

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Others present were: Emily Upah, Alliant Energy Representative; Victoria Brownsworth, Closing Time; Amber Kephart, RAGBRAI; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Aaron Kephart, Assistant Police Chief; 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 Morlan, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Council accounts payable claims totaling \$60,206.36; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender to approve the remaining item on the consent agenda: minutes from the April 18, 2018 regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, McLaughlin and Schultz. Nays: None. Abstain: Conrad and Morlan. Motion Approved. *(Council members Conrad and Morlan abstained as they were unable to attend the regular Council meeting on April 18, 2018.)*

Other City Business: Mayor Glandon asked Assistant Police Chief Kephart to explain the dog item on the agenda. Officer Kephart stated that on April 25th Tammy Striegle was walking her dog in the 200 block of North Jefferson when a white and brown beagle ran toward them and attacked them unprovoked. Mrs. Striegle stated the dog had bit her on the ankle, but there were no visible signs of injury. It did not break the skin. Mrs. Striegle also thought the beagle may have bitten her dog. The Officer talked with Steven Grant and Angel Spears. Steven was able to catch the dog. The Officer checked with the veterinary clinic and the dog was not current on its vaccinations. The vaccinations expired in February or April of last year. Ms. Spears told the Officer that a friend came over and when the door was opened the dog ran out. The dog gets out all the time. They have several complaints. This is the first time it has attacked anyone. The Officers tried to call Mrs. Striegle, Steve Grant and Angel Spears a few times, but could not contact any of the parties, which is why they are not in attendance this evening. Officer Kephart stated there were some residents in the 200 block of North Jefferson that did see the incident occur. The Council discussed the dog being loose on a weekly basis as there are numerous complaints regarding this. Officer Kephart stated there are complaints the dog is not being properly cared for, but those complaints have been unfounded. Ms. Spears stated the dog's shots were current, but the Officer had the veterinarian's office check and the shots are not current. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to send the owners of the dog a notice they have a dog in violation and failure to remove it within the regular period of time could result in a charge. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Amber Kephart stated RAGBRAI is progressing wonderfully. The maps for camping, transportation, portable toilets, showers, bike route, garbage container set up and vendor spots are being completed. The vendor and housing applications are active on the website. The website has been redesigned and restructured. The Sigourney RAGBRAI Committee is meeting with Iowa City to discuss a fund raiser. The latest fund raiser was minimal work with a good profit. The beverage garden has been set up. There was a town meeting last week that went very well. There were a lot of good questions answered. The Committee is planning to have another town meeting at the end of May. May 1st the RAGBRAI lottery was announced and people now know if they are going to be an official rider or not. You must be an official registered rider to receive a wrist band.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the second reading of the Title III Community Protection . Chapter 6B RAGBRAI Ordinance. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to waive the third and final reading of the Title III Community Protection . Chapter 6B RAGBRAI Ordinance. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the liquor license application for Victoria Brownsworth (DBA: Closing Time) at 121 South Jefferson Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class B Beer (BB) (Includes Wine Coolers) and Sunday Sales contingent upon dram shop. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morland. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon explained the zoning request from C B & D Development with a recommendation from the Sigourney Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone a portion of their property from a Class ~~R~~-4+ to a Class ~~B~~-2+. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the first reading of the Zoning Ordinance to rezone property from a Class ~~R~~-4+ to a Class ~~B~~-2+ and the official zoning map to reflect the changes. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved. Mayor Glandon requested with Council consensus that the second reading and waiving the third reading would be on the next Council agenda.

Emily Upah, Key Account Manager with Alliant Energy, presented to the Council dollars that were reinvested in the community in the past year. The investments may be in the form of economic development, community support, environmental, infrastructure and taxes. Ms. Upah discussed rebates, grants and programs, and kilowatt hours that have been saved. Ms. Upah asked the City to keep her informed of any programs that Alliant may be able to assist us with.

Street and Sanitation: Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the mowing contract for 2018. Upon the roll being called the following voted: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated Hawkeye is in town patching streets and will be here for one and one-half to two months. At the Preconstruction Meeting it was stated they are hoping to be done by the first of July. Northup is going to meet with Matt Walker, French-Reneker-Associates to talk about the manholes that need to be fixed on the state highways and get a worst-case scenario cost. There may be some help from the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Water and Wastewater: Director of Public Works I Northup stated that he had several little projects that needed to be done and would like to hire summer help again. There would be shelter work, painting and staining at the park and state shop, etc. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve posting for a position to hire a seasonal employee for the summer of 2018. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

A Water Committee meeting was set for May 10th at 7:00 a.m.

Finance: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$35.00 for flower pot at City Hall through the High School FFA program and \$3,000.00 legal fees for nuisance abatements. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz and Morlan. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson reviewed the Radix Co-op Agreement with the City Council. The company is changing the website and adding a lot more usage, but it is not something she feels would benefit the City. The cost will increase from \$300.00 annually to \$340.00 per month and is based on the number of documents stored on the site. The City is 10,000 images away from a cost increase to \$471.00 per month. There is another option called Paper Vision that the City Clerk will investigate.

City Clerk: The May 16, 2018 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Mayor Glandon explained to the Council that we have an opportunity to reduce the interest rate on the Water Revenue Bond we have and there will be legal documents to do this at the next Council meeting.

Council member McLaughlin stated the Keokuk County Endowment Fund is looking into opening their permanent fund monies and she would like to have a budget to work with for the concession stand at the Sports Park.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:46 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk