

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 with Mayor Miletich presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson and McLaughlin. Council member Conrad arrived at 6:02 p.m. Others present were: Don Northup, Water / Wastewater / Pool Supervisor; Brent Gilliland, Director of City Services and Building Inspector; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; Matt Walker, French-Reneker-Associates; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Miletich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad arrived at 6:02 p.m.

City Clerk Alderson explained the December financials were not done due to some computer changes that needed to be made. These are scheduled to be done on January 24th. The address for the Longhorn Saloon liquor license application is 400 220th Ave. *(as stated on the application)* not 400 200th Ave. *(as stated on the agenda)*. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the January 4, 2012 regular Council meeting; accounts payable claims totaling \$16,773.14; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$4,648.65; Memorial Hall Commission accounts payable claims totaling \$300.19; Resolution No. 2012-01-04 Re-appointment of Jerry Wohler and Jan Parcell to the Sigourney Planning and Zoning Commission; Resolution No. 2012-01-05 Appointment of Julie Wohler to the Historic Preservation Commission; liquor license application for Katwalque at 120 North Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class B Native Wine Permit (WBN) and Sunday Sales; liquor license application for The Longhorn Saloon, Inc., 400 220th Avenue, Sigourney, Iowa for Catering Privilege and Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial); pay estimate no. 5 for J & L Construction LLC for proposed street improvements – Keokuk, May and Warren – Sigourney, IA (11-010/11-011); and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Park and Recreation: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve the Park and Recreation Committee recommendation to offer the pool manager position to Meredith Holm for the summer of 2012. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Street and Sanitation: Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the second reading to amend Ordinance 6-5-9 Refuse Collection Rates. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: The Public Safety Committee met and discussed the 2011 National Electrical Code. Council member Ballensky commented on the discussion of the meeting stating that the electricians are already following this code and Council adoption is acceptance of what Iowa is already doing. The Committee did not find any reason to not adopt these. Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member Hornback, to accept the Public Safety Committee recommendation to adopt the 2011 National Electrical Code. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The Council briefly discussed closing of the north-south alley located on the west side of 212 West Elm Street. There are utilities in the alley and vehicles can be parked on the street. The general consensus of the Council is to not close the alley.

The Council reviewed the rental inspections and nuisance abatement reports provided by Seth Van Steenwyk, Rental Inspector and Nuisance Abatement Officer.

Finance: Council member Johnson reviewed the Finance meeting held January 11th. There were three certificates of deposit reinvested at MidWestOne Bank. The general fund was discussed during the budget process as the City Clerk has requested these budgets remain the same as the previous year budget. Clerk Alderson explained that

during the last four years the general fund balance has decreased and in an effort to stop this, the city clerk's office, city hall, police and library will need to cut back on their expenditures for fiscal year 2013.

Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve the following community betterment projects: LokTronics Security Corp for \$38.20 to replace a door knob latch and Bain Electric for \$124.95 to install a light fixture at the outside front door entry to City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member Hornback, to approve resolution no. 2012-01-06 providing for the financial support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The February 1, 2012 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Police Chief Glandon met with the Public Safety Committee and discussed a social host ordinance. This ordinance would hold people accountable for providing alcohol. Currently if there is alcohol available, but the property owner does not actually distribute the alcohol to a minor, but knows the minor has accessed it; there is nothing to hold the property owner responsible. Police Chief Glandon is currently looking to draft a social host ordinance for Sigourney. There needs to be a lot of community discussion and communication.

The Police Department would also like to purchase an SUV. Every winter the officers get reminded they cannot get around very well during inclement weather. This has been talked about before and bids have been requested, but the City has never received any. The SUV would be the primary patrol vehicle during the winter and backup the rest of the year.

Mayor Miletich showed the Council a picture of the City Hall which was drawn by Stephanie Casper Anderson, daughter of Richard and Sherrie Casper. Richard Casper made the frame for the artwork and they donated this to the City.

Mayor Miletich reminded the Council there will be a Christmas Decorating Committee developed and the first meeting will be at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30th. This is open to anyone that would like to participate.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:38 p.m.

Patricia Miletich, Mayor, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk