

# CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

## MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Others present were: Larry Alderson; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Brent Gilliland, Director of Public Works II; Aaron Kephart, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

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

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$86,443.43; City Clerk's December 2019 Financial Reports; Payroll Expenses, Miscellaneous Expenses, ACH and Monthly Transfers for December 2019; Liquor License Application for DOLGENCORP, LLC (DBA: Dollar General Store # 2244) at 315 North Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (BC) and Sunday Sales; Application for Tax Exemption for Lyle and Helen Dumont at 317 Ringgold Street (Resolution No. 2020-01-05); Resolution No. 2020-01-06 re: Memorial Hall Commission Re-Appointment; Resolution No. 2020-01-07 re: Memorial Hall Commission Appointment; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: Minutes of Regular Council meeting of January 2, 2020. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad and Schultz. Nays: None. Abstain: McLaughlin. Motion approved. *(Council member McLaughlin abstained as she was unable to attend the regular Council meeting on January 2, 2020.)*

**Additional City Business:** Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2020-01-08 Providing for Financial Support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Park and Recreation:** Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2020-01-10 Approving Pool Personnel for 2020 Swimming Season. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the advertising for additional lifeguard positions for the summer of 2020. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Street and Sanitation:** Director of Public Works I Northup presented quotes from Wagler Motors (\$24,325.00 with trade) and Stew Hansen Dodge City (\$19,946.00 with trade) for a new pickup truck for the Sanitation Department. The specifications for the two quotes were the same. The main difference would be the Ford could be serviced at Wagler's and the Ram would need to go to Oskaloosa to Clemen's for service. Director of Public Works I Northup stated the guys do their own service work and the truck should only have to go to a shop for warranty work. Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the purchase of a new Ram truck from Stew Hansen Dodge City at a cost of \$19,946.00. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad and Schultz. Nays: McLaughlin. Motion approved.

**Water and Wastewater:** Director of Public Works I Northup reminded the Council the conversation last summer regarding the removal of all the overhead electrical wires at the water tower and place them underground before the Watermain Project. The wires were always in the way whenever anything needed to be done at the Water Tower as well as being a safety issue. Alliant Energy buried everything, and all the poles and guidewires have been removed. Atwood Electric did what they needed to do and now the site is pole and wire free.

Mayor Glandon stated there are policies from Fiscal Year 2009 that need to be updated for the current CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) received. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following policies for the Community Development Block Grants (19-WS-009) for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and (19-WS-016) for Water Main Improvements: Citizen Participation Requirements, Fair Housing Strategies for Communities Participating in the CDBG Program, Equal Opportunity Policy Statement, Code of Conduct and Procurement Policy. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Alderson stated the Mileage Reimbursement resolution has not been updated for several years. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2020-01-09 re: Mileage Reimbursement to City Officials and Employees for Private Vehicle Use During City Business. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad explained the new requirement for Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year 2021. The Council will now hold a Maximum Property Tax Levy Public Hearing that will show the public what the tax levy would be if the dollar amount is maintained and not increased. City Clerk Alderson reminded the Council that if the general levy of 8.10 is lowered the Council would not be able to levy the tax for FICA and IPERS and for the Emergency Levy. Council member Conrad explained that there are some levies (Memorial Hall and Debt Service) that are not included. It is also a requirement to post this information on the City's social media accounts.

The regular Council meeting for February 5, 2020 will be at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Input:** City Clerk Alderson asked the Council to look at the claims again as she did not mention that she had added some claims. After she explained the additions to the claims, by consensus the Council approved the additional claims.

Council member Bender asked about the information regarding the recycling. Public Works Director I Northup stated he was out the second week of November and the count at the time was 160 citizens were using the facility. The information will be reviewed the end of April or first of May.

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

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Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

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