

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 with Mayor Miletich presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Schultz, Johnson and Conrad. Others present were: Don Northup, Water / Wastewater / Pool Supervisor; Brent Gilliland, City Services Director and Building Inspector; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Miletich called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Johnson and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the December 5, 2012 regular Council meeting; accounts payable claims totaling \$20,581.84; Memorial Hall Commission accounts payable claims totaling \$253.90; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$2,754.19; City Clerk and City Treasurer November 2012 financial reports; payroll expenses, other miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for November 2012; Mallery Snakenberg's resignation; Resolution 2012-12-01 Establishing Mayor Pro-Tempore; Resolution 2012-12-02 Establishing 2013 Annual Appointments; and Resolution 2012-12-03 Designating Official City Holidays and Regular Council Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2013. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Johnson and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: Responsible Transportation was scheduled to make a presentation regarding their new business, but due to the weather, they requested the opportunity to attend the January 16th Council meeting.

Mayor Miletich stated that a representative from the Iowa Department of Administrative Services has visited with City staff twice regarding having energy audits done on the City's buildings. The energy audit would be conducted through Alliant Energy. After the audit is complete, the City would receive the information to review with no obligation. A representative could review the Energy Savings Plan, which would show what needed to be done, how improvements would save the City money and how much money could be saved. They also offer a 1% APR on any loans. The general consensus of the Council was to proceed with an application and have an energy audit completed.

Water and Wastewater: Don Northup, Water and Wastewater Supervisor, informed the Council there are seven sewer lift stations and a couple others, besides the Spring Street Lift Station, are having trouble. The insurance company is willing to pay for rebuilt pumps for the Spring Street Lift Station. It will cost approximately \$7,000.00 additional to have new pumps. The rebuilt pumps would have a 90 day warranty and the new pumps would have a 5 year warranty. Just to drive to Sigourney and pull a pump, Northway would charge the City \$1,000.00, which does not include repairs, etc. After discussion with the Sewer Committee, it was decided to purchase new pumps. There have been problems with the Creamery Lift Station and a pump has failed at the Industrial Park Lift Station as well.

Don Northup, Water and Wastewater Supervisor, has talked with both Wagler Motors and Jack Walker, Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep and explained that he wanted a basic white work truck with a crew cab, 4 doors and a medium grade package. Wagler Motors price was \$29,300 and they would keep the box off the truck. Jack Walker's price was \$33,000.00 and the City would sell the box to Sigourney Body Shop for \$1,500.00 – making the final cost \$31,500.00. The City has always had to put a suspension in previous Ford trucks. In the past this has cost approximately \$1,000.00. The Dodge does have a shorter wheel base, which would be preferred, but otherwise they are basically the same truck. It will cost \$9,200.00 for the utility box. This vehicle should last eight (8) years. It is kept inside and there are about 10,000 miles per year put on the vehicle. There is a three (3) year 36,000 mile warranty on either vehicle. Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the purchase of a new pickup truck from Wagler Motor's for \$29,300.00, a utility box and a suspension system. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Johnson and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Finance: Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the annual remuneration for Council members for calendar year 2012. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Johnson and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Clerk Alderson talked with John Wehr, City Attorney, regarding changes to the ordinances pertaining to the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer. He suggested leaving the Treasurer duties in place and simply state that if a Treasurer is not elected or appointed as per ordinance, then the Clerk would perform those duties. Council member Schultz

moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the first reading to amend Ordinance 2-3-6 Powers and Duties of the Clerk. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Johnson and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The January 2, 2013 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: The Mayor read a thank you letter from the American Cancer Society for the Community Betterment money the City approved for the local Relay for Life events.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:34 p.m.

Patricia Miletich, Mayor, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk