

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Blake Gosnell presiding, and the following Councilmembers answering roll call: Jeffrey A. Winn, Ed Conrad, Rich Wilkening, Lyle G. Van Fleet, Douglas L. Glandon, and Bob L. Mendenhall. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Trudy Welter, Gini Garrett, Sheri Gann, Gwen Stull, Cassidy Stull, Debi Flanders, Robert J. Hall, and Ken Bucklin arrived later.

Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Conrad, that the Agenda be approved as posted after the deletion of items 15 B and 20. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Wilkening moved, seconded by Councilmember Van Fleet, that the minutes of the meeting of July 1, 1998 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Robert Hall, Sigourney Insurance Services, provided the Mayor and Council with certain additional insurance valuations he had previously mentioned. His report stated that the following are approximate values derived from discussions with various contractors and lumber yards combined with the E. H. Boeckh & Marshall & Swift building cost estimators. These are only estimates and the final values must be decided upon by the Council.

MEMORIAL/CITY HALL

On the basis of functional rather than current design/style replacement cost with a joisted masonry or masonry -noncombustible building 9,000 sq ft (includes community hall). . . . . \$ 650,000

Frame/metal building . . . . . 500,000

OFFICE FURNITURE, FIXTURES & SUPPLIES. . . . . 15,000

LIBRARY

Carnegie - 2,000 sq ft (each level) @ \$175 sq ft . . . . 350,000  
 (Currently at \$78,000)

Functional replacement with masonry noncomb. . . . . 150,000  
 (Library contents: their Board wants 200M from 100M)

MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS

Maintenance Shop - Joisted Masonry - 3,240 sq ft . . . . 75,000

2 Stall Garage - Frame - 784 sq ft . . . . . 8,000

Tools & Supplies . . . . . 10,000

CITY PARK

Large Shelter House. . (was destroyed in 6/29 storm) . . 14,000

4 Small Shelter Houses @ 3,000 each. . . . . 12,000

BUILDINGS

\$650,000  
 \$350,000  
 \$ 75,000

CONTENTS

\$15,000  
 \$10,000

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\$ 8,000	\$25,000
\$ 14,000	
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\$1,034,000	
-\$ 78,000	current Library limit
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\$ 956,000	
TOTAL	\$981,000
Coinsurance	<u>90%</u>
Blanket Property increase	\$883,000
Approximate annual cost increase	\$ 1,900.00
\$ 1,000 deductible	

Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Glandon, that the insurance upgrade as outlined by Robert Hall, be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Trudy Welter appeared before the mayor and Council and advised that the P.I.P. Fund has raised approximately \$10,500. Also as representing the Historic Preservation Certified Local Government she had previously talked with them about nominating our downtown area as a historic district on the National Register, and that she believed the City had budgeted \$4000 for that purpose, and she asked if they could get the process started. She further stated that if the city qualifies it will be eligible for the next grant cycle. Councilmember Conrad moved, seconded by Councilmember Van Fleet, to authorize the Historic Preservation Certified Local Government to proceed toward gaining nomination of our downtown area as a Historic District in the National Register, and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Contract for assistance therewith. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Gosnell opened the discussion up from the floor regarding the proposed Curfew Ordinance. Sheri Gann suggested that something should be worked out for the younger kids, and give the older ones credit for later hours. Mayor Gosnell said the time does need to be modified, that perhaps 10:30 P.M. on Sundays through Thursdays is too early; he likes the way it puts responsibility on the parents, and we have to give the Police a tool to take care of the core problems; there is nothing for the kids to do, but we do need teeth to punish the people ultimately responsible; and he doesn't expect the Police to clear everyone out at a certain time. Councilmember Wilkening said he doesn't have a problem keeping the younger kids at home earlier and a later time for the older kids. Debi Flanders suggested later for everyone, since the Police Department could have a problem figuring out ages, and suggested midnight to 6:00 A.M. The Ordinance was read aloud by Mayor Gosnell and Councilmember Conrad. Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Conrad, that the reading of the Curfew Ordinance be considered the first reading thereof toward adoption. (It is possible that at the second reading the hours may be extended to 1:00 A.M. on Friday and Saturday nights.) Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Engineer Bucklin reported that he had recently attended a Block Grant meeting and that there are new rules in regard to the pre-applications. He said if the City is interested in putting together a pre-application for the Sewer CDBG, it will be due August 26th. In that the last income survey may still be used, he suggested asking Dale Kraus to prepare the pre-ap. He added that some rule changes are slanted toward Farmers Home Administration and they want 30% to 50% match. The Mayor said he will write to Dale Kraus asking him to prepare our pre-ap.

Mayor Gosnell read the Resolution continuing association with Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. Councilmember Van Fleet introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 7-15-98-1**

**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 bodies of governmental 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, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

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

Mayor Blake Gosnell. . . . .Official Representative  
Mayor Pro tem Douglas L. Glandon. . . . .Alternate

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

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

Councilmember Glandon moved, seconded by Councilmember Van Fleet, that the Application of The Stone Pony for a Beer Permit at Expo during their Blues Festival be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Amy M. Nawrocki, Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren, Ltd., had forwarded in late June the signed Cable Television Franchise Ordinance with a request to delete the acceptance terms spelled out. Councilmember Conrad introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 7-16-98-2**

WHEREAS, Triax Midwest Associates, L.P. did not sign and return the Cable Television Franchise Ordinance immediately after submission, and

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WHEREAS, Triax Midwest Associates, L.P. has requested that the provision regarding Acceptance, under Section 12 thereof, be stricken,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following paragraph be deleted from said Cable Television Franchise Ordinance:

SECTION 12

PUBLICATION EFFECTIVE DATE; ACCEPTANCE AND EXHIBITS

2) Acceptance

- (a) Grantee shall accept this Franchise within sixty (60) days of its enactment by the City Council, unless the time for acceptance is extended by the City. Such acceptance by the Grantee shall be deemed the grant of this Franchise for all purposes. Upon acceptance of this Franchise, Grantee shall be bound by all the terms and conditions contained herein.

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

Engineer Bucklin reported the Square Project is moving along well: they hope to finish the service connections tomorrow; the contractor will use a finer rock for walking areas; next week they hope to do the intake on the south side of the square and then tear out the storm sewer the last week of July or the first week of August. Main Street has scheduled a breakfast meeting for next Tuesday and Councilmembers were encouraged to attend. They will connect the Courthouse in the street instead of their tunnel, because that is asbestos lined; the connection will be made east of where the Fountain sits on the square.

Councilmember Van Fleet stated the Pool needs new doors on the back side, and he isn't sure if that will qualify under FEMA. The pool was broken into but nothing of importance was detected missing. The bathhouse has been painted and the pool is in operation and being used. Dan Appleget will take a tree and a limb down in the Park. The trees in the ice skating rink are only there temporarily. He is going to contact Atwood Electric to change a couple of lights. He is trying to work up cost estimates for replacing the big shelter, with the poles outside the concrete.

Engineer Bucklin said they have scheduled a walk around on the Laffer/Jackson Street Project for Friday at Casey's at 7:00 A.M., which will take 45-60 minutes; they have seeded, although it was premature and not ready; probably at the next meeting the project may be accepted and the decision will need to be made regarding liquidated damages.

Mr. Bucklin said he attended a FEMA meeting today where emergency hookups to Rural Water were discussed; that as a safety valve for the City of Sigourney so that we would never be without water, it would be worthwhile to consider a hookup with Rural Water, especially if FEMA would pay 85% of the cost. Mayor Gosnell gave his estimate of the number of feet a line would need to be run for such purpose, and agreed it would be advantageous.

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Councilmember Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilmember Glandon, that the Ordinance be amended to increase the water turn on fee to \$25.00 after water has been shut off because of nonpayment. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Mendenhall. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Conrad reported that he and Councilmember Wilkening, and their respective Committees, had discussed the matter of Mark's Trail and Bruns' car wash having 17 hookups on one 3/4" line and the same with the sewer line; they would recommend that regulations be adopted that in mobile home parks or recreational parks that each has to have its own service, and that when a recreational vehicle is to be parked for longer than five days it has to have a separate water and sewer line. He did not say whether he is drafting the Ordinance amendment or if they want to think about and discuss this further.


Engineer Bucklin said he had a call from D.O.T. and they had appreciated the City's letter of interest in reconstruction of Highway 92, and that Sigourney delegates should go before the Commission in August, at which time they should take statements of support.

Councilmember Winn moved for adjournment at 8:30 P.M. The second was by Councilmember Van Fleet.



MAYOR

ATTEST



CITY CLERK

JUNE, 1998

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

REVENUES:

General.....	\$ 671,937.01
Memorial Hall Restoration	102.98
Housing Project Reimb....	138.52
Library.....	255.40
Library Bldg Fund.....	110.00
Road Use.....	13,199.45
Debt Service.....	1020,643.46
Water Utility.....	(3,469.00)
Water Op/Mtn.....	24,341.51
Water Sinking.....	5,128.37
Water Improv/Replacement.	4,000.00
Water Project.....	37,000.00
Sewer Utility.....	3,054.97
Sewer Op/Mtn.....	5,419.43
Sewer Sinking.....	1,597.05
Sewer Improvement/Repl...	833.34
Sewer Project.....	211,939.79
Lewis Mem Ftn.....	3.40
Water Cust. Deposit.....	240.00
Tennis Courts.....	94.24
Pole Building.....	28,984.00
Total Revenues.....	\$2025,553.92

EXPENDITURES:

General.....	\$ 114,414.51
Library.....	6,870.81
Road Use.....	31,669.34
Debt Service.....	1074,973.00
Water Utility.....	37,000.00
WA OP/Mtn.....	24,341.51
WA Sinking.....	61,540.46
Water Project.....	10,796.48
Sewer OP/MTN.....	5,419.43
Sewer Sinking.....	25,202.45
Sewer Project.....	209,326.00
P.I.P.....	778.00
Lewis Mem Ftn.....	52.91
Total Disbursements	\$1602,384.90

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY PROGRAMS:

Community Protection	\$ 14,648.89
Human Development...	17,787.30
Home & Comm Envir...	1560,568.35
Policy & Admin.....	9,380.36
	\$1602,384.90