

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Morlan. Council member Schultz arrived at 6:14 p.m. Others present were: CJ Eilers, News Review; Austin Blythe; Amber Kephart and Staci White, representing RAGBRAI; Matt Walker, French-Reneker-Associates; Jerry Wohler; Richard Fortney; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; Aaron Kephart, Assistant Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims totaling \$48,757.54 and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: minutes from the March 7, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad and Morlan. Nays: None. Abstain: McLaughlin. Motion approved. *(Council member McLaughlin abstained as she was unable to attend the March 7, 2018 Regular Council meeting.)*

**Other City Business:** Amber Kephart informed the City Council the logo, theme and band are set and plans are being worked on as to the details. The Beverage Garden information is being worked on as well. The IDOT (Iowa Department of Transportation) has approved the request to shut down Highway 149 for a detour through Hayesville. The RAGBRAI Public Safety Committee is looking into a turn key company to set up the signage, etc. This request was made for the safety reasons. Shuttle services are being discussed. There is a meeting with the RAGBRAI staff regarding campgrounds next week.

The Public Safety Committee was asked if they would be willing to meet with City staff to discuss the City's RAGBRAI ordinance to work on the details and what the City Council is willing to approve. Staci White stated that the entire square is being considered as the Beverage Garden for RAGBRAI. The buildings would be used as the fence+line with additional fencing added in the open areas (alleys, etc.) There will be a few access points. Council member Landgrebe asked about the Brothers Market parking lot and Council member Morlan inquired about the businesses around the square. The Kiwanis had discussed provided a possible golf cart shuttle for businesses. There are concerns that golf carts will not be able to operate on the square due to the number of people. Police Chief Glandon stated that the Council needs to think about how many alcohol licenses will be approved. The Beverage Garden will be what brings in the money to pay for the associated bills with RAGBRAI. The same ordinances stated that additional Beverage Gardens are not allowed (other than the businesses already operating).

Council member Schultz arrived at 6:14 p.m.

The Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m.

**Park and Recreation:** A Park and Recreation Committee meeting was set for after this Council meeting.

**Street and Sanitation:** Director of Public Works I Northup reminded the Council of the plans made to seal coat the roads throughout the City. He reviewed the plans for this year's proposal. This year the total will be approximately \$40,000.00. City Clerk Alderson stated there \$30,000.00 budgeted in the Road Use Fund for street work contract with none having been spent to date. There is also approximately \$140,000.00 available in the Local Options Fund. There is another issue on West Street that could cost up to \$15,000.00 to the street funds. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the proposals from LL Pelling Co. for the summer of 2018 and paying for this out of the Local Options Sales Tax Fund. Upon the roll

being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works I Northup discussed the parking areas in the 200 blocks of East Washington Street and East Marion Street.

Matt Walker, French-Reneker-Associates, reminded the City Council that as Drish Construction was working on Highway 92 for the Storm Sewer Improvement Project there were some additional issues. The pavement was so bad that anytime pavement was removed additional pavement would fall as well. Drish to make a smooth edge for the concrete patch to butt up against. There were also additional small items that needed to be done totaling \$3,898.60. The work has been done except the seeding. Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve Change Order No. 2 to Drish Construction, Inc. for Proposed Storm Sewer Improvements . Jackson Street (Highway 92/194) . Sigourney, IA (17-023/17-024). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Water and Wastewater:** Matt Walker stated the Sludge Judging will be done at the Lagoons on March 22, 2018. The aertoers will be shut off and Nutri Jet will measure how much sludge is at the bottom to determine the expected life and to see if the sludge should be removed now or if things are good to go for another 20 or 25 years. There should be a report back within a few weeks.

**Public Safety:** The Public Safety Committee has met the Police Department and decided on an applicant. The Police Department would like to recommend Richard Fortney as the new Police Officer. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve hiring Richard W. Fortney as a full-time Police Officer pending his acceptance of the job offer and receipt of fingerprint clearance. The starting (probationary) wage will be \$20.91 per hour. There will be a six (6) month probationary period from the start date and once this has been successfully completed there will be a pay increase to \$21.63 per hour. The position is also contingent upon Mr. Fortney agreeing to and signing a job description. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Police Chief Glandon stated that Mr. Fortney is certified through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and his certifications are up to date. He is currently working as a Police Officer.

**Finance:** Council member Conrad reviewed the Community Betterment Projects. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$2,500.00 for three (3) sit to stand desk tops and mats; \$30,000.00 to replace 2 parking areas in the 200 block of East Washington Street and the 200 block of East Marion Street; \$1,100.00 to install two (2) fiberglass doors at the Swimming Pool; \$12,000.00 for the annual retail store grant operated by SADC (Sigourney Area Development Corporation) and up to \$250.00 for shared advertising in the Central Iowa Tourism Magazine. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**City Clerk:** The April 4, 2018 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Input:** Austin Blythe stated that he was putting on an event at the Expo on April 21<sup>st</sup>. In talking with Van Pattens regarding selling alcohol at the event that the City should be informed of the event. It is a music event and will be held in Expo building. He stated he was insurance and the alcohol will be covered as well. He wanted to stop any negative information.

CJ Eilers thanked the Mayor and Council for the time he was been able to work with the City. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be his last day with News Review. The Mayor and Council wished CJ much success with his future job.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:41 p.m.

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Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk