

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Others present were: Christie Iosbaker, Sigourney News Review; Larry Alderson; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk. *(Larry Alderson was present, but stayed in the City Clerk's Office, which opens into the Council Chambers.)*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 4, 2020; Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$44,201.68; City Clerk financial reports for October 2020; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for October 2020; Liquor License Application for Cobb Oil Co., Inc. (DBA: Sigourney BP) at 805 East Jackson Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class B Native Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (BC) and Sunday Sales; annual interest payments for General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds; the credit card report; and to set the time and place for the December 2, 2020 Council meeting for 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: City Clerk Alderson reviewed the quotes for an upgraded phone system at City Hall. The quotes were from Access Systems and MCG (Mahaska Communication Group). The monthly fee with Access Systems will increase slightly over what we pay currently. They will not be able to do anything with the phone at the swimming pool until internet is there. MCG will save us approximately \$100.00 per month for the phone system at City Hall and once internet is at the swimming pool, MCG can save us approximately \$350.00 to \$400.00 per year. The City will be leasing the phones from either Access Systems or MCG. We have also pared down the number of phones we will be using. There are also some one-time fees with MCG for the installation and training on the phone system. MCG will be providing the City with internet at no cost to the City. There will be a \$10.00 monthly fee for a static IP address to allow one of the office employees to work at home through the City's laptop and there will be a one time fee to install this as well.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve an upgrade to the City Hall phone system through MCG (Mahaska Communication Group). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the internet IP address monthly fee through MCG (Mahaska Communication Group). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated he is considering putting the compost temporarily at the fourteen acres around the water plant that the City owns. There will be hurdles to jump through and paperwork to do, but it could work. This would be temporarily for the next year. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to attempt to get DNR approval to put a temporary compost site at the water plant. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson stated she has talked with Mat Dobbins and he will do the snow removal for the same cost as in the past. He will also do the sidewalk in front of 121 East Marion Street as we now own this property. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve a snow removal contract with Mat Dobbins. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

There was no report for Sigourney Area Development Corporation (SADC).

Water and Wastewater: Director of Public Works I Northup stated each individual house from the Fire Station to the Hospital is still being hooked up to the new water main. Morris is a sub-contractor, and they will be starting to hook up the houses on the west side of Main Street. There will be a company in town soon to start patching the sidewalks and road.

Director of Public Works I Northup stated there is a Pre-Construction meeting for the Wastewater Improvements on Friday, November 20th at 2:00 p.m. and he will know more then.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve Pay Estimate No. 4 request from KLC Construction LLC for Proposed Water Main Improvements – CDBG #19-WS-016 – Sigourney, IA (Project #18-113/20-057). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Input: There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:15 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk