

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Others present were: Glenn Nowell; Spencer Wright; Don Northup, Public Works Director I; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$53,083.50; Library accounts payable claims in the amount of \$9,176.91; City Clerk financial reports for June 2021; Payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for June 2021; Resolution No. 2021-07-03 Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets for National Night Out Event; Liquor License Application for Brother's Market Wine and Spirits at 110 South Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit and Sunday Sales; Liquor License Application for Brother's Market at 118 South Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit and Sunday Sales; Tax Exemption Application for Glenn and Shannon Nowell at 503 East Ringgold Street, Sigourney, Iowa (Resolution 2021-07-04) contingent upon the approval of the Zoning Administrator being satisfied; Community Betterment Projects; credit card report; and the time and place for the August 4, 2021, regular Council meeting will be 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: Minutes of July 7, 2021, regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Bender, and Conrad. Abstain: Schröder. Nays: None. Motion approved. *(Council member Schröder was unable to attend the July 7, 2021, regular Council meeting.)*

Additional City Business: Mayor Glandon explained an agreement for architectural services with Curtis Architecture & Design and Larry Deitrich. Originally this agreement was between Curtis Architecture & Design and Larry Deitrich, but as the City is paying for fifty percent (50%) of the design the City was added to the contract. Rod Curtis will bill Larry Deitrich and the City separately. These plans will remain Larry Deitrich's property and if this grant isn't funded, he can use these plans down the road. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the agreement for architectural services with Curtis Architectural & Design and Larry and Cindy Deitrich. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

There was no report for Sigourney Area Development Corporation (SADC).

Park and Recreation: Council member McLaughlin reported on the Park and Recreation Committee meeting. The picnic tables will be put back into the Town Square Park shelter and the tables will be bolted down. There will be a sign posted stating that monitoring is in place. The Committee also looked at pool slide options.

Water and Wastewater: Mayor Glandon stated at the last Council meeting the Council tabled paying KLC pay estimate no. 10 until a signed copy was received. There was a phone/email consensus with each Council member to move forward with paying the pay request after talking with Matt Walker, French-Reneker Associates. Mr. Walker thought he had sent the signed pay request, but it did not actually get emailed to the City Clerk. This needs to be stated in the minutes that the Council did approve the pay request. Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve Pay Estimate No. 10 from KLC Construction LLC for Proposed Water Main Improvements – CDBG #19-WS-016 – Sigourney, IA (Project #18-113/20-057). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Pay Estimate No. 5 from Boomerang Corp. for Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – CDBG #19-WS-009 – Sigourney, Iowa – SRF #CS192087001. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated the water truck is eight years old and in the rotation of the vehicles it is up to be replaced. He has received two quotes from Stivers and Wagler Motors. Wagler Motors was \$140.00 cheaper for the truck and chassis. Truck Equipment will be putting on the utility box. Total cost is \$33,000.00 to \$34,000.00 with

trade-in. The funds are in the replacement fund. They will be waiting until February 2022 for the truck. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford F250 Super Duty Truck from Wagler Motors and a utility box from Truck Equipment. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Mayor Glandon stated the city had a letter served on the residents at 1016 South Main Street regarding their dogs. There was a voice mail left with the details and phone numbers as to where the dogs are. Mayor Glandon asked the City Clerk to send Council member McLaughlin the phone numbers to follow up with. The City Clerk stated the voice mail stated they do have a new dog and she is a litter mate to Lilly and her name is Lucy and they look a lot alike. They are having this dog chipped and will provide the city with this information.

A Public Safety Committee was set for Monday, July 26th at 7:00 a.m.

Finance: Council member Conrad updated the Council on the last Finance Committee meeting. Council member Conrad stated the committee is looking at finances for a couple of things.

Public Input: Spencer Wright wondered if the city could do anything about the Marti Gras on the sidewalk across the street. There are tents up, lawn chairs and grilling. It makes the town look like trash. He is thinking they shouldn't be blocking the sidewalk. Mayor Glandon stated the Police has already addressed this with them and it has continued, and we do have to be careful as there are other places around the square that have other stuff set outside. Mayor Glandon stated that Mr. Wright is right that the trash that is on the sidewalk is continuing and sometimes there are items blocking the sidewalk. Mr. Wright agreed there are some businesses that have stuff on the sidewalks, but it is not blocking the entire sidewalk. Mayor Glandon stated that this will be addressed again. Mr. Wright stated that if someone is going through town all they see is Main Street and it looks like garbage.

Mr. Nowell stated their dog ran out in front of his truck at the same location as the garbage.

Council member Morlan stated he had stopped and talked to them as well and told them they could not have their stuff out there. He does feel bad as they do not have a back yard. He stated that they immediately moved things, and some went into the house. There were things back out there today.

Mr. Nowell stated that if the City could adopt all the laws for zoning issues and stuff like that and he knows that other towns have stronger laws on the dog thing that has become a joke in his opinion. If the City can't get the information right away on what is going on with a dog, that just doesn't make sense. He suggested that we might want to look at other City's since we already adopt other town's laws and rules when we don't have anything on dogs to follow up. We ought to be able to adopt something that has better structure, so this doesn't waste time. He thinks it is embarrassing that a dog can get away with this much.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:20 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk