

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Others present were Julie Tremmel and Christie Iosbaker, 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee; Monte Bird; Charlie Comfort; Sigourney News Review; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Brent Gilliland, Director of Public Works II; Aaron Kephart, Police Chief and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$51,964.49 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.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following item on the consent agenda: Minutes from the regular Council meeting of May 15, 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Abstain: Conrad. Motion approved. *(Council member Conrad abstained as he was unable to attend the regular Council meeting on May 15, 2019.)*

**Additional City Business:** The Golf Cart and UTV ordinances were updated to add a description for a definition for a parade and special events. The permit fee will be waived as requested, but not the insurance. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 14 – Golf Carts. 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 Bender, to approve the first 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, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The Council by consensus asked that the third reading for both the Golf Cart and Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs) be waived at the next Council meeting.

The Council discussed the fees for the food and non-food vendors serving during the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Council Member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 6C – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the live music performance contract with Brass Pear as entertainment for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Monte Bird passed out an alternate parade route he would like to talk about. He stated that there are only so many residents at the Care Center that he can put on his bus and take to the parade. The rest cannot get that far away. The Manor House and hospital are the same way. Mr. Bird explained the parade route he is proposing would pass by these facilities and allow the residents to see the parade. The new route would end the parade at the hospital parking lot. Mayor Glandon stated there are not enough police officers and barricades to cover the additional intersections. Police Chief Kephart stated there are a lot of vehicles parked on the street along the proposed route and the owners would need to be notified. Volunteers would need to be used to man the intersections. The Mayor and Council members were supportive to the change, but there are a lot of items that would need to be addressed. Mr. Bird stated he understands this celebration will have a larger crowd and there is hardly a place to stand or to put a lawn chair out along the current route. Changing the route would allow more room. The Council discussed the size of some of the vehicles in the parade and sometimes there are gaps in the parade route. Director of Public Works I Northup stated that the barricades are put up early and with that many, people will move the barricades so the intersections will need to be manned. Mayor Glandon asked the Council if they wanted Mr. Bird to return to the next Council meeting with more information.

Christie Iosbaker discussed the street closings during the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration explaining the beverage garden boundaries and some of the activities.

There was one bid received for the golf cart. Mayor Glandon opened the bid from Frank Colbert in the amount of \$1,310.00. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to award the golf cart bid to Frank Colbert in the amount of \$1,310.00. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Park and Recreation:** Council member McLaughlin stated she has talked with Janice Brown and they have memorial money for her brother, James Cassens, and they would like to put in a commercial grade spring motorcycle for kids in the Town Square Park. They will pay for the motorcycle and the installation.

Council member McLaughlin met with Alan Sellers regarding the Soccer and Flag Football fields. There are four dead trees on the north side inside the fence and he would like to have those removed. Zeb Webb, Sigourney Tree Care, is willing to remove those trees at no charge in lieu of sponsoring a team at no charge for two years.

Council member McLaughlin would like to have a group picture at the park to promote the new slide. Charlie with the News Review is willing to take the picture. The picture will be taken at the pool by the slide on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

Council member McLaughlin stated that Alan Sellers would like to have rock at the sports fields to go up to the fence.

**Street and Sanitation:** Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the third and final reading of ordinance amending Title VI – Physical Environment – Chapter 5 Utilities – Billing Charges – Section 6-5-9 Refuse Collection Rates. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works I Northup reported on the new recycling system. He has been taking pictures of all the “stuff” left at the recycling trailer. There is a 4’ x 6’ sign stating what can be recycled. There are a lot of items that are not recyclable including garbage that must be put into garbage truck. This must be sorted out as Cox will not take the City’s garbage for free. The Council discussed several of the issues and possible solutions. The Public Works Department will continue to watch the situation and report back in a couple months.

**Water and Wastewater:** Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the third and final 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: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the third and final reading of ordinance amending Title VI – Physical Environment – Chapter 5 Utilities – Billing Charges – Section 6-5-10 Sewer Rent and Manner of Payment. 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 Morlan, to approve using the State Revolving Fund as the funding source for the Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements project. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the letter to Rural Development / United States Department of Agriculture to decertify funds for the Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements project. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Finance:** Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$345.00 for the National Night Out event; \$1,000.00 to the Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force matching funds; \$50.00 for mulch around the Sigourney signs; and \$300.00 for additional rock on the Laffer Street Patch. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Human Resources:** The Human Resources Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> after the picture at the pool.

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

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to set the date for the first Council meeting in July as Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The June 19, 2019 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Input:** Monte Bird asked about the veteran's memorial at Town Square Park. The fund raising included a drawing. Mr. Bird thought enough money was raised. City Clerk Alderson stated there is a separate fund for this and there is approximately \$10,000.00 in it.

Christie Iosbaker asked why the City uses yellow bags. Mayor Glandon explained the history for the garbage pickup. In the 1990's the Council checked options and the costs were sky high. The City then went to stickers, but people were stealing stickers. The City is now using bags and they are user generated. The revenue from the yellow bags go to the garbage collection fund at the City. Julie Tremmel asked about the selling point being the landfill would not take recyclables. Some stated the landfill will take recycling if it is paid for.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:04 p.m.

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Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

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