

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Others present were Christie Iosbaker, 175th Anniversary Committee; Eileen Christofferson; Wayne Christofferson; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Aaron Kephart, Police Chief and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

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

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Minutes from the regular Council meeting of June 5, 2019; Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$77,532.77; Library accounts payable claims in the amount of \$10,120.84; liquor license application for Sigourney Golf and Country Club at 1103 200th Avenue, Sigourney, Iowa for Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales; annual renewal of retail cigarette permit applications for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine /Vapor for various Sigourney businesses; Sherrie Casper to attend the IPERS Employer Training Annual Update on Tuesday, July 16th in Ottumwa, Iowa at no cost; Brent Gilliland to attend the Iowa Rural Water Association's Fall 2019 Conferences on October 15-16, 2019 in Dubuque, Iowa at a Cost of \$205.00 and to use the City's credit card to pay for hotel accommodations and meals; Resolution No. 2019-06-02 re: Re-Appointments to Sigourney Public Library Board; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: Council Member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 6C – 175th Anniversary Celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to waive the third and final reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 6C – 175th Anniversary Celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 14 – Golf Carts. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to waive the third and final reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 14 – Golf Carts. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 15 – Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to waive the third and final reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 15 – Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon explained an agreement between the City and County needs to be finished and approved before the agreement with Schneider Geospatial would be valid. The Council reviewed the purpose of moving forward with Schneider. Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial contingent upon the approval of the 28E Agreement for the Distribution or Exchange of GIS Data Between Keokuk County and the City of Sigourney. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Christie Iosbaker was present to discuss the pros and cons on changing the parade route. At the June 5th Council meeting Monte Bird was present to discuss the possibility of changing the July 4th parade route to pass by the Sigourney Care Center, Manor House and the hospital. It is not an easy task to get the residents of these facilities to the parade and this would allow everyone to view the parade. As there will hopefully be additional people present at the parade as

it is during the 175th Anniversary celebration, that would allow for more viewing areas along the route. There are issues including the length of the route (11 additional blocks) for those walking in the parade. Those walking could bail out, but this can cause more gaps in the parade. There is also the issue of volunteers to man the additional eleven intersections. Monte Bird was able to secure 12 people to help man those intersections and thought he could get more. As the additional blocks are through residential areas, there is the problem of cars that are always parked on the streets and the streets are narrower than the current route. There is also the concern of the low branches hanging over the streets. There is also a low wire on one of the streets. The additional time added to the parade is a concern as well. There may be some groups that will not participate if the route changes. The parade is in 15 days and there is not enough time to deal with all the concerns. The idea of changing the route was well received by the Council, but not this year. Melissa Bird helps organize the parade and suggested the parade get video taped and stream it live or make copies to distribute. The Council was on board with videotaping the parade.

Christie Iosbaker stated the schedule is set but is being tweaked adding additional activities. Mrs. Iosbaker has worked with different people and feels everything is in good shape.

Park and Recreation: The Council reviewed the proposed options and placement of a spring motorcycle to be placed at Town Square Park from the Cassens' family in memory of their son/brother James Cassens. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the donation of playground equipment at Town Square Park. Upon the roll being called the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Street and Sanitation: City Clerk Alderson explained the differences in the resolution from previous years. She had the streets being closed continuously from 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3rd through noon on Sunday, July 7th. There may be times the streets are open if there are no activities on the square. Two of the members of the 175th Anniversary Committee have talked to the businesses on the square regarding the activities and street closures a few months ago. Two members have also gone to the Courthouse with this information as well. This information will be distributed to the businesses and mailed to the residents the week before the event. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve Resolution No. 2019-06-03 re: Temporary Closing of Streets for July 4th and the 175th Anniversary Celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve Resolution No. 2019-06-04 re: Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets for the Car Show on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Water and Wastewater: City Clerk Alderson told the Council that the City of Sigourney received a \$500,000.00 Community Development Block Grant for the water project.

Public Safety: A Public Safety Committee meeting was set for June 20, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

Finance: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$2,700.00 for the Library to strip and restripe the parking lot and \$40,815.85 to LL Pelling for street projects. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to authorize the department heads to pay fiscal year end accounts. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon opened the proposal from the State of Iowa Auditor's Office for the audits during Fiscal Years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The Council discussed single audits and the thoroughness of the audits done by the State Auditor's Office. Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to award the State of Iowa Auditor's Office for audit services relating to the City's annual audit for the years ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Human Resources: Mayor Glandon reviewed the wage cap resolution for positions within the City. The low end stayed the same and the high end increased by 2.8 percent which is the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2019. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad to approve Resolution 2019-06-05 re:

Employee Position Wage Caps. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon explained the two resolutions before the Council that are being proposed regarding wage increases. Mayor Glandon explained one is a 2.8 percent across the board and the other has varying percentages. Mayor Glandon reviewed the process he used to come up with the increases. The Council discussed the employee's benefits and insurance. City Clerk Alderson explained how the insurance is calculated. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Resolution 2019-06-06 re: Adopting Employee Wages Beginning July 1, 2019 for Fiscal Year 2020 with the first wage being \$24.94. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The resolution for the transfer of funds will be moved to the next Council meeting.

The July 1, 2019 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Eileen Christofferson was present and stated she has lived here four to six months. She has several concerns. One of those concerns is the trash rates for the yellow bags and the monthly fee on the utility bills. Ms. Christofferson feels a lot of people in the town do not use the service but are being charged. She thought the City would want to have a service that is reasonable. She can drive around town and see places/garages full of trash. Why would anyone want to come to our town when there is trash everywhere? People cannot afford these rates they are not reasonable. She heard through the grapevine that a lot of people are taking their trash out of town, where only farmers are supposed to take their trash. She also heard that the City will be voting on people bringing their trash out there and people will be charged by the weight. She does not know if this true, just what she heard. She finds it unreasonable that people have to pay monthly for a service they do not use. She thought the City would want to come up with a solution that would better the community, the town, and not have trash everywhere. She feels this has been going on for a long time or there would not be trash stacked up.

Ms. Christofferson stated there are alleys behind and beside her residence at 408 East South Street that are not open. She is questioning if it is right for people to park in the alleyway where they are not supposed to park. She has talked with the gentleman doing this a lot and he is rude. She parks on her property. She wonders why he can park his stuff any where he wants in the alley like he owns it and can get away with it. This is an issue.

Ms. Christofferson stated there is a house that has big dogs outside and some inside that bark 24/7. Something needs to be done about this. The dogs are on a leash and stay on their property. She has not called the police as she does not want to harass these people. She does not want people upset with her. She wants to know what she can do about this and what is reasonable. She is sure there are other people in the area that complain also.

Mr. Wayne Christofferson state he has lived here for about a year and feels this is a wonderful town. He only sees two problems one being the garbage. The other is a white dog down the street from him that gets loose and runs rabbits all over town all night. Through his yard and around his house. He stated he talked to the owner and the owner stated he lets the dog loose once in a while as the cops cannot catch him. At midnight he had three dogs that almost went through the screen as there is another dog in the front yard. He does not call anyone to do anything about it. Apparently, this has been going on for a long time.

He is also curious about if there is a City ordinance regarding the height of grass as there is a yard behind the grocery store with tall grass.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:59 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk