CITY OF SIGOURNEY<br>MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Pro tem Douglas L. Glandon presiding, and the following Council members answering roll call: Douglas L. Glandon, Bob L. Mendenhall, Jeffrey A. Winn, Ed Conrad, Rich Wilkening, and Lyle G. Van Fleet. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Bill Wilkening, Sharlene Bos, Jerry Smithart, Don Northup, Bill Tremmel, Larry Smith, John Ballensky, Angela Alderson, John N. Wehr, and Kenneth D. Bucklin arrived shortly after the meeting commenced.

Council member Wilkening moved, seconded by Council member Mendenhall, that the agenda be approved as posted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Coread, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. 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 15, 1999 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Winn moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the minutes of the special Council meeting of September 21, 1999 be approved as submitted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. Abstained: Wilkening. The motion was approved.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the Application of Keokuk County Pheasants Forever for a Five-Day Beer Permit be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. Abstained: Conrad. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon read the letter of resignation from the Keokuk County E911 Board submitted by Douglas Sheetz:

I am currently the Sigourney representative on the Keokuk County E911 Board. I would like to resign from that position effective 12-31-99, and request you appoint someone to replace me. I have told the current E911 board of this decision and informed them that Larry Smith of Sigourney has indicated an interest in taking my place. However that decision is yours to make. John Schroeder indicated he would be willing to provide you with any information requested to help with your decision.

Larry Smith said the reason he would like to be on the local E911 board is because he is a member of the State E911 Board. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the resignation of Douglas Sheetz as the City representative to the E911 board, effective December 31, 1999, be accepted, and that Larry Smith be appointed to fill the vacancy. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

City Attorney John Wehr was on the agenda to explain some details of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment that perhaps had not been considered at the last meeting: that the Planning \& Zoning Commission has to have the request for an amendment thirty days and they have to hold a public hearing after publishing notice and mailing notice to any contiguous property owner. He further explained that after all of that the Council then has to have a public hearing on the Amendment and also publish and give written notice

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prior thereto An alternative for people who desire a change in zoning may make application therefor, and in so doing shall accompany the petition for such change in zoning, or the ordinance introduced for the purpose of changing such zoning, with a fee in the amount of $\$ 100$ towards the cost of processing the application. If Clark Street, B2 , is to be rezoned to include automotive, the wrong approach has been started. He suggested going back to Planning \& Zoning to start the proper amendment, or ask the property owners to go to Planning \& Zoning to ask for a variance. However, the general discussion was that the Planning \& Zoning Commission wanted to correct the Zoning Ordinance to include automotive in B-2 instead of Industrial, so it should be sent back to P\&Z for them to do it the proper way. John Wehr asked if the City always publishes notices in the paper. Mayor Pro tem Glandon replied yes, and asked John to work with $\mathrm{P} \& Z$ to get the proper notices, etc.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked if there was any input on the sample Ordinance establishing an Administrator. Council member Conrad said it didn't have all the functions of the Boards, and Council member Mendenhall pointed out that our pay period is now bi-weekly instead of what is set forth in the sample. John Wehr cautioned them that the sample Ordinance is copyrighted. Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked City Attorney Wehr to take a look at the sample ordinance, and get in touch with them as to the copyright, and report back at the next meeting. John Ballensky later suggested asking Council members from Pocahontas, who had adopted said Ordinance, for their input as to anything they might have changed had they been adopting it now. Engineer Bucklin asked if he might have a copy of the sample Ordinance. The City Clerk is to send him one.

There was nothing to report on Memorial Hall. Council member Van Fleet reported the Pool is closed and that the response to the first inspection report had been sent to Des Moines, and the second response has been filed; the rest rooms are shut up for the winter; the tennis nets he ordered are in and he will get the fence installed, that he has arranged for Jim Kerr to do that. He was asked about the costs of those items. He said the nets are approximately $\$ 800$; the fence $\$ 2700$, and labor installing $\$ 900$. Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked if Jim Kerr has liability insurance in favor of the City. Council member Van Fleet did not know.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon opened the following bids for installation of electric service to the new metal maintenance building:

> V \& V Electric. \$ 3,770.00
> Linder Electric 2,975.00
> Smith Electric. 4,454.50
> Bain Electric. 3,350.00

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening, that Linder Electric, the low bidder, be awarded the electrical service to the new maintenance building, for the sum of $\$ 2,975.00$, subject to receipt of the standard Certificate of Insurance. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Bill Wilkening, representing Greiner Implement Company, Inc., Ottumwa, handed in a quote on a new Case Wheel Loader, in addition to the information on a used one he had submitted before the meeting. Other quotes were received from Martin Equipment on a John Deere 344H Wheel Loader; from Road Machinery \& Supplies Co. on a new 1999 Komatsu Wheel Loader/Tool Carrier; and from Altorfer on a Caterpillar IT14G Integrated Tool Carrier Wheel Type Loader. Sigourney Tractor and Implement had submitted an Equipment Proposal on a John Deere Tractor. Don Northup said that if the Council intended to consider a tractor, we would also need to contact Jim Eversmeyer with Keokuk County Implement Co. for a tractor quote. The group compared features and discussed all of the quotes. The final two under consideration were the Caterpillar at $\$ 87,393$ (without the Henke Industrial Folding V-Plow) but adding $\$ 1812$ for the

Caterpillar Auto Ride Control, making their total $\$ 89,205$, and the Case quote was $\$ 89,600$ (without the blade) plus $\$ 3900$ for a 60 month, 4000 hr warranty, making their total $\$ 93,500$. Council member Wilkening asked about financing arrangments. Council member Mendenhall replied that both local Banks will finance one-half thereof at $6 \%$ interest, and they will work with us on whatever type of payment structure we may want to arrange. Mayor Pro tem Glandon indicated he felt it was important that we finance it through the local Banks instead of from offers the equipment vendors have made.

Council member Wilkening moved, seconded by Council member Mendenhall, that the City purchase the new Caterpillar IT14G from Altorfer, for the total cost of $\$ 89,205$, with the same to be financed equally at the local Banks, and that Mayor Pro tem Glandon be authorized to sign the same. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening, that up to 300 new electronic read water meters be purchased from U. S. Filter. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Engineer Bucklin reported that James Development Corporation representatives wanted to know about water pressure for a potential sprinkler system at their selected site on Delta Road, so one morning last week the engineers worked with Ron to test hydrants. There would need to be a water main extension, but they wanted to test where they could start from, so they tested one block east of Delta Road at Skillman and Garfield; they tested at three locations and the flows were very similar - 550 gallons a minute with a 20 pound residual. French-Reneker has sent that information to James Development so they may design their system for a three story building.

Secondly, it was confirmed to him today that the best pumpage from Well \#3 will be 32 gallons a minute as result of the test pump and that 72 gallons a minute will suck in air. The existing pump is too big. Charlie Derr was looking at taking the bowls off, but Northway is recommending a smaller pump, but same motor, which will be an additional $\$ 3000$. The only way to recoup that investment will be by way of a trade-in, although the pump to be taken out may be used in another well. Northway is ready to finish up, but they need a decision, if someone could be authorized to make the decision as to what they should go ahead and do. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said 30 gallons would be $25 \%$ of our daily need, and he thinks we should go ahead and put in the smaller pump. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Wilkening that a smaller pump be installed in Well \#3. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Glandon, Mendenhall, Winn, Conrad, Wilkening, and Van Fleet. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

The third item Engineer Bucklin said he wanted to discuss was that he had Roy Hesseman come and look at where we could drill future wells. Prior to relocating the well field, the City had hired Layne Geosciences, out of Kansas City, to look at fractures. The \#1 location was at the intersection of Highways 149/92 and since that was not a potential site, we moved to the present well field. Those test wells were selected after thermography studies, the coldest water, and maps, and based on extensive studies the recommendation was then made to put well \#1 in the middle of Snakenberg's. Roy Hesseman was an Engineer with Layne-Western at that time, and he got all the records from the original studies and he has come up with two locations, both on Matt Wehr's 40 acres: west of the plant and north of the creek toward Yenrougis, after crossing the bridge, on the right. So he is recommending the City drill test wells, but we would have to get permission from Matt Wehr. Roy recommended drilling two test wells and then decide which is the better. Engineer Bucklin said he would like to use the test driller that Roy Hesseman recommended, a company from Iowa City, and Ken also recommended that French-Reneker hire he test driller so the City would not have to take bids therefor.

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His estimate of the cost was $\$ 5000-\$ 5500$ per well, or $\$ 10,000-\$ 12,000$ for two, but he told the Council that he will get a quote by the next meeting. The first test well would be more costly than the second. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said we need to do planning for two wells in the future. Council member Wilkening asked the Engineer about Ron Doubek having told him that the iron bacteria was in the well because of the drilling rig. The Engineer explained that iron bacteria can get started when surface water gets into the well and a pump is not sterilized. However, in that Ron was not here at the time, he only had hearsay from someone else who was only a spectator and not involved in the well drilling, as to the change of the rig, and that person did not understand what was being done, but Mr. Bucklin assured the Council that originally the work had been done correctly and explained that the driller had in fact brought in a new rig. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said that to complete the study on test wells they also want to see the records on the other wells, how they have performed, water levels, etc. Engineer Bucklin asked City Attorney John Wehr about prior negotiations with Matt Wehr. The reply was that nothing came back. Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked with the July $1^{\text {st }}$ law change if we would need to do anything differently about test wells on private real estate. That will be defined clearly at the seminar scheduled for next week. Mayor Pro tem Glandon instructed the City Clerk to put test wells on the next agenda.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon asked Engineer Bucklin to contact Sammons Construction again about Phil Buschman's claim, and that if it is not taken care of by the next Council meeting we will call their bonding company.

Engineer Bucklin said R \& R wanted to set a date for the Council to go around and look at the completion of the Spring Street Watermain Project and the Kelley Street Project, and he would set it for next week, maybe Wednesday, October 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$. 7:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. were both discussed. He will notify the City Clerk and she is to advise all of the Council of the time and date arranged.

Under Wastewater, since the last Council meeting the City received notification that we were not accepted to submit a full Application for a CDBG grant.

Bill Tremmel said he wanted to explain to the Council why he had submitted the extra bill for work in locating the water and sewer lines when he was installing those in the new maintenance building. He said Ron had not done the locates, and when he asked him why, his reply was that if Bill couldn't find them, what made him think that he could find them. Bill said it took him a long time to look and dig slowly so as he wouldn't break any existing line, because he didn't want to have that record on his reputation, even though it had been suggested to him by an elected official that if he hit and broke a line, that would not be his fault if it was not located. He further said he spent several hours trying to locate the lines and that he didn't think he should be spending his time and money to do such because a City employee doesn't want to do his job. So Mayor Pro tem Glandon had told him to bill the City for his extra time, but he wanted to explain it to everyone else. He said there was another case recently where Doubek was following the electric line and that Council member Wilkening located the water line for him with his metal detector; that Doubek does not cooperate with him and has marked water lines five feet away from where they are actually located; that it is not fair to the City taxpayers to pay for someone's inability to do his job, and it has also cost the City a lot of money with his not fixing leaks. Mayor Pro tem Glandon said Bill Tremmel has talked with him for two years about this problem and he would talk with Blake Gosnell and nothing was ever done, so while he is in the Chair, he feels this time Bill should be paid for the extra time and work. Council member Winn stated that discharge action should be taken. Bill Tremmel stated it would be nice to work with someone who wants to cooperate, and he could cite case after case when Doubek has done anything but cooperate. John Ballensky told the group that he has been spending a couple of weeks visiting with people in the community and if someone wants to express concern, he is glad to listen: that the Administrator of a nursing home told him that Ron Doubek chewed her up one side and down the other and she kicked him out. Bill Temmel told John Ballensky that while he was spending time with Doubek that Doubek had put on his false good behavior image
and professionalism. Council member Wilkening said he is not condoning Doubek, but has two comments: 1.) that the nursing home was testing their sprinkler system and had not forewarned the City, and 2.) as far as the taxpayers paying the additional $\$ 500$ on this job, maybe the people sitting at this table are not doing their jobs. Bill Tremmel said he has talked with Ron about the problems and he feels intimidated and he is sick of it.

Mayor Pro tem Glandon said in view of these comments it might be appropriate for the Council to go into executive session for a short discussion. They decided right then, without voting action, to go into executive session at 8:45 P.M. and the City Clerk was also told to leave the room. The Council meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

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

Under public input there was some discussion about Halloween Trick or Treating having been designated by the Mayor Pro tem for Saturday night, October 30 ${ }^{\text {hh }}$, between 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Council member Conrad said he would have preferred it be on Sunday night.

Council member Van Fleet reported that Bill Deitrich has complained about the dirt in the new street light globes. Don Northup volunteered that he and Jerry Smithart would clean them after the first freeze, when no more bugs will get in them until spring.

Council member Glandon moved for adjournment at 9:20 P.M. The second was by Council member Winn.











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## OTHER WARRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED SINCE LAST COUNCIL APPROVAL SEPTEMBER, 1999

## CLAİMS APPROVED BY SIGOURNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MONTHLY TAXATION TO SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY FIRE DEPT <br> . \$ 1095.02

OTHER WARRANTS ISSUED:
09-24-99 25030 Treasurer, State of Iowa - sales taxes for September ..... \$ 1487.31
09-24-99 25029 Sigourney Post Office - postage October 1st ..... 164.12
09-24-99 DM Returned check - Tim George Palmer ..... 45.85
09-24-99 DM Returned check - Mark and Michelle Glandon ..... 95.28
09-29-99 DM Returned check - James and Mary Hawkins ..... 66.75
TOTAL ..... 1859.31
PAYROLL-RELATED CHECKS:
09-10-99 PRJ Employees Net Payroll 8-21/9-3 .....  8019.21
09-10-99 EFTPS FICA $\$ 1438.70$ and Medicare $\$ 336.48$ ..... 1775.18
09-10-99 EFTPS Federal Tax Withheld 8-21/9-3 pay period ..... 1003.58
09-10-99 24977 Collection Services Ctr. Gilliland \$253.23, Smithhart \$216.57 and Bruns \$77.30 ..... 547.10
09-10-99 24979 City of Sigourney - Income withholding fee for Gilliland, Bruns, and Smithart ..... 6.00
09-24-99 PRJ Employees Net Payroll 9-4/9-17 ..... 8210.99
09-24-99 EFTPS FICA $\$ 1482.72$ Medicare $\$ 346.72$ ..... 1829.44
09-24-99 EFTPS Federal Withholding 9-4/9-17 ..... 1048.75
09-24-99 25018 Collection Services Center - income withholding for Gilliland \$253.23; Bruns \$77.30; Smithart \$215.57 ..... 546.10
09-24-99 25019 City of Sigourney - Income withholding fee for Gilliland, Bruns, and Smithart ..... 6.00
09-24-99 25017 Treasurer, State of Iowa - Iowa taxes withheld September ..... 880.00
09-24-99 25020 Employee Benefit Services - Tony \$181.82; Allan $\$ 70.00$ and processing fee $\$ 8.00$ ..... 259.82
09-24-99 25021 Blue Cross \& Blue Shield - October medical ..... 2875.39
09-24-99 25022 Delta Dental Plan of Iowa - October dental ins ..... 266.64
09-30-99 25032 IPERS Collections - regular and Police September ..... 2254.41
09-24-99 25023-25026 and 25251 Keokuk County State Bank - amounts over insurance for bonds ..... 745.06
09-24-99 25027 Keokuk County State Bank - payroll withholdings for bonds 88.94 TOTAL ....\$ 30362.61

