

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Blake Gosnell presiding, and the following Council members answering roll call: Lyle G. Van Fleet, Douglas L. Glandon, Bob L. Mendenhall, and Ed Conrad. Council members Rich Wilkening and Jeffrey A. Winn were both absent. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Don Northup, Barb Smith, and Sharlene Bos.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the agenda be approved as posted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Glandon said he would like the minutes of July 7th corrected on page two, paragraph three, the next to the last sentence, to read "Paduke has been regrading rock from that area." Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 1999 be approved as corrected. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, and Conrad. Nays: None. Abstained: Mendenhall. The motion was approved.

Barb Smith appeared before the Mayor and Council to request help with the problem of an open tile in the backyard of their residence at 516 North Shuffleton Street. She said it is like a river when it rains, and it is open before Janice Devooght's, but it doesn't bother her yard, or any others, like it does Smiths' and that the problem was created when the street was paved. That was discussed at length: that if they didn't have the water flow before it was paved, from the hard surface it goes into a smooth pipe and concentrates the flow of a particular area; and whether or not there was a storm sewer in the neighborhood or if in fact there is a tube under the road by Irene Gries' Mayor Gosnell said he needs to familiarize himself with the water situation there, and he doesn't believe there is a storm sewer serving that particular area, so he will take a look and get it back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Council member Van Fleet reported that he had Ron Doubek jet the inlet near the Dorothy Peiffer residence, where she has a water drainage problem, and it wasn't blocked. He also asked Ron to put some figures together on repairing the problem. He feels the water is going to have to be caught at the corner where Stuart Street goes north: if we could take out a section of the pavement and put in a grate and catch basin, that might solve the water flow, in that she is getting a good amount of water. The storm sewer wasn't run further east because of the railroad at that time, and there is no pipe under the pavement going east. The Council discussed several other places where the storm sewers won't handle the drainage (Vince Homan's, Kerm Shettler's, by Jaacks') Council member Van Fleet asked about having someone put a package together on fixing all of those problems at one time. Mayor Gosnell said it might be the way to go, but with three storm sewers, two sanitary mains, and one water main needing attention, he doesn't know if we can do all these wonderful things; several situations need to be addressed, but he doesn't know if we can throw the money in to get them corrected. Council member Van Fleet said a cut basin east of Dorothy's house would help. The Mayor replied that by Vince's and by Jaacks' a quick fix by cutting is not something we should do. Council member Glandon inquired if it is true that D.O.T. took us off their Five-Year Plan because we don't have the money? Mayor Gosnell said it was major programs that I.D.O.T. said had priority that moved us down the list. Council member Glandon stated then that the storm sewers in the area of Highway 92, to get that water flow shut off from the highway, also need attention if we are in fact off the D.O.T. Five-Year Plan, since we

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had talked of doing those at the time of the Highway 92 project. Council member Mendenhall suggested that the Mayor talk with Bill Potts and with him to take a look as to how we can prioritize these problems.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Mendenhall, that the Application of The Stone Pony Pub to transfer their Liquor License to a tent at Expo on September 11th and 12th for a special event, be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Roslin Thompson, Librarian, had left word at the office yesterday to remove the Sigourney Public Library proposed Ordinance from the agenda: that they believe the State Library Association has a copy of the original minutes from about the time or prior to the construction of the Library, where the City Council established the Library, and she said the State has told them that copy would be adequate for their present need in grant applications, and for the City to forget this current proposed Ordinance. Mayor Gosnell wanted to report to the Council the research the City Clerk had done some weeks ago: she had remembered a Library Ordinance at the time Tom Park was Mayor and when she did not find a copy thereof in the Ordinance book she started researching the minutes. In the early 1990's she found where the Council, at two meetings, had adopted a Library Ordinance, after changes thereto, which were not spelled out in the minutes, but the original of such Ordinance was never found and the only drafted copy thereof that was found had not been prepared at the City Clerk's office (the type was unlike anything in our office), nor did it show the changes referred to in the minutes. She could only speculate that whomever had prepared and submitted the Ordinance draft originally was expected to put it in final form, and that never happened and slipped through the crack. Mayor Gosnell said he even talked with Tom Park about his recollection of the same, but he did not remember.

Regarding the policy for Department Heads regarding hiring contractors and timely billings therefor, Mayor Gosnell said he will prepare a letter for the next meeting spelling out 30-60 days requirement for billings.

