

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Others present were: John Schröder, John Gish; CJ Eilers, 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 Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson stated that she would be writing some checks for the Beer and Wine Festival this coming weekend and wanted the Council to be aware. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the March 16, 2016 regular Council meeting; Council accounts payable claims totaling \$40,680.61; City Clerk March 2016 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for March 2016; rescinding Rhonda Meiners resignation; resignation of Jimmy L. Morlan from the Planning and Zoning Commission; appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission. Resolution No. 2016-04-01; annual principal and interest payment for G.O. Bond No. 185364908. dated May 7, 2008; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: John Schröder introduced his assistant John Gish. His family has recently moved to Sigourney and one of the family members is a dog. He is currently looking in Sigourney and elsewhere for a house. While walking the dog someone observed the dog and felt there was a concern regarding the breed. Mr. Schröder asked that the Council consider a temporary or permanent exception to the City Code of Ordinances. Mr. Gish stated he respects the purpose of the keeping a Vicious Animal ordinance and is not disputing the relevance of the ordinance. There has never been an issue with the dog. Mr. Gish has a daughter and newborn son and does not have a problem with the dog being around either of his children. (Mr. Gish passed around pictures of his dog with his children). The dog likes to play but has never been aggressive with people or other animals. The dog is kept in their apartment and is always on a leash when they take him out. They respect other people's property and do pick up after the dog. Mr. Gish requests consideration to allow an exception to the ordinance. Council member Schultz inquired about the breed of the dog. Mr. Gish replied the shelter where he adopted the dog was not exactly sure, but stated that looking at the pictures the dog does show physical characteristics of a pit bull terrier. The shelter had indicated that the dog may have some pointer in him. Mayor Glandon inquired of Mr. Gish that no one has told him definitely (100% sure) that the dog is a pit bull. Mr. Gish responded no not 100%. There was discussion regarding prior incidents especially one from a year ago. There has not been a complaint made in this situation, just two people observed the dog and brought it to the Police Chief's attention. Council member Schultz was not inclined to consider a temporary or permanent exception as there has not been a complaint. Mr. Gish was just being up front about the possibility of the dog being a pit bull terrier mix. The Council agreed that they had discussed the situation and at this time there is not any action needed.

Council member Landgrebe stated the City had representatives attend a Ragbrai meeting on April 2nd. There was a lot of good information and the committee is working on setting up subcommittees, vendor fees, etc. There will be several streets closed and there needs to be some discussion with the businesses that may be affected. All major decisions will be brought before the Council.

Park and Recreation: Council member McLaughlin stated there were only a couple changes made to the pool handbook. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Bender to approve the pool employee handbook for the 2016 pool season with the following change: . . any form of tobacco (chewing and any type of cigarette) . . .to . . any form of tobacco including: chewing, cigarette and/or e-cigarette (or any other form) . . .+. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson explained that people borrow the picnic tables from Legion Park especially at graduation time. Some people call and ask and others don't. There is not a system in place to track this and we suggest they only take a few and do not leave any shelter without picnic tables. If a shelter is rented for the same day we tell them not to take any picnic tables from that specific shelter. Sometimes the tables come back in bad shape as they are

dragged, etc. As there is not a way to control who has them and where they go, it was decided to keep doing as we have in the past without a policy in place.

Water and Wastewater: Director of Public Works I Northup stated one application was received from Klynt Weber for the seasonal position with the water department. He would work approximately 35 hours per week. He will be doing mostly painting and maybe some fill in while full time employees are on vacation. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve hiring Klynt Weber at \$10.00 per hour as a seasonal employee for the summer of 2016. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The Council reviewed the ordinance increasing the penalty applied to past due utility accounts from 5% to 10% effective July 1, 2016. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the first reading of ordinance amending Title VI . Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities . Billing Charges, Section 6-5-4 . Billing Penalty. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the first reading of ordinance amending Title VI . Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities . Billing Charges, Section 6-5-8 . Water Rates. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the first reading of ordinance amending Title VI . Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities . Billing Charges, Section 6-5-10 . Rate of Sewer Rent and Manner of Payment. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the first reading of ordinance amending Title VI . Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities . Billing Charges, Section 6-5-12 . Watermain Replacement Surcharge. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Police Chief Glandon explained the City has shared a reserve police officer with the Keokuk County Conservation Board for several years. The City pays the reserve and the County reimburses the City for 100% of the costs. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender to approve the continued sharing of a police officer(s) for the patrol of Belva Deer Lake County Park. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: City Clerk Alderson explained that we are looking at making payroll ACH. There is an agreement with MidWestOne Bank regarding this. This will not cost the City anything through the bank. There will be an additional module added to the City's software with a one-time charge of approximately \$1,000.00. There will also be an annual fee for maintenance and support calls.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad to approve the Automated Clearing House Agreement with MidWestOne Bank. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad to approve the Remote Deposit Agreement with MidWestOne Bank. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe to approve a Software Agreement with Data Technologies, Inc. for Payroll Automatic Clearing House (ACH) and payment for one half of the purchase and remote implementation. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The April 20th, 2016 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Council member Bender stated he had received good comments on the cleanup of property.

Council member Morlan stated he had attended one of the Iowa League of Cities seminars regarding beautification of towns.

Public Works Director I Northup stated that the restrooms at Legion Park are open and the sign to the park is down and being repainted.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:52 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk