

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Others present were: Derek Albert, Police Officer; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$28,378.09; City Clerk's November 2019 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for November 2019; Resolution No. 2019-12-02 re: Establishing 2020 Appointments; Resolution No. 2019-12-03 re: Designating Official City Holidays and regular Council meetings schedule for calendar year 2020; Resolution No. 2019-12-04 re: re-appointment to the Sigourney Planning and Zoning Commission; GO Bond related fees to UMB Bank for ACH Withdrawal; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: minutes from the regular Council meeting of December 4, 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Abstain: Bender. Motion approved. *(Council member Bender abstained as he was unable to attend the regular Council meeting on December 4, 2019.)*

Additional City Business: Mayor Glandon and the Council discussed the clean-up of the property at 802 North Main Street. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve petitioning for title pursuant to Iowa Code 657A. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon and the Council reviewed a letter to the owner of 121 East Marion Street regarding maintenance of the property. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the letter concerning property maintenance for a building on Marion Street. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The Council discussed the two (2) properties that applied with the City for the Catalyst Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority and how the City would contribute to this. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve pursuing the Pre-Application for a City of Sigourney Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) concerning Market on the Square owned by Kim Reed and the City would contribute no less than \$10,000.00. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon stated that he and the City Clerk have talked with three (3) different vendors regarding the phone system at City Hall and we should be able to lower the monthly rates. City Clerk Alderson stated that they are all internet based. MCG (Mahaska Communications Group) has also talked with us regarding this. With MCG the phone lines would be on different lines than the computers. This would isolate any problem. Should the internet not work there are other ways to retrieve information from the "cloud". With MCG the City would not be purchasing any equipment and that would be part of the monthly cost. After discussion the Council has decided to wait until fiber optic has been installed and then look at the phone systems again.

Water and Wastewater: Mayor Glandon stated the Jordan Well has been flushed out, the testing passed, a new column and pump have been installed and everything is back on-line.

Finance: Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the annual Council Members Remuneration for Calendar Year 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to hold the first Council meeting in January at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 2020. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Input: There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:21p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk