

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, and Schröder. Others present were: Christie Iosbaker, Sigourney News Review; Don Northup, Public Works Director I; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the tentative agenda after removing Item 4-3. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, and Schröder. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$22,535.60; Jim Morlan to attend the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference on Thursday, September 16th, 2021 sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities at a cost of \$215.00; credit card report; and the time and place for the August 18, 2021, regular Council meeting will be 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, and Schröder. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: Minutes of July 21, 2021, regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, and Schröder. Nays: None. Abstain: Schultz. Motion approved. *(Council member Schultz was unable to attend the July 21, 2021, regular Council meeting.)*

Additional City Business: Mayor Glandon stated there have been three (3) written complaints on the property located at 308 South East Street. After talking with the City Attorney, John Wehr, explained to the Council the process to take the property and then have an auction to sell the property. Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Schröder, to approve to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with petition by the City for title abandoned property pursuant to Iowa Code 657A.10B at 308 South East Street and to acquire necessary information from city staff to proceed. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, and Schröder. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to set the date and time for a Public Hearing regarding Application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Housing Upper Story Conversion through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IDEA) as Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, and Schröder. Nays: None. Motion approved.

There was no report for Sigourney Area Development Corporation (SADC).

Park and Recreation: Council member McLaughlin did not have anything to report. She stated that she did go out to the park before the Council meeting, and it looks good.

Water and Wastewater: Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Pay Estimate No. 6 from Boomerang Corp. for Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – CDBG #19-WS-009 – Sigourney, Iowa – SRF #CS192087001. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, and Schröder. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Council member McLaughlin stated she had called about the dogs that were requested to be removed from the City of Sigourney at 1016 South Main Street. She talked with two people that stated the dogs are both in different homes in Oskaloosa.

Public Input: Council member Schröder stated it is his understanding that the variant is raging elsewhere for sure. There was a representative from Public Health at his Kiwanis' meeting for lunch today. He stated that the vaccination rate in Keokuk County is only 38%. Council member Schröder's suggestion to the Council for further consideration at a later meeting is should the mask requirement be reinstated in City Hall. The purpose of the mask as he understands it is to protect others from the individual wearing it. The Public Health Representative responded to the question was this going to get worse before it gets better with yes because of the low vaccination rates. Council member Schroeder stated the Public Health Representative stated there are now available COVID test kits that you can get locally to submit your sample and send them into the state hygienic laboratory. There was a request to put this on the next agenda.

Council member Morlan stated he has been stopped and questioned about the golf carts being driven by children. He liked the information in the water bill and asked if he sees someone, could he stop them and make them leave the golf cart. Council member Schroeder stated this was discussed at a Public Safety Committee on July 26th. The Keokuk County Sheriff's Department and City's Police Officer have both been asked to issue tickets to any violators.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:27 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk