

CITY OF SIGOURNEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Pro tem Douglas L. Glandon presiding, and the following Council members answering roll call: Lyle G. Van Fleet, Douglas L. Glandon, Bob L. Mendenhall, Jeffrey A. Winn, Ed Conrad, and Rich Wilkening arrived a little later. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were John I. Ballensky, Sharlene Bos, Jerry Smithart, Don Northup, Jack Vallandingham, Karla Grant, and her mother.

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

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 1, 1999 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, and Conrad. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting at 7:30 A.M. this date, with Tom Siskow, Norm Glandon, Eugene Strohman, and Jerry Wohler present. Motion to let major auto repair shops in B-2 districts by Eugene, seconded by Tom. Motion passed. Motion to allow privacy fences to be 6 foot high by Norm, seconded by Eugene. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 A.M. When the City Attorney faxed a copy of said minutes to the City Clerk he added "this is only the first step to amending the City Zoning Ordinance and that the Code requires published Notice and hearing." City Attorney John Wehr will be asked to prepare the necessary paperwork to accomplish these recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Council member Wilkening arrived at 7:06 P.M.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the recommendation of the Zoning Administration in regard to the Application of Jack and Mary S. Vallandingham for building permit and Application for Tax Exemption on a new house. Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, for approval of the Application of Jack and Mary S. Vallandingham for Tax Abatement on a new house. The second was by Council member Mendenhall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the report of the Zoning Administrator regarding Karla Grant's request for a Zoning Ordinance variance and reminded the Council that the Planning & Zoning Committee moved to allow six foot high privacy fences, although the change is not legally effective. Council member Winn moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the request of Karla Grant for authorization to build a six foot high privacy fence be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the report of the Zoning Administrator regarding the Application of Lonnie L. and Jennifer D. Bell for building permit and Application for Tax Exemption on a new house. Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution, and moved its adoption, to approve the Application of Lonnie L. and Jennifer D. Bell for Tax Exemption on a new house. The second was by Council member Conrad. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

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Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the recommendation of the Zoning Administration regarding the Application of Barry and Karla Lee for Tax Abatement on a 8' X 30' cedar front porch. Council member Wilkening introduced the Resolution and moved its adoption, that the Application of Barry and Karla Lee for Tax Abatement on a 8' X 30' cedar front porch be approved. The second was by Council member Winn. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Council member Van Fleet introduced the Resolution approving the 1998-99 Annual Street (Road Use) Finance Report, and moved its adoption. The second was by Council member Conrad. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays None. The Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon told the Council he wanted them to seriously think about a City Administrator, and he believes now is the time with other forthcoming changes in the office. He has a copy of the Pocahontas Ordinance Establishing the position of Administrator and outlined some of the things that person would handle: direct all departments and represent the Council in all matters between the various departments and the Council, and report to the Council at each meeting regarding the same; setting policies and handling the day-to-day operations; budget and Zoning Administrator responsibilities; handle many of the calls to the City Clerk; grant writing. He said Mike Welter has helped us for six months as Zoning Administrator and once this gets going well he may not want to continue doing that work; that there would no longer be a need for the Council committees. There was some general discussion about the position, and expenditure therefor.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the Contract with Atwood Electric, for the new service entrance and partial rewiring improvements for Memorial Hall, in the amount of \$29,877.00, be approved and the Mayor Pro tem be authorized to sign the same. The completion is scheduled for December 17, (approximately 105 days from start date.) Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Van Fleet reported that there was another State Inspection of the Pool after it closed. There were some items that he questioned and he has been trying to get in touch with the Inspector, to no avail.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked Don Northup of the Street Department to report on the electrical specs for the new maintenance building. Mr. Northup said he had Duane Atwood draw up the plans for the service in the building. The Council all looked at the plans and Council member Winn suggested putting in a couple more receptacles. Council member Conrad moved that we advertise and accept bids for the electrical for the new maintenance building as per the Specifications with three receptacles added on the east side and two on the south side in between the doors. The second was by Council member Winn. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Don Northup told the Council the present condition of the forty year old end loader: that it is a six cylinder and has lost three; it would cost a minimum of \$2500 to repair the steering section, plus additional for the brakes; the trade in value is only \$3000; that it has taken a nose dive now and is worthless. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said the motor grader is at the point of only being used to push snow. Don Northup added that no employee has the knowledge nor ability to crown roads or utilize the motor grader as it was intended, the gears are hydraulics, and it too is considered older equipment. He has checked

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into Caterpillar and with an angle blade their end loader would be considered multi-use; can use for blading the streets as well as loading sand and salt onto trucks. He contacted several suppliers, but only Caterpillar got back to him. A brand new end loader delivered would be \$85,000 with a one year/1500 hour warranty, and extended warranty of four year/5000 hours on the drive train only. A blade would be about \$14,000 more, and maybe could get by without that this year. He would not recommend a used one: from what he could determine they get used and abused and traded in. Council member Winn asked about a lease-purchase. The information on that was up to five years at 6-1/4% interest, which would be \$17,000 a year plus interest. Don Northup further said that Cat and John Deere are the #1 and #2 end loaders in the construction industry, but the Caterpillar dealer in Cedar Rapids was the only one who responded to his inquiry. He further said there are a lot of options. Council member Winn suggested looking at options to lease-purchase. Don Northup said that we could possibly also trade in the motor grader, and that he will contact John Bowers about doing our gravel roads. Council member Mendenhall expressed his opinion that as soon as we could get something worked out with Bowers for grading the roads, we should sell the maintainer, and he would like to see lease payments for the end loader. Council member Conrad asked about selling the maintainer. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said we would advertise it in the Des Moines paper.

Mr. Northup further reported that Safety-Kleen was here today and got the barrels scraped out. Jerry called Oskaloosa also today about their taking the barrels.

The matter of the purchase of water meters was tabled because all of the information had not previously been provided the Council.

The Council had no problem with temporarily selling water to nonresidents at the normal rate of one and one-half times the resident rate.

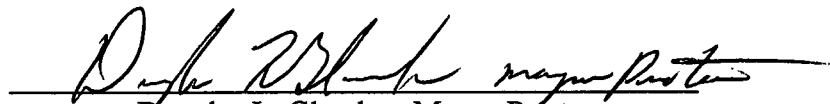
Council member Van Fleet said that Ron Doubek told him Well #3 will not be cost effective. Mayor Pro tem Glandon reminded the Council that Roy Hesseman will be here one of these days to make a recommendation on a new well site.

There was nothing to report under Wastewater.

There were no questions regarding the August financial reports.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the Application of The White House for a Cigarette Permit be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Van Fleet, Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Wilkening. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Van Fleet moved for adjournment at 8:10 P.M. The second was by Mayor Pro tem Douglas L. Glandon.


Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST: 
Peggy Kleinschmidt, City Clerk