

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 with Mayor Miletich presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Others present were: Allison Kephart, Sigourney Police Auxiliary President; Don Northup, Water / Wastewater / Pool Supervisor; Brent Gilliland, Director of City Services and Building Inspector; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; Tami Gilliland, Police Administrative Assistant; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Miletich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the tentative agenda with the following change: Item 8-1 Discussion and Possible Approval of 2011 National Electrical Code to Discussion and Possible Adoption of 2011 National Electrical Code. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the December 21, 2011 regular Council meeting; accounts payable claims totaling \$26,984.20; City Clerk and City Treasurer November 2011 financial reports; payroll expenses, other/miscellaneous expenses, ACH expenses and monthly transfers for November 2011; Resolution No. 2012-01-01 Appointment of Gertie Richardson to the Sigourney Planning and Zoning Commission; Resolution No. 2012-01-02 Re-appointment of Paul O'Rourke to the Sigourney Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment; Resolution No. 2012-01-03 Re-Appointment of Philip Buschmann to the Historic Preservation Commission; 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 Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Johnson, to approve the ad for the assistant pool manager(s) and lifeguard positions 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.

A Park and Recreation Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Street and Sanitation: Mayor Miletich explained the change to 6-5-9 Refuse Collection Rates ordinance. The change would allow for containers to be used by City water users living outside the city limits. These consumers will pay 1-1/2 times the rate of those living within the city limits as they do for all city services. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve the first 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.

Water and Wastewater: A Water Committee meeting was set for Monday, January 10, 2011 at 4:45 p.m.

Public Safety: Director of City Services Gilliland explained that there are several changes to the 2011 National Electrical Code. The electricians have to use these regulations and until the City adopts the new code we will not be able to inspect these changes. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to table the adoption of the 2011 National Electrical Code until the next regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Police Chief Glandon introduced Allison Kephart, Sigourney Police Auxiliary President to the Mayor and Council. Allison reported the Auxiliary meets once a month and they had a garage sale to start raising money. The group held an event for the children in the community showing Christmas movies with a visit from Santa. They also rang the bell for the Salvation Army fund raiser in December. The Auxiliary has some idea for events, but have not set any definite plans. They are discussing a mission statement and gearing help toward children and elderly projects.

Public Works Director Dickinson and Rental Inspector and Nuisance Abatement Officer, Seth Van Steenwyk, both had written reports regarding the projects that are currently being worked on as well as what has been

accomplished. Mayor Miletich stated that Seth is very excited and is working with SADC on nuisance abatement and has a lot of ideas. City Clerk Alderson explained where she is with contacting property owners regarding their rental properties and some of the responses. Mayor Miletich stated that Seth is working on maps for abandoned vehicles, etc. for tracking purposes.

City Clerk: The January 18, 2012 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Police Chief Glandon introduced Tami Gilliland as the Police Administrative Assistant. They have put together information regarding tornado sirens. The Council approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan last fall and there is a possibility for a grant to help with tornado sirens. In talking with Matt Baumann, Area 15 Regional Planning Commission, the Plan has been submitted but has not yet been approved by FEMA. Through a slide presentation the current tornado system was shown and Police Chief Glandon gave some history. At the time the system was installed it was recommended that the City have three (3) sirens installed, but the City could only afford one. By January 1, 2013 the FCC is requiring all emergency service radios to become narrow band compliant. Keokuk County has set their date to be compliant by June 2012. Within six (6) months our tornado system will have to be narrow band compliant in order to be run remotely. Racom has figured it will cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 to change out the equipment to become narrow band compliant and to replace an amplifier. Police Chief Glandon has worked with a representative from Danko Emergency Equipment and has been presented with two (2) options – two (2) siren and three (3) siren systems. Maps showing the location of the sirens and the range were presented and discussed as well as the cost differences. The quote for a two (2) siren system is \$20,474.00 and includes installing one (1) new siren and moving the existing siren. The quote for a three (3) siren system is \$38,745.00 and includes installation of two (2) new sirens and moving the existing siren. If the FEMA grant moves forward and the City is awarded the City's share would be 15%. One of the questions to the Council is whether to try to purchase three (3) new sirens or try to purchase two (2) new sirens and repair the old siren. Police Chief Glandon reviewed the siren specifications and the capabilities available. Because the grant will probably not be available before spring the City will need to move forward with the repairs and updates for the current siren system. The grant application can be started and, at a later date, Area 15 Regional Planning Commission would present the completed application to the City Council for their approval and commitment to the 15% match.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:50 p.m.

Patricia Miletich, Mayor, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk