

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1991

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, April 17, 1991, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., as posted, with Mayor Park presiding, and the following Councilpersons answering roll call: Butler, Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, and J. Seip. Others present were Herb Clubb, Ken Schock, Kenneth D. Bucklin, and the City Clerk.

Councilperson H. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that the agenda be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Butler, Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, and J. Seip. The motion was approved.

Councilperson J. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Welter, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 3, 1991 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Butler, Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, and J. Seip. The motion was approved.

Ken Schock, representing Sigourney Ready Mix, discussed with the Council a problem they have, which he feels is everyone's problem. There may be no storm sewer at the north end of Jefferson Street and their concrete pad is usually like a small pond and it is always wet there, along with the water pumped to the surface by the elevator and the feed and stockyard scale pit. He would like the City to put in a storm sewer or catch basin. There was considerable discussion as to what effect this would have on North Main Street, since the water naturally runs north and west. The old tile would have to be examined, but it might be a case of moving a problem from one place to another. An intake at the end of the road would be a problem and might be unfair to Bruns; Sigourney Ready Mix paved up to the drain, but they can't trap the water. Cost estimates weren't available as to what type of drain could be used and to run tile for them to tap into. The Mayor said the City will take a look at the problem and get an estimate to correct the same. Councilperson Welter suggested having Paduke Snakenberg meet there at 7:30 A.M. tomorrow with him, the Mayor, and the Street Committee, and report back at the next Council meeting.

The problem with the storm sewer at East South and Latamus Streets was discussed. Don and Jack dug down six feet and didn't reach the pipe. Apparently when the street was put in it was covered, since the drain hasn't worked properly since the pavement was poured. There had been a line across Greiner's pasture, with a section of pipe sticking out, but then the contractor filled in with dirt and apparently plugged the pipe. Paduke will give the City an estimate on correcting this problem. It should probably be a 12" or 15" pipe clear across Greiner's pasture. The Mayor said it would be repaired right after July 1st, but as long as these people have been putting up with this City problem, and in that someone wants to move into the Smithart house, it may be necessary to have the work done as soon as Paduke can get to it. Engineer Bucklin strongly recommended getting an Easement from Greiners.

French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. submitted a study under letter date of April 17, 1991 in regard to the unsewered area in the southwest part of Sigourney, including Legion Park. Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson Welter, that the Legion Park area sewer renovation be added to the Hospital lift station project, at an approximate additional cost of \$85,000, and further, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Loan Application for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and also the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Application in regard to the swimming pool runoff. Upon the roll

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being called, the following voted: Ayes: Butler, Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, and J. Seip. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The matter of the new well project and the Layne Western delay because of wet weather conditions was discussed. In another week the City will likely start to incur crop damages. One truck is buried in the mud, but they will try to come back next Monday. The question was asked if we need to test now or if there is a point the project could be postponed until after he gets his crops out in the fall. The engineer said we need to get the well drilled and pumped out now: that we need to forge ahead. Councilperson Welter will talk with Gary Snakenberg again. The Mayor signed the application to EDA this morning and Dale D. Kraus intends to hand carry it to Des Moines tomorrow. If we are favorably selected on this grant, it would be October before we could receive any of the money.

The matter of the sewer line on the east end of Spring Street across the Bower and Conner lot was discussed: a saddle needs to be built up so it can be winged out on each side. Engineer Bucklin suggested checking for an Easement in that the City may have to run the forcemain across the same route. Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson Butler, that Snakenberg Excavating be hired to correct said sewer line problem. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Butler, Welter, Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, and J. Seip. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The Planning Commission report on recycling was on the agenda, but was not ready.

Without voting action, Councilperson Van Fleet, as Chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee, said there should be an Assistant Manager for the Swimming Pool. After discussion it was agreed that salary will be \$625 per month, with the lifeguard salaries to be \$575.


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

The Council was informed that County Attorney John Schroeder has diligently attempted to locate a supplier for the Lewis Memorial Fountain lens, with no success.

Councilperson H. Seip moved for adjournment at 8:45 o'clock P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk