

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Others present were: Jeff Carver; Darren Diethelm; CJ Eilers, The News Review; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Brent Gilliland, Director of Public Works II; Allan Glandon, 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 Landgrebe, 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 Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the May 4, 2016 regular Council meeting; Council accounts payable claims totaling \$30,582.61; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$5,430.96; City Clerk financial reports for April 2016; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for April 2016; annual principal and interest payments for G.O. Bonds and Revenue Bonds; Aaron Kephart and Deana Torgrim to attend the 2016 Iowa Acts of Interest to Law Enforcement Workshop sponsored by the Office of Prosecuting Attorneys Training Coordinator, Iowa County Attorneys Association and the Iowa Department of Public Safety on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in Coralville, Iowa at a cost of \$65.00 each; annual renewal of retail cigarette permits for various Sigourney businesses; Rhonda Meiners resignation; 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.

Public Hearing: Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to open the public hearing regarding the amendment of the current City budget for fiscal year 2016. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was opened at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Glandon asked if the City Clerk had received any written objections. City Clerk Alderson stated she had not.

City Clerk Alderson asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the budget amendment and any information she had given to them.

Mayor Glandon asked the public if they had any input. There was none.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to close the public hearing regarding the amendment of the current City budget for fiscal year 2016. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve Resolution 2016-05-01 for a proposed budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Sanitation: Director of Public Works II Gilliland reviewed the cost to contract rock salt purchases for next year. The cost is \$11,140.50 for 150 tons or \$74.27 per ton. There is some left over from last year, but if the City does not contract now we may not receive any next winter. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the rock salt order at \$11,140.50 for 150 tons. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works II Gilliland explained the Public Works Department is looking at purchasing a new snow plow. This is more expensive than what is currently being used but it will make snow plowing safer due to better visibility and other safety features. The truck will cost approximately \$82,000.00 (\$4,000.00 trade-in for the 1999 dump truck has not been deducted) and \$52,000.00 on outfitting the truck. Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the purchase of the snow plow. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon asked how the street cleaning was going with the new signage that has been placed around the square for street cleaning and snow removal. Warnings were left on vehicles and now tickets are being given.

Other City Business: Jeff Carver was present to discuss the nuisance abatement letter his mother (Connie Carver) received for 202 North West Street. Mr. Carver stated he has been using the platted, but undeveloped portion of West Elm Street for eight (8) years and now he is doing something wrong. He stated that he felt like the City was treating him like an outcast and that he is doing something deliberately to hurt the City funds. He thought the foundations went with the property and started using them. He stated that the property was called a nuisance for too much clutter and that he was already starting to clean this up before they got their letter. Mr. Carver stated that the City was not taking care of the property, so he did not see the problem with his stuff being there. Mr. Carver asked if the City would consider selling the property. The Council had not discussed this. Council member Schultz has looked at the property per Mr. Carver's request. Council member Schultz stated that Mr. Carver has started to move his personal items. Mr. Carver stated that he would remove all his items, but would need some additional time. He has done the maintaining of the portion that he uses. Council member Schultz explained that the Council has allowed time extensions as long as progress can be seen. Council member Conrad reviewed the process to vacate City property. Mr. Carver stated the old foundations, cement, sidewalks, old cistern, etc. would not be taken care of by him nor would it be charged to him. Those items were not his responsibility as they were there when he bought the property. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to grant an extension from June 1st to July 1st to clean up the property located at 202 North West Street. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan stated he had an update on the property on East Elm Street. There has been a lot of work done in the front and side of the property. They are doing as much work as they can.

Mayor Glandon stated the school is requesting to do a short display of fireworks in a corner of the football field this Saturday for graduation. The Sigourney Community Fire Department will be setting off the display. Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve resolution no. 2016-05-02 re: fireworks permit for Sigourney Community High School. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe updated the Council on RAGBRAI. The core committee has met. They are starting to get vendors. The finances were discussed. The beer garden drawing has been completed so the liquor license can be applied for. The logo has been completed and everything seems to be going good. On June 10th there will be a group of approximately 40 bikers riding through to test the route. The Sigourney Fire Department will be feeding the group. The group will take pictures of our highlights to promote on their web site.

Mayor Glandon stated the RAGBRAI ordinance has been changed from the last meeting and therefore this will be the first reading again. There were additional street closings added and the requirements for beer gardens. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the first reading of Ordinance Title III . Community Protection, Chapter 6A . RAGBRAI Ordinance. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

By consensus the Council would like to have the second reading for the RAGBRAI Ordinance on June 1st, 2016 and to waive the third reading at the same meeting.

Park and Recreation: Mayor Glandon stated that 22 family and 14 single passes were sold during the discount period.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated the area and fencing around the park has been cleaned up and the new fence will be up soon.

Water and Wastewater: There have been 160 low to moderate income surveys returned so far. We need a total of 240 returned before they can be tabulated.

Public Safety: Police Chief Glandon stated the amount he was authorized to spend to equip the 2016 Police SUV will not be enough. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve an

additional \$4,000.00 to finish equipping the 2016 Police SUV. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Finance: Council member Conrad stated the Finance Committee discussed the snow plow, salt shed and engineering plans, new bonds and refinancing of old bonds and CDs. Tim Oswald, Piper Jaffray, will be at the June 1st meeting to discuss the bond items.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$1,000.00 for a dozen eight foot (8q reflective poly barricades and \$3,000.00 to the July 4th weekend festivities. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan and Landgrebe. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson asked about putting the July 4th flyer in with the water bills. The Council was okay with the flyers being in color. The City Clerk will check with the News Review to compare costs to print 1,000 color flyers.

Human Resources: There will be a Human Resources Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 a.m.

City Clerk: The June 1st, 2016 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Darren Diethelm stated that he lives at 106B East Washington. He has received a parking ticket for parking in the same parking space that he has parked in for eight (8) years. With the new ordinance (*for street cleaning and snow removal*) all the residents that live on the square or a block off cannot park their vehicles there on Sunday nights so the streets can be swept early on Monday mornings. He feels this is overkill for streets that are not dirty. He has talked with his neighbors and they are disturbed by this new ordinance. He thought that during Saturday or Sunday when the restaurant (*George's Pizza*) is closed that the streets are empty and that would be a good time to sweep the streets. Mayor Glandon stated the Council would listen if the residents could come up with a better plan to allow for the street sweeping and snow removal.

Mayor Glandon discussed the grass in the street problems. A picture will be taken and sent to the property owner with a letter addressing the issue. The second offense will result in a picture being taken and then the street sweeper will clean up the property.

Council member Schultz stated there has been a meeting with the Iowa Department of Transportation. The IDOT was laying out the parameters for work to be done in 2018 and things for the City to consider.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:53 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk