

CITY OF SIGOURNEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, August 18, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Blake Gosnell presiding, and the following Council members answering roll call: Rich Wilkening, Lyle G. Van Fleet, Douglas L. Glandon, Bob L. Mendenhall, Jeffrey A. Winn, and Ed Conrad. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Sharlene Bos, Don Northup, David Thompson, Engineer Kenneth D. Bucklin, Architect Art Koffron, and City Attorney John Wehr.

Mayor Gosnell said item 14 on the agenda, Policy for Department Heads regarding hiring contractors and timely billings therefor, may be dropped from this and future agendas. Council member Wilkening moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the agenda be approved as posted after one deletion. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 4, 1999 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Gosnell said he had not had opportunity to view the water drainage problems of either Barb and Jack Smith or Dorothy Peiffer. Council member Van Fleet said he had Ron Doubek check Dorothy Peiffer's and learned that it is coming from Highway 92; that there is no inlet on the north-south street, Stuart. Rich Wilkening said he had viewed the same with Ron shortly after 8:00 this morning and that it had washed out. The problem at Dorothy Peiffer's was then discussed at length. Council member Van Fleet said an inlet is really needed on the east side of her driveway entrance, to catch the flow. Engineer Bucklin thought perhaps it could be handled with shaping concrete at the curb on the alley side. Council member Van Fleet said he still thinks it needs to get into the storm sewer on the east side of the driveway. Mayor Gosnell added that the drain won't handle it and it goes into her garage. Mr. Bucklin then said the outlet pipe is probably the problem. Council member Wilkening said Ron Doubek had marked with a hole where he suggested putting an inlet. Council member Glandon expressed his concern that the railroad crossing was taken out and we didn't change anything, but now there is a problem, and he wondered if it is the outflow, not the intake. Mayor Gosnell said this is the first time he has heard about this problem and we don't have the money to fix it. Engineer Bucklin said a minimum of 12" is needed on a 2% grade, and when we let the paving job we didn't have the money to correct the flow problem at that time, but thought it could be in a later project.

Mayor Gosnell said the same is true for Barb and Jack Smith's, and Ringgold Street is not set up to drain. Council member Glandon asked Engineer Bucklin for an estimate of the cost of replacing storm sewers on Highway 92, which had been calculated in as a part of that contemplated project. Engineer Bucklin said he didn't know offhand, but the storm sewer was going to be a part of the project for which we would repay D.O.T. Mayor Gosnell said he thought the storm sewer portion was in the area of \$400,000, and that down the road the City must address the storm sewer problems.

Council member Glandon introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of Michael R. and Trudy Welter for a building permit and Application for Tax Abatement on an addition to the P & P convenience store. The second was by

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

Council member Mendenhall inquired if the application of the Mikotas for construction of a building to partially be used for a hair salon would be the first business in a residential district and if that would create problems. City Attorney John Wehr was in the audience, with a copy of the Zoning Ordinance, and he replied that a hair salon is a permitted use. Council member Mendenhall introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of Robert and Jennifer Mikota for a building permit and Application for Tax Abatement on a two-car garage, half for a hair salon. The second was by Council member Glandon. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of Cletus and Beverly Hammes for Tax Abatement on vinyl siding. The second was by Council member Glandon. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of Billy and Kimberly Meier for a building permit, and Application for Tax Abatement on the addition of a porch on the front of their house, and a screened-in back porch. The second was by Council member Conrad. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

The application of David Thompson for a building permit and an Application for Tax Abatement on addition to a house, which the Zoning Administrator had indicated would require a variance, was discussed at length. Mayor Gosnell reported he had looked at the site. Mr. Thompson stated that it is only his personal water line on the property. Council member Mendenhall asked if the requirement for a variance wouldn't be the Planning & Zoning Commission's decision rather than that of the Council. City Attorney John Wehr reminded the Council that although we have a Planning & Zoning Commission, that the Council did not appoint a Board of Adjustment, so that is why the City Council also needs to act as the Board of Adjustment. After being quizzed, Mr. Thompson told the Council that although their address is 322 South Stone Street, since before they lived in that house the front door has faced south (West South Street.). The discussion then led to the issue that the planned addition on the east side of the house on Stone Street, that was going to require a variance, could in fact be considered a side yard, so no variance would be necessary. Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the application of David Thompson for a building permit and his Application for Tax Abatement on an addition. The second was by Council member Glandon. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the Applications of Rodger Aller for a D.O.T. entrance permit and a sidewalk permit both be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

David G. Harris, Superintendent, and Russ Parcell, Elementary Principal, had written the City requesting consideration in making Shuffleton Street on the east side of the Sigourney Elementary School a no parking area for the length of the school property, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This would allow buses to pick up and deliver students on the west side of the building and parents to do all pick-up and delivery

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on the east side. Council member Glandon introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, that Shuffleton Street on the east side of the Sigourney Elementary School be considered a no parking area for the length of the school property between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The second was by Council member Van Fleet. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Don Northup asked from the audience if John Wehr could check about the conflict with our Ordinance and the State Ordinance re semi trucks and tractors parking across from the school. John was asked to research that problem.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the application of Pizza Ranch for renewal of their beer permit be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Glandon, that the application of H & K for renewal of their beer and wine permits be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Glandon asked City Attorney John Wehr, who had reviewed the data forwarded for approval of the cable television transfer, if Mediacom LLC would be obligated under the assignment to rebuild the system. Mr. Wehr replied that it is an assignment which would encompass all of the provisions of the franchise. Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that a public hearing be set for 7:00 P.M. September 1, 1999, just prior to the Council's consideration of a Resolution regarding approval of the Cable Television transfer. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

No electrical bids had been received on the Memorial Hall electrical specifications. Mr. Koffran said he would telephone Duane Atwood because he had understood today that Atwood Electric planned to submit a proposal.

Council member Van Fleet reported that the municipal swimming pool will close at 6:00 P.M. Saturday, and be drained on Monday.

SEMCO Sanitary Landfill has notified us that effective October 1st, 1999 they will no longer accept cardboard and will assess a fine for dumping trash containing 10% of old corrugated cardboard, or other recyclable products that are accepted in the local recycling programs: 1st offense is written warning; 2nd offense is double the tipping fee; and 3rd offense is triple the tipping fee, with SEMCO refusing any load anytime for violating SEMCO policy. Don Northup explained two options: Ron Cox will bring an 8 yd container to the Shop and 1.) we pick up and haul or we make the businesses take their cardboard there, or 2.) we could pick it up in the garbage truck and take it to Cox, but that would not be too cost efficient. Cox would charge us \$25.00 a month for a rolloff at our Yard, or if we would buy one it would cost approximately \$900.00. Council member Glandon said we need to tell the businesses or anyone to take it down to the Shop; our recycling truck doesn't hold much. Mayor Gosnell said Louis Rich has a compactor which will probably be sold at auction: perhaps we could call City Cartons who might spot us a trailer and might get us a compactor. Mr. Northup said that in three years we would pay for our own dumpster exclusively for cardboard, and it could be set on a concrete slab by the R.I. well. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening, that we purchase an 8 yard container for cardboard at the Yard, and that upon delivery we immediately cease picking up cardboard in the garbage truck to take to SEMCO. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wilkening, Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

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Council member Glandon reported that letters went out to property owners who had utility repairs that involved digging up the streets, when the same were not restored to their original condition, advising them to contact the contractor who originally did the work, and if the street was not restored within a specified time the City would arrange to have the work done and charge the cost thereof to the respective property owner.

Under Water, discuss forgiving penalties on two accounts with monthly payments, the City Clerk told the Mayor and Council that two residential customers have accumulated large balances and although they both make monthly payments their penalties almost exceed their payments. Mayor Gosnell reviewed the usages and stated that in view of the exceedingly large amounts run through the meter each month on one, that the City would not forgive the penalties - that all the people using the water could contribute to the cost. The Clerk said they would encourage these customers to increase their monthly payments.

Engineer Bucklin reported on the renovation of Well #3: they are still working on it and have gravel in and the screen in and went to pull the casing and are having trouble. The driller is hoping for 200 gallons a minute, and we should know by the next Council meeting; it's good news but the job is not done.

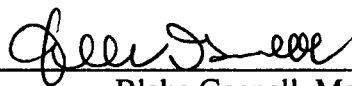
Mr. Bucklin also told of meeting with Dale Kraus and their conversation with IDED regarding our Sewer CDBG Application: we will emphasize the highest priorities, basically the southeast interceptor, up by Casey's and Ringgold Street.

John Wehr said Council member Glandon could explain #9 on the agenda, Consideration of Variance on Clark Street in behalf of Tony Pitsch. Council member Glandon said that under our Zoning Ordinance the Business District does not address automotive business, but does allow agricultural, and he and John think it is an oversight because automotive is only under industrial. The Planning & Zoning Commission needs to amend the same. Mayor Gosnell asked John Wehr to draft a letter to the Planning & Zoning Commission and let him see it before it is mailed, but we need to have them consider what can be done on Clark Street under B-2 General Business District.

The City Clerk submitted the May financial reports, and the June financial reports, without the Budget Amendment reflected on the printouts or without the Treasurer's signature on the Clerk's monthly report, and a preliminary rough draft of the July report. The Treasurer had numerous corrections to make as result of the May and June adjustments, and then he had his eyes dilated yesterday so was unable to complete his work.

Engineer Bucklin reported that Sammons Construction is back repairing sidewalks around the square that had problems; they are trying to get them to take care of all the problems and visit with Sigourney Appliance and Dollar General, the only two claims that are outstanding, and that if Sammons doesn't settle all soon we will look to their bonding company.

Council member Van Fleet moved for adjournment at 8:19 P.M. The second was by Council member Winn. Mayor Gosnell told the Council his last day as Mayor will be September 10th.



Blake Gosnell, Mayor

ATTEST



Peggy Kleinschmidt, City Clerk

