

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

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, July 17, 1991, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., as posted, with Mayor Park presiding, and the following Councilpersons answering roll call: Van Fleet, H. Seip, Butler, and Welter. (J. Seip was late in arriving and Wells was absent.) The City Clerk was also present, and City Attorney H. Michael Neary arrived at 7:55 o'clock P.M.

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

Councilperson Welter moved, seconded by Councilperson H. Seip, that the minutes of the meeting of July 3, 1991, be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: H. Seip, Butler, and Welter. Nays: None. Abstained: Van Fleet. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Welter moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that the Pool Policy Manual be adopted as finalized by Councilperson Van Fleet and Pool Manager Rockwell after reviewed by the Council on June 19th. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, H. Seip, Butler, and Welter. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The Sigourney Public Library librarian had submitted the names of the current membership of Board of Trustees, with the expiration dates of their respective terms of office. Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson Welter, that the following Board of Trustees for the Sigourney Public Library be ratified and confirmed:

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| Carole Eldridge | (06-30-95) |
| Everdine Goley  | (06-30-95) |
| Ada Johnson     | (06-30-97) |
| Carl Mohr       | (06-30-93) |
| W. W. Molsberry | (06-30-95) |
| Jane Funni      | (06-30-93) |
| Mary Williams   | (06-30-93) |
| Sally Marget    | (06-30-97) |
| Doris Conner    | (06-30-97) |

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

Councilperson J. Seip arrived.

Councilperson Welter, as Chairman of the Water Committee, updated the group on the new well field project: the well tested 153 gallons per minute for 24 hours with a level over the pump of five feet; the piezometers north, east, and south dropped two inches an hour for the 24 hours, and the ditch came up; the Rock Island did not fluctuate; the samples have been sent in and will expect to report on them at the next Council meeting-the preliminary report is good. The well has been capped. The EDA representatives, Paul Hildebrand and Bob Cecil, visited today. We are presently waiting for the archeologist's report. No problem is seen, and the award ought to be made by the end of their fiscal year or right after.

Councilperson Welter further said he would like to negotiate with Layne-Western on another production well on a site we haven't identified yet, but he would like to know what the next production well will cost - perhaps Roy Hesemann could be present at

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the next meeting. He has talked with Gary Snakenberg about price of land for another well west in the trees - No. 2 (or No. 3 projected.) We will discuss further at the next meeting, or will need a working meeting with Layne-Western before then. At the next meeting he would like to be prepared to review figures for the next production well and estimated figures with Gary Snakenberg. We need to get the well field established to decide which side of the creek will be the best for us and may decide to also re-locate the treatment plant. In the meantime he will also talk with Gary Snakenberg regarding repair costs to the fence and crops ruined by our project.

Councilperson Welter said he hoped the Mayor could begin negotiations on Well No. 2, although there are still a number of questions to be answered. For instance, if they are pulling rock from the first ten feet, why are they drilling so deep - 191' if rock is 130'; 120' stem on pump and at 150' acid was still under the water; water was coming in at about the 80' level; don't know what you are going to hit, so drill 190' and should pump out?

The forcemain valve near the Methodist Church/Albert Morrow's is stinking again and falling apart - we ought to get the pump manufacturer's representative here. The forcemain on East Washington, near Beverly Jacobs' house, is also stinking. Ken Bucklin had said go down a few feet and vent it through the old sewer main - the pump kicks in and pushes the wastewater - the air has to go somewhere; when it quits pumping, the air has to go out, so use the old sewer and then it'll not be taken outside; Ken Bucklin will work with us if we can get Paduke to contract or fix and someone needs to talk with Harold and Frank about getting it done. Councilperson J. Seip will check with Harold and Frank on the Morrow/Methodist Church problem and the Mayor will get with Paduke on the East Washington Street problem.

City Attorney Neary arrived at 7:55 o'clock P.M.

The matter of re-precincting was discussed at length; because of the census taken last year and the requirement that all precincts be consistent with the census blocks (no alleys or courthouse doors as boundaries, as our case) the City will have to re-precinct this year. The Mayor suggested perhaps using one precinct for the entire City and then go with five or seven Councilpersons. The City Attorney said such changes may be considered a change of the system of government and may have to go on the ballot. Thoughts expressed were one precinct with one Councilperson and four At-Large Councilpersons, or draw other boundaries for more than one precinct, or have a Mayor and five Councilpersons. The City Attorney expressed a second opinion that such changes could be done by our Ordinance system and would not have to be taken to the voters. (Two days later the County Auditor called in reply to the City Attorney's attempt to reach her on this matter. She disagrees with his opinion and said the State told her the matter will have to be voted upon to change the system of government. Perhaps an official ruling from the State will be required.) The City Attorney had said at the first meeting in August we could repeal the present Ordinance and have the first reading of a new Ordinance.

Regarding the Grace Snakenberg property, the Attorney Neary advised that whoever has the Quit Claim Deed has to wait one year and nine months and then ninety days after that before publishing possession notice. Further, that the current probable timetable will be:

August 7th - deny taxes  
 August 21st - prescribe notice for public hearing  
 to sell at public sale (auction or  
 sealed bids)

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Sept. 4th - Hearing on sale

Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson H. Seip, that the minutes carry a public thank you to Al Galapp and Tom Hinrichsen for their efforts in replacing the east Legion Park fence north of the street. Mr. Hinrichsen donated boards which he had on hand for a fence and Mr. Galapp coordinated the same, and they both worked to replace the fence. Their efforts were appreciated. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, Butler, and Welter. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The monthly reports of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer were before the Mayor and Council and filed. The June reports also included the fiscal year figures, and it was called to the Council's attention that the Governmental Programs were within the amended budget figures.

The Mayor said a salesman from Des Moines has a 1980 street sweeper for sale for \$14,950.00, and would be glad to bring it and let us play with it. Councilperson Welter said no. Councilperson Van Fleet mentioned a system with a vacume on a truck.

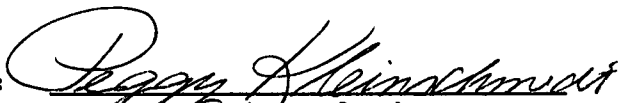
The Mayor was asked if he had sent a letter to Craig Utterback about replacing his sidewalk which he tore out, which letter had been sent June 10th. Councilperson J. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that a certified letter be sent to the property owner where Craig Utterback tore out the sidewalk on South Main Street, giving thirty days from the date of the letter to replace the sidewalk and if not done, the City will arrange to have the sidewalk replaced and charge the cost thereof to the real estate taxes. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, Butler, and Welter. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson J. Seip brought up the matter of charging Lucy's Lunch \$5.00 per hookup and made a motion to that effect. The same died for a lack of a second. The discussion ended with the decision to ask Glenn Appler, with the ISU, to determine the meter readings for two days, one on which Lucy operates and one on which no one is using the City's plug-ins, and to also clarify for the City other electrical charges to the City around the square.

Councilperson Van Fleet moved for adjournment at 8:53 o'clock P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilperson H. Seip.

  
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 Mayor

Attest:

  
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 City Clerk

