

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Others present were: Ray Clarahan; Jim Willis and Barb Randall, Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan; CJ Eilers, News Review; 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 Schultz, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: minutes from the October 5, 2016 regular Council meeting; Council accounts payable claims totaling \$118,844.25; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$4,858.09; blood bank dates for 2017; Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week 2016; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Hearing: Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to open the public hearing regarding the amendment of the current City budget for fiscal year 2017. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was opened at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Glandon stated the proposed budget amendment was published in the Sigourney News Review on Wednesday, October 5th. Mayor Glandon asked if the City Clerk had received any written objections. City Clerk Alderson stated she had not.

City Clerk Alderson reviewed the budget amendment and answered questions.

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

Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to close the public hearing regarding the amendment of the current City budget for fiscal year 2017. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to approve Resolution 2016-10-04 for a proposed budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Other City Business: Ray Clarahan was present to request the Council allow non-registered golf carts and rangers to participate in Ray's Annual Golf Cart Across Scenic Sigourney ride to promote golf cart registration. The event will take place on Saturday, October 29th at 1:00 p.m. There are people from neighboring communities that would like to bring their golf carts (non-registered in Sigourney) and rangers to participate. This ride will be single file and the speed will be no more than 12 miles per hour. There is a designated route starting at the high school (where people can unload their golf carts). They will be driving throughout Sigourney and viewing different sites. They will be stopping at Copper Lantern for appetizers and finish the ride back at Mr. Clarahan's home. He will be careful to not interrupt traffic flow as best he can. Police Chief Glandon stated that registered golf carts have proof of insurance, but the non-registered golf carts may not necessarily have insurance. Mr. Clarahan thought their home owners or farm insurance would cover the vehicles. City Clerk Alderson stated that home owner's policies do not all necessarily cover driving on the streets. Mayor Glandon stated that if this is approved, any non-registered golf cart or ranger that does not stay with the group, will be subject to the City's ordinance. Mr. Clarahan stated that 4-wheelers would not be allowed. Council member Schultz asked about liability concerning the unlicensed golf carts and the rangers. Mayor Glandon asked that a detailed map be turned into the City. Mr. Clarahan has concerns regarding someone driving a non-registered golf cart or ranger that is not participating with his ride. Mayor Glandon told him he would not be held liable for that, but the route has to be followed. Someone with a non-registered golf cart or a ranger cannot drive across town to participate, but they may join when the ride goes by their house. Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to allow non registered golf carts and rangers to participate in Ray's Annual Golf Cart Across Scenic Sigourney ride on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: Schultz. Motion approved.

Mr. Clarahan asked the Council if they would consider changing their ordinance to allow 16 year old drivers for golf carts. He would rather see kids on golf carts going 12 miles per hour versus mopeds for example.

Jim Willis gave a short presentation regarding the Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan. Mr. Willis and Mrs. Randall are health insurance agents and have a couple proposals to save the City some money for calendar year 2017. They also have some options for self-funding instead of paying for additional insurance. Mayor Glandon asked for no more than three (3) volunteer Council members to meet to discuss and make a recommendation to the Council for health insurance before the November 2nd regular Council meeting. The Council may keep the City's current agent or may change to Mr. Willis. By changing to Mr. Willis as the agent, the City would then allow their numbers to be counted toward the development of the Iowa Municipal Benefit Plan. The City does not have to participate once this is developed, but there would be options that may give the City better rates in the future.

Water and Wastewater: Director of Public Works I Northup reviewed the Plan of Action for the wastewater lagoon project. The Sewer Committee will need to start meeting every four (4) to six (6) weeks to work on this project.

Public Safety: Council member Landgrebe moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the 28E / 28D Agreement with the Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Police Chief Glandon explained that he would like to make application to the Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation for a grant for a computer for the Sigourney Police Department. The estimate of the computer is approximately \$5,600.00. The maximum request allowed for the grant application is \$5,000.00. The award of the grants will not be made until next spring and there will additional costs that need to be paid. Police Chief Glandon stated once he knew the amount of the grant and with Council approval he would then ask for the additional funds. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the Police Department to apply for a grant with the Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Glandon explained the Keokuk County Health Center has made an offer of \$2,000.00 to the City for the two (2) Crown Vic police cars. They will remove all police insignia and use the combination of the two (2) vehicles for a mental health transport vehicle. Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the offer of \$2,000.00 to the Keokuk County Health Center for the two (2) Crown Vic police cars. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Abstain; McLaughlin. Motion approved. (*Council member McLaughlin abstained as she works at the Keokuk County Health Center.*)

Finance: City Clerk Alderson reviewed the Community Better Projects recommended by the Finance Committee. Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member Landgrebe, to approve the following Community Betterment Projects: \$8,000.00 to reroute the drainage of a storm sewer from West Hickory Street to West Pleasant Valley Street, \$100.00 in Sigourney bucks to Sigourney Area Development Corporation for their annual fund raiser and \$50.00 in Sigourney bucks to the Sigourney Fire Department for their annual breakfast fund raiser. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Morlan, Landgrebe and Bender. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: The November 2nd, 2016 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:52 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk