

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 with Mayor Glandon presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Others present were Don Northup, Public Works Director I; Aaron Kephart, 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 Conrad, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Bender moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Minutes from the regular Council meeting of September 4, 2019; Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$97,975.46; Library accounts payable claims in the amount of \$6,217.77; City Clerk July 2019 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for July 2019; City Clerk August 2019 financial reports; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for August 2019; liquor license application for Casey's Marketing Company (DBA: Casey's General Store #3396); Change of Ownership for Casey's Marketing Company (DBA: Casey's General Store #3396); Resolution No. 2019-09-03 re: Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets for the Sigourney Community Schools Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Thursday, October 10th; Mayor's Proclamation 2019-09-04 re: Designation of Halloween Trick or Treat Night; Resolution No. 2019-09-05 re: Mayor Pro Tempore; and the credit card report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: Public Works Director I Northup stated Windstream contacted Public Works Director II Gilliland a few weeks ago and said they were going to be providing fiber to a couple addresses in town. Windstream e-mailed maps that showed different places and Northup tried to contact Windstream but has not talked with anyone yet. Northup is guessing they are boring in some fiber and upgrading some items. This work is all in the right-of-way. Public Works Director I Northup likes to know where they are going to be, so they don't go near the water lines, etc. Northup did not think this was anything out of the ordinary and is more of a courtesy.

City Clerk Alderson stated that two gentlemen from the Iowa Economic Development Authority came to the City and reviewed the target area being considered for the Façade Improvement Project the Council and SADC are working on. After looking at the buildings it was suggested that the target area be reduced to the buildings on the south side of the square. City Clerk Alderson talked with the architect and the lump sum amount of \$16,000.00 that is currently in the contract should be changed to \$1,100.00 per façade with there being eleven facades. There are two buildings that are double fronts, but Mr. Curtis will only charge them as one each. Additional facades can be added later if needed. Once this has been determined, then the Council would need to approve a target area. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve an agreement between the City of Sigourney and Curtis Architecture & Design PC for the Sigourney Façade Improvement Project with the modification instead of a flat fee it will be eleven hundred per building and with the expectation of eleven facades. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Street and Sanitation: Public Works Director I Northup stated that Mayor Glandon, Public Works Director II Gilliland and himself met a couple weeks ago with Keokuk County Supervisor Hadley regarding the recycling. Supervisor Hadley offered to relieve the City of everything regarding recycling for \$1,500.00 per month. Then anyone from the City of Sigourney could take their recycling south of town to the County's garbage and recycling center. Later Public Works Director I Northup was told the DNR permit allows for anyone from the County to use the county's garbage and recycling center, but there will be fees associated with this. If someone from the City of Sigourney takes their recycling to the county's center, they will be charged. All the details have not been worked out, but there will be some type of fees. Should the City decide to stay in the recycling business, the fees to Cox will more than likely increase. This is due to so

much garbage being put into recycling bins. The recycling bins must be sorted in North English and someone must pay for the trash to be dealt with. There are also non recycling items thrown into the cardboard dumpsters that end up on the ground for the employees to clean up. The Council discussed the costs involved with the City recycling system. Should the City decide to remain in the recycling program, things will have to change and that will cost. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schlutz, to cancel the agreement with Cox Sanitation and send a thirty (30) day notice to be effective November 1, 2019. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Police Chief Kephart stated that Steven Clubb has one more module test to finish and to certify/qualify for firearms. Council member Schlutz moved, seconded by Council member Bender, to approve the probationary completion for Steven Clubb and the associated pay increase contingent upon successful completion of firearms training and module testing. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: City Clerk Alderson reviewed the Street Finance Report. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve Resolution No. 2019-09-06 re: Fiscal Year 2019 Iowa Department of Transportation Street Finance Report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Schultz, Bender and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The October 2, 2019 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 6:41 p.m.

Douglas L. Glandon, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk