

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 with Mayor Miletich presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Others present were: Don Northup, Water / Wastewater / Pool Supervisor; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Miletich called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Hornback, to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2012 regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Abstain: Schultz. Motion approved. *(Council member Schultz abstained as he was unable to attend the August 1, 2012 Council meeting.)*

Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: accounts payable claims totaling \$23,014.04; Memorial Hall Commission accounts payable claims totaling \$59.00; Library Accounts Payable Claims totaling \$3,393.15; Cody Young and Dustin Bensmiller to attend the 2012 Snow Plow Operator Training Workshop at a cost of \$80.00 per person on September 11-12, 2012 in Des Moines, Iowa and to use the City's credit card to pay for motel accommodations and meals; Brent Gilliland and Randy Hemsley to attend the Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop at a cost of \$75.00 per person on September 25, 2012 in Ames, Iowa and to use the City's credit card to pay for motel accommodations and meals; Resolution No. 2012-08-01 regarding a street closing for Relay for Life Car Show on Saturday, September 1, 2012; Brent Gilliland and Doug Glandon to attend the Iowa Association of Housing Officials Fall Conference (for certification and recertification) at a cost of \$300.00 per person on October 3-5, 2012 in Cedar Falls, Iowa and to use the City's credit card to pay for motel accommodations and meals; Resolution No. 2012-08-02 regarding a street closing for the Alzheimer Walk activities on Sunday, September 9, 2012; and the credit card usage report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Hearing: Mayor Miletich announced that it was the time and place for the Public Hearing on a proposal to authorize the issuance of general obligation debt in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purpose of replacing the liner and other necessary repairs at the Sigourney Municipal Pool. Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member Hornback, to open the public hearing. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was opened at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Miletich asked if the City Clerk had received any written or verbal comments and Clerk Alderson stated there were none. Pool Supervisor Northup stated that everything is set to tear the liner out starting Monday, August 20th and once the contract is approved and returned the work to replace the liner can be scheduled. It will probably be the end of September or first part of October before the work starts.

Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to close the public hearing. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing regarding a proposal to authorize the issuance of general obligation debt in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purpose of replacing the liner and other necessary repairs at the Sigourney Municipal Pool was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2012-08-03 to approve and authorize a form of loan agreement and providing for the issuance of general obligation debt for the purpose of replacing the liner and other necessary repairs to the Sigourney Municipal Pool. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Abstain: Johnson. Motion approved. *(Council member Johnson abstained as he is the Second Vice President and Retail Manager at MidWestOne Bank – one of the lending institutions.)*

Street and Sanitation: Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve Resolution No. 2012-08-04 regarding the establishment and causing to be placed and maintained appropriate traffic control devices for 100 North Main Street. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Police Chief Glandon explained a dog attack that happened on West Spring Street on July 26, 2012. Jim and Eileen Thompson had a dog legally tied up on their property when a boxer type dog, not on a lease, attacked their dog. Mr. Thompson and someone else got between the dogs trying to protect the Thompson dog. A man and a couple of boys came and retrieved the boxer type dog. Mr. Thompson did not know them, but felt he could identify them if he saw them again. There were some injuries on the front leg of the Thompson dog. Mr. Thompson did not recognize the boxer type dog and could not identify where the dog lived – 416 West Pleasant Valley. Police Chief Glandon went to the residence, but no one was home. Later John Clubb told Officer Clark that it was his dog that had gotten loose. In the past the Council has dealt with dogs being vicious toward a person, but this is a dog attacking another dog. The Thompson's have indicated to Police Chief Glandon they would like to have something done. The Clubb dog did not have proof of rabies vaccination and was therefore confined to the vet's office for ten (10) days at the owner's expense. The Council reviewed the City Code, which states "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to harbor or keep a vicious animal within the city. A vicious animal is deemed so when it shall have attacked or bitten any person (without provocation), or when the propensity to attack or bite persons shall exist and such propensity is known or ought reasonably be known to the owner thereof." The consensus of the Council was the ordinance does not address a dog attacking another dog or animal and felt they could not consider the dog as vicious according to the City Code definition. Police Chief Glandon stated that the dog was running at large and the owner could be fined. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the issuance of a citation to John Clubb for allowing his dog to run at large and to refer the animal control ordinance to the Public Safety Committee for review. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Police Chief Glandon reviewed the Secure Our Schools COPS Grant that was approved by a previous City Council. This grant was written by the Sigourney Community Schools and provided security cameras and electronic locks at the schools. The grant also provided for the police to have wireless access to the school's security cameras. This would allow the police to have real time live video feed to the schools. The patrol car could be parked a few blocks from the school and have access to what is going on in the school in the event of an emergency situation. The antennas would sit on top of the gym with the equipment tied into their camera system at the school and it would broadcast the information to the police. This information would be secured and encrypted so no one else would have access. The police would also have control of which cameras they needed. This is a matching grant with the federal portion being 50% as well as the City's. The City had to be the fiscal agent as the grant had to be through a law enforcement agency. The school has received the cameras and locks and paid their 50%. There is \$28,000.00 in the local option fund saved for the police share of the grant. The grant will not pay for the receiving equipment in the patrol car which would include a laptop computer and some sort of receiver. There should be enough money to pay for both the grant share and the laptop and receiver. Police Chief Glandon stated this needs to happen very soon as the grant is in its second extension. At some time there would have to be approval for the laptop and receiver as these will be needed to complete the transmissions. A Panasonic Tough Book costs approximately \$4,000.00. The constant updating of technology could be a future problem. Police Chief Glandon stated he would still like to have a tough book laptop whether this project moves forward or not. The tough book would allow the officers to work in their vehicles. He was asked to get some price information for the Tough Books for the next meeting.

Finance: Council member Ballensky stated he has heard a number of positive comments regarding the newspaper article in the Sigourney News Review on the general fund.

Council member Hornback stated that the Mayor and Council received a letter from the Sigourney Library Board regarding the General Fund budget cuts and they would like to meet with the Finance Committee.

Council member Hornback mentioned the street sweeper is having problems and will be discussed by the Street and Sanitation Committee on September 5th.

City Clerk: City Clerk Alderson reviewed the debt capacity / state treasurer's report due every August. This report includes the City's entire debt (General Obligation Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Bank Loans, etc.) The Council discussed several of the bonds and which one's actually affected the City's debt capacity, which is currently at 71%.

The September 5, 2012 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Council member Hornback talked about a citizen regarding a sign permit. He would like to see the City promote economic development.

Mayor Miletich talked about emergency repair for owner occupied housing. She asked that the flyers provided be posted if anyone had a place to do so.

The Iowa Finance Authority is developing a state wide housing study and is seeking input on housing issues. There is a meeting on Monday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Bridgeview. Mayor Miletich encouraged anyone interested to attend this meeting.

Mayor Miletich stated that Mike and Adam Hammes worked at the Sports Park and have it all leveled off. The Hammes family worked two full days at the sports fields and only charged the City for fuel. The City has had an offer for the donation of free fertilizer and application if the City would purchase the seed. Mayor Miletich also had flyers announcing an informational meeting on September 18th.

Mayor Miletich has talked with Area 15 about applying for the Community Development Block Grant for housing.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:55 p.m.

Patricia Miletich, Mayor, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk