

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1991

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, September 18, 1991, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., as posted, with Mayor Park presiding and the following Councilpersons answering roll call: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. (Welter was absent.) Blake Gosnell, Sharon Miller, and the City Clerk were also present. Later arrivals were Mike Neary (7:40 P.M.), John Wehr (7:44 P.M.) and Al Gralapp (at 7:45 P.M.)

Councilperson H. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Wells, that item 13 on the agenda, Pleasant Grove Cemetery's request to purchase "No Parking Here to Corner" sign, be deleted in that they may buy the sign to install themselves outside of the City limits, and that the agenda otherwise be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The Mayor opened the public hearing on sale of the Grace Snakenberg property and read the Notice of Hearing on Sale of Real Estate and the Notice of Sale of Real Estate, both as published. There being no written or oral comments or objections to said sale, the public hearing thereon was closed at 7:35 o'clock P.M. Councilperson Van Fleet introduced a resolution, in the form of a motion, seconded by Councilperson J. Seip, to authorize the said sale by sealed bids and to proceed thereon as published. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Wells moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 1991 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The Mayor explained to the Council that some roadblocks have been encountered in the re-precincting discussions: that even if we would change the precincts and form of government from four Wards and two Councilpeople-at-large, to one or two precincts and all Councilpersons-at-Large, time is getting short for circulating a petition to change the form of government for that method and to have the question on the ballot, and we would still have to re-precinct by November 15th, so he would now recommend that the present form of government be retained and that the boundaries for the four wards be changed, and detailed an outline therefor. Councilperson H. Seip moved, seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet, that we proceed to re-precinct by changing and amending Chapter 1.12 WARDS of the City Ordinance to legally encompass the following rough boundaries:

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| First Ward:  | To be bounded on the West by Main Street and on the South by Washington Street                     |
| Second Ward: | To be bounded on the East by Main Street and on the South by Pleasant Valley Street and Delta Road |
| Third Ward:  | To be bounded on the East by Main Street and on the North by Pleasant Valley Street and Delta Road |
| Fourth Ward: | To be bounded on the West by Main Street and on the North by Washington Street                     |

and to do all things necessary to comply with the November 15th deadline for re-precincting. Upon the roll being called, the

following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

John Wehr appeared before the Mayor and Council to explain the request in behalf of Bruns, Inc. to vacate the street lying between Lots 17 and 18 in the original Clark & Woodin's Survey. The present Auditor's plat shows Bruns, Inc. as the present owner and the Corporation has been paying taxes thereon, and also shows the street as being the North Half of Lot 18, which is inaccurate. Councilperson Van Fleet introduced the Ordinance hereinafter set out entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A STREET LYING SOUTH OF LOT 17 AND NORTH OF LOT 18 IN CLARK & WOODIN'S FIRST SURVEY OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE, TOWNSHIP SEVENTY-SIX NORTH, RANGE TWELVE WEST OF THE FIFTH P.M., KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA,"

and moved that it be read. Councilperson Wells seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 12.50-09-91 was read by Councilperson H. Seip, after which it was discussed. Councilperson H. Seip moved that the rules requiring said Ordinance to be read on three different days be dispensed with. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butler. On roll call the vote was: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The Mayor declared the motion to have received a three-fourths affirmative vote of the members of the Council and to have been adopted. Councilperson H. Seip moved that Ordinance No. 12.50-09-91 be now adopted. Councilperson Butler seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as attached to and made a part of these minutes, the same as if set out at length herein, and as is filed in the Code of Ordinances.

The Mayor advised that he and Councilperson Welter had visited with City Attorney H. Michael Neary. Mr. Neary then got up and said that due to his limited time in Sigourney and his time for consultation with the City officials and City law enforcement officers having been reduced, he would tender his resignation as City Attorney for Sigourney at such time as a successor is appointed. The Mayor extended the appreciation of the City of Sigourney for the long service, and said he has visited with John Wehr, who has agreed to accept the position of City Attorney. Councilperson H. Seip moved to accept the resignation of H. Michael Neary as City Attorney and to appoint John Wehr as City Attorney, all effective September 19th. The second was by Councilperson Van Fleet. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson Butler, to approve the application of Blackie's Super Valu for renewal of their beer license. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson J. Seip introduced a Resolution and moved its adoption approving the Annual Street Finance report of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Van Fleet. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H.

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Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

At 8:00 o'clock P.M. the Mayor declared the time had arrived to open the sealed bids on the Grace Snakenberg property. There was only one bid received, and it was placed by Allan D. Gralapp, in the total bid amount of \$1,552.00., and was submitted with a cashier's check in the amount of \$1,000.00. Councilperson Van Fleet moved, seconded by Councilperson Wells, to accept the bid of Allan D. Gralapp for the Grace Snakenberg property. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Van Fleet introduced a Resolution in the form of a motion, seconded by Councilperson H. Seip, that Trust & Agency Tax Receipts continue to be deposited directly into the General Fund, from which are paid the employee benefits (FICA, IPERS, Medical) which were taxed under Trust & Agency.) Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Wells, Van Fleet, H. Seip, J. Seip, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Water Committee, the Mayor reported that the driller started moving in for the second well, but the ground is swampy, so they will back off until it dries up.

The August financial reports of the City Clerk and City Treasurer were before the Mayor and Council and filed.

Councilperson J. Seip will install a water heater on the new Ford truck. The Sanitation Department would like to come to the next Council meeting to discuss some problems with yard waste. Councilperson Wells asked when the tornado siren would be tested again - perhaps we ought to get an estimate on moving it.

Councilperson Van Fleet moved for adjournment at 8:50 o'clock P.M. The second was by Councilperson H. Seip.

  
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 Tom Park, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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 Peggy Kleinschmidt, City Clerk