Council member Van Fleet said he had nothing to report on Memorial Hall. Under Park and Recreation he submitted the statement of Cavin Concrete for \$3168.00, which was somewhat less than the amount of his quote approved and a "hold" check issued from the June budget for the basketball court concrete. He added that the work had been moved from the back of the new sewer line. Council member Van Fleet also reported that for the tennis court he has contacted a fence company and for both ends and only 30 feet on either side, the cost will be \$2343.97 for fencing materials only. The lines may be put on now, but he doesn't have anything on lighting or netting. Mayor Gosnell told Council member Van Fleet to hold off until we get financials and to only get prices, and no commitments. Council member Van Fleet also said he wants to light the basketball court as well as the tennis court and may be able to get the lights to work for both. He further said the Police Department is having trouble with the locks on the rest rooms: they are old and worn, and he would like to get a couple of new Schalege locks at \$75.00 each.

Council member Glandon had asked Don Northup, of the Street Department, to prepare the specifications for the concrete floor in the new maintenance building. Don pointed out that the floor will slope with a pit in the middle, and suggested that bids be accepted at the next Council meeting. Council member Mendenhall moved, seconded by Council member Glandon, that the bids for the concrete floor in the new maintenance building be considered at the next Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: Van Fleet. The motion was approved. The Clerk was instructed to have published a Notice to Bidders.

Item 10B on the agenda, Pole building Specs for sewer hookup, Don Northup was told to talk with R & R Excavating and Tremmel Backhoe and come back with quotes.

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Council member Glandon stated that on Clark Street, near Terry Schroeder's, the road has heaved up and he obtained a quote from M & M Enterprises to repair the same for \$3,444, excluding testing, piping, and cast iron grating. He also had obtained a quote from M & M to repair 2 storm intakes on Highway 92 near Laffer Street, and the D.O.T. has told us those lids by the car wash are our responsibility. The quote for replacing the intake lids with 8" thick lids is \$1,862.00, with an additional \$2,675 to remove existing intake walls and repour new intake walls. Council member Mendenhall said he feels this is safety work rather than storm sewer work, by just replacing the lids as described. Council member Mendenhall moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that M & M Enterprises' estimate of \$1,862.00 to replace lids on two storm intakes on Highway 92 near Laffer Street, be accepted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Mendenhall, that the estimate of M & M Enterprises for making the Clark Street repairs, in the amount of \$3,444.00, be accepted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Glandon further reported that Safety Kleen has checked out the oil in the barrels that we need to move from Bruns' property, and it is not hazardous, but it may cost us about \$335.00 for them to pump the same out at \$8.00 per 50 gallons. Also, the Street Superintendent in Oskaloosa can use the tanks, with no money exchanged.

Council member Van Fleet stated that although Council member Wilkening had put 11-A on the agenda and was unable to be present at this meeting, he would speak for him in regard to the Fire Department filling Greg Brower's pool at night. Mayor Gosnell spoke up and said that he will be directing a letter to the Fire Chief and the Chief of the Police that there will be no more of such activity unless the same has previously come before the Council and approved by motion. Council member Van Fleet said the Sewer OM needs to be paid on that water, and he made such a motion. The same died for lack of a second.

The matter of City utilities charge for construction sites was on the agenda. No one gets juice from Alliant until the meter is in, so water being used should be metered; the Mayor said he wants everybody treated equally, although nothing has previously come before the Council for a policy on that subject.

There was no wastewater report.

The financial reports are being updated as quickly as possible, and hopefully information will be available at the next meeting. (All May and June financial data has to be reconstructed because of a multitude of errors on the part of a prior employee.)

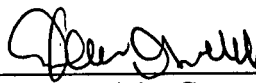
Council member Van Fleet asked about the scoop on the Well #3 renovation. Council member Glandon replied that there is going to be a delay because the equipment is scheduled. If it doesn't work, Engineer Bucklin recommends moving over for a new well. Mayor Gosnell said we should go by what the group who make wells and repair wells tell us.

There was no public input.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Glandon, that the request of Douglas C. Gernler and Sarah G. Gernler to pay off one year early their forgivable Housing Loan be approved, and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign a release of Real Estate Mortgage upon said payment. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

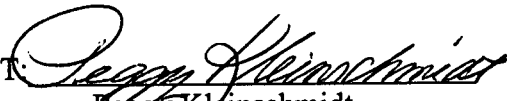
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Council member Mendenhall moved for adjournment at 8:09 P.M.



Blake Gosnell
Mayor

ATTEST:



Peggy Kleinschmidt
City Clerk

