

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

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

Mayor Miletich called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2012 regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Abstain: Ballensky. Motion approved. *(Council member Ballensky abstained as he was not present at the June 27, 2012 Council meeting.)*

Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: accounts payable claims totaling \$76,233.49; Memorial Hall Commission accounts payable claims totaling \$882.72; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$3,393.15; City Clerk and City Treasurer financial reports for June 2012; payroll expenses, other/miscellaneous expenses, ACH expenses and monthly transfers for June 2012; Brent Gilliland to attend the Iowa Rural Water Association Fall Conferences 2012 in Dubuque, Iowa on October 16-17, 2012 at a cost of \$120.00 and to use the City's credit card to motel accommodations and meals; and the credit card usage report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Park and Recreation: As the City has not had any response from Natara regarding the pool liner; the Council discussed moving forward with options to replace the pool liner this fall. Council member Conrad talked about options and possible financing. Replacing the liner this fall, opening the pool later in the season next summer or possibly not opening the pool at all next summer are some of the available options. Pool Supervisor Northup is in the process of getting three quotes. One quote is \$68,000.00 and there may need to be some repairs made once the liner has been removed. Council member Conrad requested the Finance Committee to review possible options and make a recommendation to Council for possible financing of the pool liner and any necessary repairs. Pool Supervisor Northup talked about the City employees tearing out the liner to save money, but feel there would not be enough time to do this. Council member Conrad asked Pool Supervisor Northup to get some information on concrete costs. There was discussion on repairing the liner, but Pool Supervisor Northup feels there are too many leaks and it is beyond repairing. Pool Supervisor Northup stated that while the lining is out they will pressure test the plumbing and pipes to make sure there is not an issue with those.

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

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Hornback, to approve the second reading to amend Ordinance 3-3-7 Authority to Install Traffic-Control Devices. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Matt Walker, French-Reneker-Associates, explained the paving was finished on Keokuk, May and Warren Streets in November 2011. J & L Construction came back in April and finished up the seeding on May Street. The retainage has been held until the seeding had a chance to come in properly. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve resolution no. 2012-07-01 re: Authorization of Final Acceptance of Keokuk, May and Warren Street Reconstruction Project from J & L Construction LLC of Washington, Iowa. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve pay request no. 7 – retainage for J & L Construction LLC regarding the proposed street improvements – Keokuk, May and Warren Streets – Sigourney, IA (11-010/11-011). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Water and Wastewater: Water Superintendent Northup stated Tremmel Backhoe has started the West Jackson Street watermain project. He will be moving forward at 150 to 200 feet a day. Once the new lines are put in, the old lines will be capped and closed off.

Finance: City Clerk Alderson stated that when the fiscal year end financial reports were done, the General Fund had used over \$56,000.00 of reserves. The Finance Committee has agreed in the past there should be \$100,000.00 in reserve for emergency, etc. The Finance Committee is working with department heads to review this year's budget and make changes to not spend any more of the reserve and to eventually build the general fund reserve back up.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following community betterment project: \$3,744.09 for stairs at the swimming pool to be ADA compliant; \$800.00 for a sprayer to be used for the sports fields as well as marking streets; \$684.94 for July 4th expenses (banner, ribbons, portable toilets) with \$266.22 being reimbursed); \$450.00 for advertising in the Keokuk County Visitor's Guide; \$200.00 for legal fees regarding nuisance property; and \$2,000.00 for testing and filling a hole at 320 West Jackson Street. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve resolution 2012-07-02 re: adopting employee wages and health/dental insurance benefits July 1, 2012 for fiscal year 2013. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback and Ballensky. Nays: None. Motion approved.

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

Public Input: City Services Director Gilliland stated Sigourney is doing a very good with recycling as the City has 4% going into the landfill and we are 4% of the population.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:37 p.m.

Patricia Miletich, Mayor, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk