

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, July 1, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Others present were Jaime and Pastor Shannon Pascual; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Aaron Kephart, Police Chief; Derek Albert, Patrol Officer; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following item on the consent agenda: Minutes from the regular Council meeting of June 19, 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Abstain: McLaughlin. Motion approved. *(Council member McLaughlin abstained as she was unable to attend the regular Council meeting on June 19, 2019.)*

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$47,367.27; Council accounts payable claims for June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$45,797.58; City Clerk May 2019 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for May 2019; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Additional City Business:** Pastor Shannon Pascual (*pastor of the United Methodist Church*) stated she and her husband have a dog (Lucky) given to them from a friend. The Chairperson of the church's Board of Trustees came to Pastor Shannon and said there were a couple people within the church that were concerned for liability reasons that Lucky is a pit bull and living in the parsonage. There was another person concerned they were breaking the law. Pastor Shannon had a DNA test run on Lucky. Lucky is a little over 50% Border Collie and the other part is four of the breeds that would be considered possible Pit Bull. Pit bull is not a breed, but Lucky does have some Staffordshire Terrier and Bull Terrier. Pastor Shannon wanted to share with the Council that the dog does exist and to satisfy the church that they are taking action as to what to do with Lucky. Pastor Shannon has read the ordinance and the ordinance does not state a percentage and that it is up to the Police Chief or designated person to decide how to move forward. Police Chief Kephart has been to visit and knows that Lucky is in town. Police Chief Kephart stated Pastor Shannon told him of the complaints and that she was getting a DNA test done. Police Chief Kephart stated he could not tell if the dog was a Pit Bull. Lucky was very friendly and Police Chief Kephart suggested to Pastor Shannon that she keep it at home and once she has the results, she could come to a Council meeting and talk with the Council. Pastor Shannon stated they did not knowingly get a Pit Bull; they just wanted a second dog. She also stated that just because he may resemble a Pit Bull does not mean he will act like a Pit Bull. The Pascuals have two grandchildren that are three (3) years old and she would not get a dog that would harm them. Council member Conrad stated that in general if the City receives a complaint, Pastor Shannon will receive a letter asking her to remove the dog within a certain amount of time. Council member Conrad reviewed the ordinance and agreed there is not a percentage and reviewed the entire process should the City receive a complaint. Mayor Glandon talked about a prior situation where the dog is still in the City limits. Pastor Shannon stated that she has shared with the Council that they have the dog and she is not anticipating any complaints.

City Clerk Alderson informed the Council that the greased pig contest held during the July 4<sup>th</sup> and 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has been cancelled.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve an agreement with Eric Michaels Magic & Illusion Show during the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The Council tabled the Iowa Chapter 28E Agreement for the Distribution or Exchange of GIS Data Between Keokuk County and the City of Sigourney until the City Attorney has an opportunity to review the changes.

**Park and Recreation:** The Park and Recreation Committee are looking at meeting either Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> or Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The City Clerk will check with Council member Morlan.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve a contract with Area 15 Regional Planning Commission for CDBG administrative assistance for the water system improvements. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The Council tabled the Lease and License Agreement to Use Power Pole Between the City of Sigourney and Duane A. Atwood until the City Attorney has had an opportunity to make changes.

**Human Resources:** The Council reviewed the personnel handbook changes and Council member Schultz questioned the vacation policy for the first-year employees and how this would work. Discussed changing the policy to allow all employees to receive vacation benefits monthly and to add some stipulations as to when it can be spent by first-year employees. The Council tabled the approval of the personnel handbook changes.

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Alderson explained the resolution for transferring of funds. This resolution shows all the revenue and general obligation bonds and during the audit she will discuss this with the auditor. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve Resolution No. 2019-07-01 authorizing the transfer of funds. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The July 17, 2019 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Input:** City Clerk Alderson asked if any of the Council wanted to attend an Iowa Economic Development Authority workshop.

Council member Bender asked about the recycling/garbage center south of town. The County has purchased this facility and there are some changes coming.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:28 p.m.

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Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

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