

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Others present were Bill Halleran; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Brent Gilliland, Director of Public Works II; Aaron Kephart, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Item F (Approval of Tax Exemption Application for John and Sheila Ferree at 615 South Main Street Sigourney, Iowa (Resolution 2019-04-02) was removed from the Consent Agenda. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$18,550.67; City Clerk's February 2019 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for February 2019; Tax Exemption Application for Randy Stonebraker and LuAnn Berger at 709 East Washington Street, Sigourney, Iowa (Resolution 2019-04-01); and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Minutes from the regular Council meeting of March 20, 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Abstain: Conrad. Motion approved. *(Council member Conrad abstained as he was unable to attend the regular Council meeting on March 20, 2019.)*

Public Hearing: Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to open the public hearing regarding the budget estimate for fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved, and the public hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m.

The Public Hearing regarding the budget estimate had to be redone. Clerk Alderson explained that she had put the resolution number on the line where the location of the public hearing should have been on the information that went into the newspaper to inform the public of the public hearing. The Department of Management stated that technically the public did not know where the public hearing was being held and this should be redone correctly. The deadline was extended to take the information to the County Auditor to Friday, April 5th.

Mayor Glandon asked the public if they had any comments. There were none. Mayor Glandon asked the City Clerk if she had received any written comments and she stated she had not.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to close the public hearing. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved, and the public hearing was closed to 6:04 p.m.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2019-04-03 to adopt the city budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: Bill Halleran was present to discuss the golf cart ordinance with the City Council. Mr. Halleran's son is 16 and on the golf team. He cannot drive their golf cart from home to the golf course. Mr. Halleran reviewed the ages for other vehicles that can be driven and the speed according to state law. He would like to request the Council to change the ordinance to allow 16-year-olds to drive golf carts. The current age is 18. The Council discussed the age limits for the City's ordinances for golf carts and UTVs. Police Chief Kephart stated that he would like the UTV ordinance to remain at 18 for the first year. He is concerned that younger drivers would probably be more reckless on the faster vehicle. There was discussion on whether a school permit would be considered a valid driver's license. The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss this.

Mayor Glandon discussed a request to approve a plat within the 2 miles of the city limits for Steve Klein. Council member Schultz asked if this was for a hog confinement. Mayor Glandon stated that even if it is there is nothing the City can do to stop it. Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Resolution

No. 2019-04-04 Plat Within Two (2) Miles of City Limits for Steve Klein. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Morlan. Nays: None. Abstain: Schultz. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon reminded the Council that Mahaska Communication Group (MCG) has already received permission to place items on the water tower. When MCG investigated doing this, they discovered an OSHA regulation needed to be addressed. MCG has agreed to do the installation of a mid-rail on the tower if the City purchases the equipment needed and takes responsibility for repair and maintenance. Director of Public Works II Gilliland stated this regulation must be in place by 2020 or no one will be able to climb the tower. Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the agreement with Mahaska Communication Group to install a 21+mid-rail on the City's water tower and authorization for the Mayor to sign. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Park and Recreation: Director of Public Works I Northup stated they have been getting things ready at the pool and when they went to turn the pumps for the pool and pool toys on, one was frozen solid and other one sounds bad. A representative from Northway came down to look at them and stated they would both have to be pulled. This could cost \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to overhaul. One is in its ninth year and the other is in its fifth year without anything being done to them.

Street and Sanitation: Director of Public Works II Gilliland reviewed the bids from LL Pelling to seal coat roads. These are the roads that were marked to do this year plus a few that need to be done from being torn up during the winter. There is still another proposal to be received as well. The total cost should be \$50,000.00 or under. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the proposals from LL Pelling for street projects. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated there are several people that want to make driveways and they want to either cut into the curb or attach to the black top on the current road. Each street is different and there is no one decision that can be made that will apply to all situations. Director of Public Works I Northup would like to change the ordinance to state the decision will be up to the Director of Public Works or their designee.

Finance: Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe to approve the following Community Betterment requests: \$200.00 for rent of the Keokuk County Expo for the Hawkeye State Archaeological Society; \$35.00 for a flower pot at City Hall through the FFA program; and \$7,933.48 for a portion of the cost for new City computers. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Clerk Alderson explained that our revenue bonds are paid through Bankers Trust. Bankers Trust will now be UMB Bank. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the Notice of Assignment and Acknowledge to Assignment and authorize the Mayor to sign. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The April 17, 2019 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:39 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk