

# CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

## MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Others present were: Kim Reed, Market on the Square; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Aaron Kephart, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. 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 regular Council meeting of November 20, 2019. Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$25,866.18; City Clerk's October 2019 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for October 2019; liquor license application for Cobb Oil Co., Inc. (DBA: Sigourney BP) at 805 East Jackson Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class B Native Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (BC) and Sunday Sales; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Additional City Business:** Mayor Glandon explained to the Council the resolution for the Plat Within Two Miles of City Limits for Larry and Lori Pence. City Clerk Alderson talked with City Attorney John Wehr and Mr. Wehr responded in writing that Larry and Lori Pence are grandfathered, and the property is only being split into two parcels not three or more. It was decided the resolution was not necessary.

Mayor Glandon stated there are two persons interested in the City applying for the Catalyst Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Council needs to approve moving forward with the grant. The Council will need to pick one project and pursue the pre-application. The Council will also need to discuss what the City might be interested in putting toward this project. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve a Pre-Application for a City of Sigourney Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council members Conrad, Schultz and Morlan have been working on the Catalyst Grant project and they will meet on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

Director of Public Works I Northup explained that last summer Aureon Network Services run some fiber optic through Sigourney and now they would like to run another line from West Pleasant Valley Street north along West Street to the tower at the Sheriff's Office. This would be run through the right of way. There will not be any interference with the service lines the City has in place and Aureon will work with Don as to placement.

City Clerk Alderson explained that by switching to an internet-based phone system it could save the City money. Access Systems had talked with the City while all the computers were being replaced and it was decided to wait a while before doing this. The new salesperson for Verizon stopped in and quoted a price that would save the City money. City Clerk Alderson told Verizon that she would talk with Access Systems as well and take both quotes to the City Council. Access Systems will also save the City money on the monthly phone bill. There are concerns with both that the current internet speed could cause either system some issues. Verizon has some ways to work around this and they also have some discounts on their equipment if the City decides by the end of December. The equipment through Access Systems costs more, but the monthly fee is less. This would include the phones for City Hall, the Police Department and pool. The Mayor and Council discussed the advantages of using Access Systems as they do all our computers and copier. Verizon had stated they will work with Access Systems.

**Park and Recreation:** Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve advertising for Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager and Lifeguard positions for Summer 2020. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve a contract with Alan Sellers for Soccer Director. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Street and Sanitation:** Director of Public Works I Northup stated he is considering the purchase of a different pickup. The current pickup is nine (9) years old with roughly 60,000 miles on it. It was purchased used five (5) or so years ago. They are going to get a couple state bids for a basic pickup.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated he has received the proposal from LL Pelling with the price for sealcoat for next year.

**Water and Wastewater:** Director of Public Works I Northup gave an update on the progress of the work on the Jordan Well. There are six wells and every year they do preventive maintenance on one of the wells. The Jordan Well is 1,800-foot-deep and has pumped 70 to 80 million gallons of water. They are putting new column pipe in and a new submersible pump. They have also brushed it to get everything off the casing. Northup is hoping to test the bacteria and have it back on-line next week.

**Finance:** Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the following Community Betterment Project: \$700.00 to Atwood Electric to install GFI Receptacles at the East and West "Sigourney" signs and to repair/replace a light at the East "Sigourney" sign. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**City Clerk:** The December 18, 2019 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Input:** Director of Public Works I Northup stated he thinks the fiber is going to go crazy by next summer.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:58 p.m.

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Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk