

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Others present were: Christie Iosbaker, Sigourney News Review; Amanda Snakenberg, Barn Wired; 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 Morlan moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Minutes of regular Council meeting of September 2, 2020; Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$33,686.37; Library accounts payable claims in the amount of \$6,807.14; City Clerk financial reports for August 2020; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for August 2020; Resolution No. 2020-0-04 re: temporary street closing for beverage garden items at 119 East Marion Street; Liquor License Application for Amanda Snakenberg (DBA: Barn Wired) at 119 East Marion Street for Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) and Outdoor Service; Liquor License Refund for Casey's General Stores, Inc. in the amount of \$18.75; Sigourney Public Library COVID 19 Reopening Plan; Mayor's Proclamation 2020-09-05 re: Designation of Halloween Trick or Treat Night; the credit card report; and to set the time and place for the October 7, 2020 Council meeting for 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Additional City Business:** Council member McLaughlin asked the other Council members why they were so opposed to opening City Hall especially since the plexiglass is installed for protection. City workers are being sent to conferences. The Council just approved a beer garden and she feels it is time to open the City back up. Council member Conrad stated he feels it could be done gradually. Council member McLaughlin stated we could keep the restrooms and back rooms closed to minimize cleaning, but she would still like to see the front open. If there are questions, she feels people should be able to come in. Council member Morlan stated the County has been open for roughly two months. Council member McLaughlin stated that the banks and most businesses are trying to get back open, but we are not letting the public in when we have spent the money on plexiglass. That was one of the reasons for getting the plexiglass was to be able to open. Council member McLaughlin feels it is hard when people must make an appointment and since we have security in place, she does not understand why we have not opened. City Clerk Alderson stated that the office staff works with people on their time schedule. Most people just come to the door and/or call and they are let in. The Council discussed different hours and to only allow the public to the front window only. Council member Morlan talked about all the businesses that are open and the City should be as well. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to open City Hall but keep the meeting rooms and restrooms closed. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan, Bender and McLaughlin. Nays: Schultz, Schröder and Conrad. Mayor Glandon voted no to break the tie. Motion failed.

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

**Park and Recreation:** Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Morlan, to continue to keep the playground equipment open. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Morlan moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to open the park shelters. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Morlan and McLaughlin. Nays: Schultz, Schröder, Bender and Conrad. Motion failed.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to keep the ball fields open. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to leave the restroom at Legion Park closed. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: Morlan. Motion approved.

**Street and Sanitation:** Director of Public Works I Northup stated he would like to hire Bryan Hahn to help with garbage pickup on an as needed basis. He can get on and off the garbage truck and is okay with the as needed basis. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to hire Bryan Hahn at \$8.00 an hour for temporary help. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Water and Wastewater:** Director of Public Works I Northup reported on the Water Main Project. He stated there is pipe laid all the way from Jared Molyneux's property to the Fire Station. The hydrants are put in along Main Street. The work is also done from the Country Club to Jackson Street. One of the main tie ins will be done tomorrow. After the main tie in is done the guys will be able to fill the line and pressure test it, bacteria test it and start transferring everyone over.

**Public Safety:** Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Schröder, to approve the first reading amending the Sigourney Code of Ordinances – Title III Community Protection – Chapter 15 Utility Trail Vehicles (UTV)s. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**City Clerk:** Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Iowa Department of Transportation Street Finance Report (Resolution No. 2020-09-06). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Morlan, Schröder, Bender, Conrad and McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Public Input:** There was not any public input.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:22 p.m.

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Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk