

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Others present were: Jimmy Morlan; Dave Harper, Memorial Hall Commission Representative; Amber Kephart, 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 and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon stated it was time to consider the appointment for the Council Member At-Large position and asked the City Clerk if she had received any letters of interest. City Clerk Alderson responded she had received one (1) from Jimmy Morlan. Mr. Morlan was asked if he had anything he wanted to add to his letter and he stated that being from a big city, it was harder to get involved in the City Council; and although he does not have a lot of experience, he has been involved with different organizations behind the scenes. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Bender to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-01 appointing Jimmy Morlan to fill the vacancy of the Council Member At-Large position created by the resignation of Douglas L. Glandon. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Douglas L. Glandon administered the oath of office to Jimmy Morlan and he then took his seat with the Council members.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims totaling \$7,117.72; liquor license application for Keswick Tavern LLC at 22400 220th Avenue for Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial); liquor license application for the City of Sigourney at 22400 220th Avenue for Class B Beer (BB) (Includes Wine Coolers), Class C Native Wine Permit (On-Premise) and Sunday Sales pending dram insurance; Resolution No. 2016-03-02: Planning and Zoning Commission Board of Adjustments re-appointment; Allan Glandon to attend Child Passenger Safety Technician Update School I Altoona, Iowa on April 18, 2016 at no coast and to use the City's credit card for hotel accommodations; Resolution No. 2016-03-03: temporary closing of the 100 block of East Washington Street for the Easter Egg Scramble sponsored by MidWestOne Bank, Sigourney Pizza Ranch and the Sigourney Fire Department; Resolution No. 2016-03-04: Mayor Pro Tempore appointment; Resolution No. 2016-03-05: Mayor's annual appointments; 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.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: minutes from the February 17, 2016 regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Abstain: Conrad. Motion approved. *Council member Conrad abstained as he was not present at the regular Council meeting on February 17, 2016.*

Public Hearing(s): Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to open the public hearing regarding the budget estimate for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Abstain: Morlan. Motion approved and the public hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Glandon stated the proposed budget was published as required on February 17th, 2016 and then asked the City Clerk if she had received any objections. City Clerk Alderson stated she had not.

City Clerk Alderson answered questions regarding the budget and tax levies from the Council members.

Mayor Glandon asked the public if they had any comments. There were none.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to close the public hearing. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was closed to 6:16 p.m.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve resolution no. 2016-03-06 to adopt city budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: Dave Harper explained that he is part of the VFW and American Legion and has been working with the Memorial Hall Commission on ideas for the Memorial Hall building. They would like to replace the floor in front of the chairs in the auditorium underneath the balcony and the stage curtains with mechanisms. Mr. Harper has received a quote for \$5,500.00 to replace approximately 20 boards, sand and shine it. They have not received a quote for the curtains. They would like to apply for a grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. They are thinking the total costs would be between \$15,000.00 and \$16,000.00. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-07: approving the application for the purpose of receiving benefits from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the Memorial Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Angie Alderson explained the Lewis Memorial Fountain Fund Raising Committee would like to request grant money from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation to help with the replacement of the lights in the Lewis Memorial Fountain. This would add four (4) additional lights and convert the lights to LED. The cost to do this will be approximately \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00. The Committee is still looking at fencing options as well. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe to approve Resolution No. 2016-03-08: approving the application for the purpose of receiving benefits from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the Lewis Memorial Fountain. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon reminded the Council of the process the City has been involved in with the 116 North East Street property. A court date for some time in August has been set, but the end of January Mr. Tremmel (owner of the property) was found deceased. Mrs. Tamorah Tremmel (also owner of the property) has called John Wehr, City Attorney, and through a phone conference with the Mayor and City Clerk stated she would like to give the property to the City of Sigourney. There are some liens against the property that would need to be taken care of. After discussion the Council did not want to rush into this and they do not want to be in the real estate business. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to not accept ownership of the property at 116 North East Street at this time. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Finance: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin to approve the following community betterment projects: \$1,000.00 for barricades; \$2,500.00 for new lights installed and cleaning at the three (3) Sigourney signs located at the east, west and south entrances to the City; and \$6,000.00 to remove and replace old fencing and clean up the area at Legion Park. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Landgrebe, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The March 16th, 2016 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: There was none.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:43 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk