

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, May 19, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Pro tem Douglas L. 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 Jeffrey A. Winn. Council member Ed Conrad was absent. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Sharlene Bos, Bill Tremmel, Roger Bird, Terry Hollingsworth, Kenneth D. Bucklin, and Marvin Miner. Mayor Gosnell arrived and joined the table at 7:55 P.M.

It was decided that item 5, Policy for Department Heads, and item 12, monthly reports, could be dropped from this agenda. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Mendenhall, that the agenda be approved as posted, after the specified postponements. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 5, 1999 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon opened the public hearing on the Budget Amendment. Council member Mendenhall reviewed the budget amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee. There were no taxpayers wishing to be heard regarding the same. The Mayor Pro tem then closed the public hearing. Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and moved its adoption, as follows:

	TOTAL BUDGET AS CERTIFIED	AMENDMENT	TOTAL BUDGET AFTER THIS AMENDMENT
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes Levied	472,354		472,354
Licenses and Permits	3,050		3,050
Use of Money and Property	41,325		41,325
Intergovernmental	610,712	(351,054)	259,658
Charges for Services	562,700		562,700
Special Assessments		21,333	21,333
Miscellaneous	39,770		39,770
Other Financing Sources	396,041	(185,000)	211,041
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,125,952</b>	<b>(514,721)</b>	<b>1,611,231</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Community Protection	192,873	8,670	201,543
Human Development	113,243	77,875	191,118
Home & Community Env.	1,988,095	(172,178)	1,815,917
Policy & Administration	123,727	2,650	126,377
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,417,938</b>	<b>(82,983)</b>	<b>2,334,955</b>
Less:			
Debt Service	116,815		116,815
Capital Projects	1,025,000	(212,103)	812,897
Net Operating Expend.	1,276,123		1,405,243
Transfers Out	396,041	(185,000)	211,041
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,813,979</b>	<b>(267,983)</b>	<b>2,545,996</b>
(Under) Revenues	(688,027)	(246,738)	(934,765)
Beginning Fund Bal July 1	1,842,128		1,842,128
Ending Fund Bal June 30	1,154,101	(246,738)	907,363

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

Terry Hollingsworth appeared before the Mayor and Council in regard to the old railroad right of way bed that Dan Roller is attempting to fill. Mayor Pro tem Glandon stated that Blake had talked with Dan and if Terry wouldn't mind waiting that Blake expects to be here later and he would postpone this item on the agenda and move it down the line. Terry had no problem with that.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon also moved item 6 on the agenda, recommendation for appointment of Office Assistant, down the agenda until Mayor Gosnell's arrival.

Council member Van Fleet reported that the specifications for the electrical upgrade at the Memorial Hall will be ready for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and that after Notices, the bids should be ready to open at the first meeting in July. He also mentioned to the Council about raising the rent to the building, but he wasn't ready to recommend the same.

Under Park and Recreation, Council member Van Fleet reported that no cement has been poured for either the tennis or basketball courts; that the High School Applied Arts paint crew has completed their project: they only painted what had been painted before. The new shelter house is already in use, and he was wondering about having gravel put around it. However, it was mentioned that would make it more difficult to mow. He brought up the consideration of reservations for the shelter house, but made no recommendation.

Council member Glandon reported that the L. L. Pelling Co. proposal for 1999 Seal Coat Work, picking up some from last year, totals \$13,250.09. He doesn't know how soon they will be here. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the Proposal of L. L. Pelling Co. for 1999 seal coat work, in the amount of \$13,250.09, be accepted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the proposed amendment to the Health and Safety Ordinance, Chapter 8, prohibiting shingles and plaster in City dumpsters. Council member Wilkening moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the same be considered the first reading thereof toward adoption. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved. There was some discussion as to whether they could go ahead and waive the second and third readings thereof and adopt the amendment at this meeting, but it was deemed appropriate to have it on two different agendas. Roger Bird brought up the matter of possibly raising rates on dumpsters instead of eliminating all shingles and plaster, in consideration for people like his neighbor, Steve Clubb, who privately contracts such work. He was then told that Steve Clubb was the reason for this ordinance amendment: that he continued to overload the dumpsters, even after explaining to him the problem, and that the weight breaks the ears off the dumpsters and they damage the garbage truck because those items won't compact with the knife and cracks the hopper.

Another sanitation problem Council member Glandon brought up was the matter of people throwing grass clippings, twigs, and limbs into the streets. Our street sweeper can not pick up all of this yard waste matter and is damaging to the equipment. The debris also flows into the storm sewers and prevents them from draining properly. There was some discussion about how to handle this problem, by also amending the Ordinance or otherwise. It was decided to put a notice in the paper for two weeks and address the subject again after that.

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Engineer Bucklin stated that, with Council member Doug Glandon, they walked around the square to see what needs to be done by Sammons Construction Co. Phil Buschmann's was City water, and Sammons had a local contractor fix that. The sidewalk was left out because another sidewalk, south of the Conservation office, needs to be replaced also. Another place they checked was Rhonda Hammes' Veterinary, where the walk had heaved up and went back down. He said he has a letter prepared to Sammons and asking them to report as to the status of the other claims, and also telling him about Phil's; Sammons didn't know it was their leak.

Before the Mayor Pro tem and the Engineer opened the Proposals for the Cherry Street Water line, contractor Bill Tremmel stated that at the last meeting the Mayor Pro tem had stated that no City employee could bid a City job. He understands that Roger Bird is now a City employee, doing the water/wastewater work, so he wondered how he could also submit a proposal on the Cherry Street Water line. Council member Van Fleet said "because." Roger Bird said he is paid \$15.00 an hour to cover for Ron, which he considers more contract labor than employee. Council member Wilkening said he understands that Ron and Don N. don't get along, but there should be no problem if they each do their own job. Council member Van Fleet said he would not want Don Northup to do the water work because of the way he stomped out of a meeting. Engineer Bucklin said that when Ron is physically gone we have to have a Class II operator, and that the City is operating illegally and his license is also at risk. Roger Bird said he has no licenses. Mr. Bucklin said that the City needs to make arrangements to contract with another City when Ron is gone; that someone with a Class II license has to know that they are in charge. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said three people have left because of Ron Doubek. Roger said he was hired by Blake through Ron. It was stressed that no one had any problem with Roger personally, but just the liability created for the City with no one with a Class II license in charge when Ron is gone. Council member Wilkening, as Chairperson of the Water Committee, was asked to contact the Keota operator to see if something could be worked out.

The proposals for the Cherry Street Water Line were opened as follows:

Tremmel Backhoe Service.....	\$ 14,502.00
R & R Excavating.....	14,000.00

Engineer Bucklin left the room to tabulate the proposals.

Council member Wilkening stated he and Doug Glandon have talked about the difference reported between the pumpage and billings in the Water Department and delayed billings by contractors hired by that Department. They wondered if it might be a good idea to have a monthly report of what is going on in the Water Department, as the Council is provided by the Police Department. This could inform the Council what each well produces, where leaks have been identified, contractors retained, the number of meters installed, and an overall review of the monthly activities of the Water Department. They also discussed the need to call in the company to check for leaks. Roger Bird said he put water in the Lewis Memorial Fountain four times since Saturday and it takes 1-1/2 hours to put in 6" to 8". Engineer Bucklin said he sent a copy of the report and videos to Blake, and most places that reflected leaks therein have not been corrected.

Council member Wilkening moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that Water Loss Survey be contacted to attempt to locate leaks for us. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None The motion was approved.

Mayor Gosnell arrived at 7:55 P.M. and sat at the Council table.

Item 4 on the agenda, complaint of Terry Hollingsworth and Marvin Miner, was the first matter discussed. Terry Hollingsworth said the railroad bed has become a dumpsite for

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everything and varmits have become a problem. He has no objection to it being filled with dirt, but John Bowers' old house, building shingles, etc. have been dumped there. Mayor Gosnell said he talked with Dan Roller and he has not seen any rats. Terry Hollingsworth said he has. Nick Berg, with All American Pest Control, has put bait in the area. Roller intended to fill in and cover with dirt, clear it and push it around, and make more yard. Terry said until the riprap is covered with dirt they will still have problems, and that they have been nails dropped in the street. Marvin Miner said he doesn't want a landfill in their front yard and it is not legal to so do, and DNR and EPA would like to know about it; the street is not designed for 14 yd dump trucks and he expects the street to be damaged and cracked at any time; the mud is a real problem and there have been times it has seemed like a mud road, which the City street sweeper can't clean. He further said it is not a good neighbor who would cause problems like this, and he would like to have it filled and seeded, but they still have a long ways to go - he doesn't want to be ornery, but it is not neighborly to have to put up with this. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said to tell Dan Roller to tell his guys only clean dirt and if they get dirt or mud in the road they have to clean it up. Terry Hollingsworth would like to see the riprap covered with dirt, and said they have also moved in cut trees. Mayor Pro tem said we should try to give him a way out to get the dirt in and covered up and also keep the streets cleaned, trying to work it for everybody. Marvin Miner added the neighbors have been patient. Mayor Gosnell added that the dirt is not enough to cover up and people have taken advantage of the situation. The Mayor said he will write a letter to Dan Roller, and copy Terry Hollingsworth and Marvin Miner, telling him that ONLY dirt and keep the street clean; that no organic material, and the concrete there must be covered up, and it has to be done by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If he has the potential for more dirt it must be leveled off and seeded. Marvin Miner said he has no intention of letting this matter lay - that it is bad stuff. Terry and Marvin were told to let the City know if there is further abuse with dirt in the street. Marvin mentioned the weight on the street. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said we have had problems with semis on the street, so if we address one we have to address all.

There was no Wastewater Committee report.

Mayor Gosnell stated that last night he interviewed four candidates for the position of Office Assistant. He recommended Angie Alderson, at \$7.50 per hour for the 60 days probationary period, and then \$8.00 per hour, and she can start in two weeks. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening, that Angie Alderson be employed at Office Assistant, at \$7.50 per hour for the 60 days probationary period, and then \$8.00 per hour.

Engineer Bucklin returned to the room and reported that the proposals on the water line appear to be in order and that R & R's proposal of \$14,000 was the low bid. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening, that the proposal of R & R Excavating, in the amount of \$14,000, for the South Cherry Street water line, be accepted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was accepted.

Under public input, Mayor Gosnell reported that yesterday he and Tony met with David Harris, Russ Parcell, Bob Hinrichs, and Russ Bennett about school and community preparedness. They are still working out the details and the City's responsibilities, but it is not yet finalized.

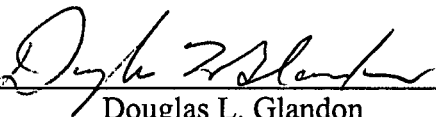
Engineer Bucklin stated that on the relocation of the water line on Highway #149 South that Bill Potts had a call from DOT and R & R Excavating have not been paid their 5% retainage on the project. Council member Mendenhall moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that DOT be authorized to pay R & R Excavating their final 5% retainage on the relocation of the Highway #149 water line. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

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Engineer Bucklin said Randy Northway expects to be here Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to work on Well #3.

Council member Winn moved for adjournment at 8:24 P.M. The second was by Council member Wilkening.

Ken Bucklin said that if the Keota operator can come to Sigourney tomorrow, he would suggest having Roger there to verify that he is doing everything right. Council member Mendenhall asked about getting meters installed. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said Ron Doubek has not put in the meters.

  
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Douglas L. Glandon  
Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST   
City Clerk