

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Others present were: Paul Horak and Ashlee Snakenberg with Horak Insurance; CJ Eilers, The News Review; Joyce Bruns; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Allan Glandon, Police Chief and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the July 6, 2016 regular Council meeting; Council accounts payable claims totaling \$69,976.10; City Clerk's June 2016 financial reports; payroll expenses, other miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for June 2016; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: Police Chief Glandon stated the Sigourney Police Department received a report on Saturday, July 9th midmorning that a mother and daughter were jogging on North Main Street and the dog owned by Rob and Joyce Bruns of 802 North Main Street came out and bit the daughter who was in the street. The dog has been acting aggressive in the past. Joyce Bruns stated the dog is not vicious, but territorial / protective. In the past kids have thrown stones at and hit him. Since then he has become very defensive of his own territory. Mrs. Bruns stated she was on the porch with the dog and thought she could hold him, but he bolted. Mrs. Bruns stated that in the future the dog would be in the house and they have a kennel out back for when he is outside. If he is in the front of the house, he will be on a leash with Rob Bruns. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns are currently looking for a place out in the country to live, but it will take them two to three months to get moved. They are asking that the Council allow the dog to live with them until they get moved under the outlined conditions above. Police Chief Glandon stated the skin had been broken, but medical treatment was not sought. According to the public health regulations the dog must be confined. Mayor Glandon stated that flag football practice will be starting soon. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns do not have anyone outside the City limits to keep the dog until they can get moved. They are looking into boarding him at a kennel, but that will be costly. Council member Schultz stated that this is a hard decision for everyone involved including the Council, but the Council has to be consistent. The Council does not ask that the dogs be put down, only removed from the City limits. Police Chief Glandon stated there are two (2) dogs and the one being talked about is the black and brown one. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the City sending a letter to Rob and Joyce Bruns, concerning the black and brown dog and the necessity to remove it from the City or face possible charges being filed if it is not and if the City has been allowing 10 days in the past then they be given 10 days to comply. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Paul Horak and Ashlee Snakenberg were present to discuss the City's property and liability insurance with the Iowa Community Assurance Pool (ICAP). Mr. Horak reviewed the City's coverage and stated the insurance for the beer tent being sponsored by the City and SADC for RAGBRAI is new. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the renewal of the City's property, liability, workers' compensation and boiler insurance policies and approval of related annual premium(s). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07-05 Directing the acceptance of a proposal to purchase General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2016; and approving the form and authorizing execution of a Note Purchase Agreement. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07-06 Authorizing the Redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2008; of the City of Sigourney, State of Iowa, Dated May 7, 2008, and directing notice to be given. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07-07 Authorizing the Redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2009; of the City of Sigourney, State of Iowa, Dated September 1, 2009, and directing notice to be given. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07-08 Authorizing the Redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010B; of the City of Sigourney, State of Iowa, Dated October 1, 2010, and directing notice to be given. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07-09 Authorizing the Redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011; of the City of Sigourney, State of Iowa, Dated February 1, 2011, and directing notice to be given. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The City's Local Options Sales and Services Tax will need to be voted on at the November 2016 ballot. City Clerk Alderson has been working with the Keokuk County Auditor's Office on what has to be done to put this on the ballot. The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors will be discussing this at their next meeting and we will know more after that. We would like to be able to move forward once we know exactly what we need to do. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the City take whatever steps are necessary to place a question of the imposition of a Local Options Sales and Services Tax to be submitted on the November general election ballot. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon stated the South Ottumwa Savings Bank is asking for decertification of special assessments for 108 North Main Street. This is the empty lot north of City Hall. South Ottumwa Savings Bank had the building torn down a few years ago. There is roughly \$40,000.00 in taxes against the property. The City has some sewer bills and sidewalk special assessments against the property. In the past the Council has forgiven some of the utility bills along with penalties, but not the sidewalk assessment. If the Council agreed to this the City would be forgiving all the utility billings and the penalties and interest on the utility bills and the sidewalk assessment. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the decertification of a portion of the levies attributed from the City specifically \$970.00 for outstanding utility bills, \$2,980.00 for penalties and \$52.00 for costs against the property at 108 North Main Street, but leave the remaining portion of the sidewalk assessment of \$772.00 of the certified lien. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe updated the Council on RAGBRAI. Everything for the most part is ready to roll in nine (9) days. There has been a nice donation from a business for a social at the beer tent at 5:00 p.m.

Street and Sanitation: Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07-10 re: temporary street closings of downtown streets for National Night Out on August 2nd, 2016. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Resolution 2016-07-11 re: temporary alley closing at 217 North Main Street for an auction. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The August 3rd, 2016 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Council member Morlan asked about no one being allowed to live on the first floor of buildings around the square. He was questioned about a building and the City Clerk responded that there is an apartment in the back of the building, but not in the front. The apartment in the back was grandfathered in, but once the property changes ownership the apartment would no longer be valid.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:54 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk