

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 with Mayor Pro tem Schultz presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin and Hornback. Others present were: Don Northup, Water / Wastewater / Pool Supervisor; Brent Gilliland, City Services Director and Building Inspector; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Pro tem Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the consent agenda. Council member Conrad asked if we should vote on the minutes as a separate item as one Council member had been absent from the last Council meeting. Mayor Pro tem Schultz asked the motion to be amended to remove approval of the April 18, 2012 minutes.

Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: accounts payable claims totaling \$41,909.76; Memorial Hall Commission accounts payable claims totaling \$836.11; and the credit card usage report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2012 regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: Council member Johnson explained SADC (Sigourney Area Development Corporation) has a fund drive every three (3) years to solicit memberships and at the same time the Mayor declares an economic development month. This is an opportunity to recognize city staff members that have helped with economic development projects. Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the proposed proclamation (2012-05-01) declaring May 2012 as Economic Development Month. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Park and Recreation: Council member Johnson stated the Sports Park Committee met and they would like to readdress some issues before a fundraiser is hired. Della McGrath of Della McGrath and Associates has provided the committee with a contract, but they would like to revise this and then ask Ms. McGrath to make a presentation to the Council at a later date.

Street and Sanitation: Council member Ballensky moved, seconded by Council member Hornback, to approve resolution no. 2012-05-02 for the temporary closing of South Jefferson Street in front of the Sigourney Elementary School for a bike rodeo sponsored by the Sigourney Police Department and Keokuk County Ambulance Service on Monday, May 21, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the resolution no. 2012-05-03 for the temporary closing of the 200 block of Kelly Street for a car show sponsored by Deer View Manor on Friday, June 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Police Chief Glandon stated the Keokuk County Conservation and the City have a 28E agreement for reserve police officers to patrol at the Belva Deer Lake County Park during the summer. The County reimburses the City for the wages and the City's share of FICA for hours worked. The reserve wears a conservation uniform and use a conservation vehicle to patrol, but they use the City's personnel equipment. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve the City continuing the sharing arrangements with Keokuk County providing patrol for the Belva Deer Lake County Park. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Finance: Mayor Pro tem Schultz reviewed the proposed recommendation from SADC (Sigourney Area Development Corporation) regarding the grant applications through the Community Betterment Partnership. This year the proposed funding recommended will be \$29,462.00. Council member Johnson stated this is for business buildings in Sigourney that

own business properties. Any amount may be requested, although \$5,000.00 has been the maximum funded in the past. The more money the applicant puts toward the project, the more favorable the project is looked at. SADC is looking for projects that affect customer service or the appearance of the property. There were some residential apartment units that were approved for funding as they are located in the downtown area. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the recommendation of the SADC Community Betterment Committee to award the following projects for the 2012 grant program: Katwalque – outdoor garden - \$2,500.00, Dumont Museum – handicap accessible sidewalk - \$2,500.00, Webster’s Greenhouse – greenhouse-attached shed - \$750.00, Blackhurst – paint building - \$2,000.00, White Building – sandblast/paint/cracks - \$2,000.00, Keokuk County Expo – new extension building - \$4,000.00, Sigourney TV – paint back of building - \$200.00, True Value – paint back of building - \$422.00, Powell’s Funeral Home – front door - \$2,000.00, Country & More – upper windows/paint and repair cracks - \$2,500.00, Clubb House – windows/paint/cracks/etc. - \$2,500.00, Fountain Fitness – windows in Memorial Hall - \$2,500.00, PTL The Shop – paint front/illuminated signage/repairs to front - \$2,500.00, Garden Gate – signage on front - \$1,590.00 and Veterans – sound system in Memorial Hall - \$1,500.00. The Committee is also recommending that funding for any applicants that are unable to complete their projects by the December 1st deadline be rolled into the following year’s funds. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson stated she received a phone call from a student involved in KC Staar requesting a donation of a pool pass for their on-line auction. Council member Hornback moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve a single pool pass donation to KC Staar for their on-line auction. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Ballensky, Johnson, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Hornback. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The May 16, 2012 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Don Northup has attended a course and now is a certified pool operator.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:31 p.m.

Randall D. Schultz, Mayor Pro tem, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk