has ordered a system and before it arrives the decision must be made where it should be located. He said the center of the town is near the Lyle Van Fleet residence, but he was sure Glenn Appler, with the ISU, would be of help in suggesting a location on a 60 foot pole. He said they need to know who will be responsible for activating the system. He was told the officer on duty will be the responsible party. (There is available, for about \$600 additional, a box that can be activated from the police car. This may be added later.) He said there are six tones and they will be the same as those used in both Oskaloosa and Ottumwa, and they did not incorporate the noon whistle. It is anticipated that it will take eight to ten weeks for the warning system to be built. Although this is a Chamber project it had been agreed that the City would donate some of the proceeds from the sale of the old fire station. Councilperson H. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Welter, that Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (\$3500.00) be paid to the Chamber of Commerce for the tornado warning system. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, and J. Seip Nays: None. (Butler was temporarily out of the room.) The motion was approved. Larry Smith also told the Mayor and Council that the City of Richland might be interested in our old siren for parts for their's, which is similar. No amount was agreed upon for the sale thereof.

City Attorney Neary left at 9:10 o'clock P.M. Before he left he asked if there was anything needed of him and he was requested to obtain an extension until May 1st from Gary Snakenberg for the well project. Mayor Park asked him if he had an easement in writing from Ed Green, and he said he did.

Councilperson Van Fleet, as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that they had interviewed three candidates for the position of Swimming Pool Business Manager and recommend Mrs. Karol Rockwell for the position. He said she indicated she would attempt to obtain her lifesaving certificate so she could fill in if necessary. It was discussed that she and another City employee, Steve Wehr, have agreed to attend the Pool Operator's Course in Iowa City on April 22nd and 23rd. There was some discussion on salary. Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson Wells, that Mrs. Karol Rockwell be hired as Swimming Pool Business Manager at the salary of \$700 per month during the pool season. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson J. Seip, that the City pay the registration fee for the two students to attend the pool operators' course in Iowa City and furnish their transportation, or pay mileage. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Ruth Manchester was before the Mayor and Council to request the use of the pool again for Augua Aerobics, and also suggested that adult swimming lessons be offered for a longer season than last year. Without voting action, her requests were accepted. It was suggested that General Filter be contacted to start-up the filter this spring.

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The production well is on hold until the weather dries out. Ken Bucklin has contacted the State EDA representative, Bob Cecil, who will be here tomorrow to inspect our present operation, and his response should give us a good idea of his feeling regarding our project and chances for an EDA grant. We have a good chance of getting \$750,000.

Engineer Bucklin explained that the drilling of the well ended up with a few more meetings with well drillers, and for the EDA application, they would like their Engineering Services Agreement amended to include an additional \$4,000.00. Councilperson Wells moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that Amendment #1 to their ESA dated November 13, 1990 be approved in an additional amount of \$4,000.00, making the total amount \$11,500.00. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Engineer Bucklin provided copies of their Hospital Lift Station Replacement Study, which information is required by DNR. He also had an Amendment #1 to their Engineering Services Agreement dated December 19, 1990, which did not include lift station flow monitoring. Councilperson H. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Wells, that Amendment #1 to Engineering Services Agreement dated December 19, 1990 be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Discussion was had regarding an emergency handicap ramp at the Williamson building at Main and Elm Streets. Councilperson H. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that Duke Development be authorized to build a ramp serving the north door of the building, which would extend approximately 30 feet, and that NO PARKING signs be posted in that area, with diagonal parking therefrom east to the alley. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. Abstained: Welter. The motion was approved.

The February financial reports of the City Clerk and City Treasurer were before the Mayor and Council and filed.

Discussion was had regarding the common City keys, No. 5419, which have been used "forever." The pool was changed last summer. Apparently 12 padlocks will be needed, at \$6.00 each, and of the same style. Councilperson J. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Wells, that the City be re-keyed. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Other matters discussed without voting action: there is a limb at Ken Adams' on South Main Street that the Street Dept. needs to arrange to have trimmed; the manhole at West Pleasant Valley and Delta Road seems to be slipping; a manure spreader that left the Sale Barn overloaded dropped manure on every street it traveled through the City and the Mayor was asked to contact Mr. Huffman about that matter; someone on the Council asked if the Park Custodian needed to be officially rehired, and the Mayor said he had had the City Clerk call Jim Fry several weeks ago and verify that he would be doing the work again; Bill Carter left a message at the City Clerk's office that he doesn't want to continue mowing at the water treatment plant - it was suggested that the Mayor contact First Resources about mowing there; there was some discussion about having the State Fire Marshal in to

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inspect some of the problems in the City, such as the Earl Jones house on North East Street, the Heisdorffer house on East Washington Street, and the former Verle Osterhoudt building on North Jefferson Street. A City drop box, made by Lyle Van Fleet, and to be put inside the north door of the Memorial Hall, was on display.

Councilperson H. Seip moved for adjournment at 10:10 o'clock P.M. The second was by Councilperson Welter.

*Tom Park*

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MAYOR

ATTEST.

*Peggy D. Klein*  
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City Clerk