

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Others present were: John Schröder, RAGBRAI Public Safety Committee Chairperson; Charlie Comfort, Sigourney News Review; 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 Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the tentative agenda correcting resolution numbers 2017-06-04 and 2017-06-05 (items 6-1 and 6-2) to resolution numbers 2018-06-04 and 2018-06-05. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Bender to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the June 6, 2018 regular Council meeting; accounts payable claims totaling \$39,320.57; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$6,363.92; City Clerk May 2018 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for May 2018; 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 cigarette permit applications for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor for various Sigourney businesses contingent upon receiving Dollar General #2244 application and payment; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: John Schröder discussed the RAGBRAI meeting held this morning at City Hall which reviewed the routes and severe weather plan.

John Schröder, representing the Public Safety Committee for the RAGBRAI event is requesting the use of the bathhouse shelter at the swimming pool as a severe storm shelter site. Mr. Schröder stated there are 20 different sites (including the bathhouse) being used as shelters. All these sites should accommodate 22,250 people. There are some huge facilities as well as some small sites. The bathhouse as a shelter is being guested to hold 100 people. That is not a huge number, but it is the only building at that campground. There are a variety of providers such as churches, courthouse and private businesses. Mayor Glandon asked the Council if they had any comments or questions. Council member Schultz asked about what concerns there might be such as it is not like a tornado shelter but could provide some protection from weather. Mayor Glandon stated his concern is when there is pending weather the swimming pool premises is vacated. The number one thing is there is a huge body of water and it attracts lightening. There are aluminum ladders, chairs and diving boards, which attracts lightening. There is a chain link fence around the perimeter which terminates at the building. All these are lightening prone things that people would be herded into. Another question, that has not been answered is how are you going to keep people out of the water and safe? Mr. Schroeder stated that his understanding is Brooke (*Garringer – Pool Manager*) has agreed to be the person to be on site and supervise this. Mr. Schröder stated that several other places would have properties of value as well. Mayor Glandon stated he is not worried about property value but life safety. A lightning strike can kill, even a hundred feet away and this would be herding people into a lightening striking prone position. Mr. Schröder stated there are other metal buildings being used to house people as well. Mayor Glandon stated that metal buildings are grounded into the ground. His concern is the body of water with people standing around with other attractions when lightening strikes. Council member Conrad asked if the people would be safer outside than inside. Mayor Glandon stated the people must go through a danger zone to get to the building. Council member Conrad asked if they are safest in the park, on their way uptown or inside the bathhouse. The concern is understood but is it safer to stand outside or go into the building. Mayor Glandon stated that after conversations with certified pool operators the protocol is to get away from pool facilities when it comes to lightening. Council member Schultz stated there probably isn't a way to determine which is safer, but the option could be offered if people wanted to go into the building. The Council discussed that people would probably try to get into the building anyway. The Council understood the

concerns. The other concern is liability. Mayor Glandon stated that he must answer to the taxpayers. Mr. Schröder stated there are eighteen other providers that are assuming the damages and injuries that may occur on their premises. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to move to offer the swimming pool bathhouse as a severe weather shelter for those that are camping out there. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Landgrebe. Nays: Morlan. Motion approved. *(Mayor Glandon stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that he is not in favor of this motion for liability purposes.)*

Street and Sanitation: Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2018-06-04 re: temporary closing of streets for the July 4th celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution 2018-06-05 re: temporary closing of streets for the beer tent during the July 4th celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Water and Wastewater: Mayor Glandon reviewed the cost to replace every meter in the water system. When this is done, we will be able to read all the meters through the City Clerk's office. MB Construction LLC will do the installing. This will be started after August 20th. There will be two or three remote antennas to do the reading. These will read to the gallon. The information for Data Tech (City's financial software) will have charges as well. This will cost just under \$400,000.00. There are funds for this and a resolution will need to be approved at the next Council meeting. Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of new water meters and software through Metering and Technology Solutions and paying MB Construction LLC to install the new water meters. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Finance: Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$2,000.00 for a dozen powdered coated chairs at the swimming pool; \$37.76 to the Master Gardeners to replace bushes at the west entrance signs; and \$200.00 for rent of the Keokuk County Expo for the Hawkeye State Archaeological Society artifact show. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

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

City Clerk: The July 5, 2018 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:27 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk