

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 with Mayor Miletich presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Others present were: Rick Tremmel; Kevin Dillon and Miranda Grooters, Midnight Express, Oskaloosa; John Rudpath; Jean Mantz; Yvonne Pitsch; Andi Wallerich, Librarian; Kathy Utterback, Library Board member; Robin Handy, Library Board member/Sigourney News Review; Don Northup, Water / Wastewater / Pool Supervisor; Brent Gilliland, City Services Director and Building Inspector; Allan Glandon, Police Chief; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

Mayor Miletich called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the tentative agenda. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Johnson, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: accounts payable claims totaling \$20,164.98; Memorial Hall Commission accounts payable claims totaling \$1,108.65; Library accounts payable claims totaling \$6,550.43; City Clerk and City Treasurer August 2012 financial reports; payroll expenses, other miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for August 2012; approval of liquor license application for Casey's General Store #2822 at 405 East Jackson Street for Class C Beer Permit (BC) and Sunday Sales; liquor license application for Cathouse Saloon at 101 West Marion Street for Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) and Outdoor Service (October 6-7, 2012); refund on liquor license application for The White House Bar and Grill at 711 East Jackson Street in the amount of \$463.13; resignation of Cody Young; resolution no. 2012-09-02 Memorial Hall Commission Re-Appointments; Mayor's Proclamation 2012-09-03 re: designation of Halloween Trick or Treat night; Angie Alderson and Sherrie Casper to attend Data Technologies, Inc. Fall User Group Meeting in Des Moines on October 17th at a cost of \$170.00; Don Northup to attend Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities 18th Annual Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop in Des Moines on November 13-15, 2012 at a cost of \$230.00 and to use the City's credit card for motel accommodations and meals; and the credit card usage report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Schultz moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2012 regular Council meeting. Upon the roll being called the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Abstain: Hornback. Motion approved. *(Council member Hornback abstained as he was unable to attend the September 5, 2012 regular Council meeting.)*

Park and Recreation: Pool Supervisor Northup talked about the submittal package with RenoSys Corporation. The package completely explains the process RenoSys Corporation will use to install the new pool liner. He explained the differences between the new liner and the old liner. The different textures for the areas of the pool were discussed for the racing lines, pool gutter and 3 to 5 foot floor, zero depth and the 10 foot, and walls. The liner will be a light blue color. It has the UV protector which should help with the gutter deteriorating too quickly. There will be some maintenance to the liner that will help this liner last longer. RenoSys has been to Sigourney twice and have worked with Pool Supervisor Northup on a regular basis. Renner Construction has finished the patch work needed before the liner could be installed. The City Clerk reviewed the debt service process. The Council had agreed to use local options sales tax fund to pay the first year payments to the banks and the remaining four (4) years will be paid through the debt service tax levy. There is a general obligation bond being retired, therefore there should not be an increase to the debt service tax levy. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the submittal package with RenoSys Corporation. Upon the roll being called the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Conrad talked about the Sports Park meeting held on Sept. 18th. There were five community members present. Council member Conrad talked about the success of the flag football and soccer programs and how the property purchased alleviated a nuisance and established a permanent home for these programs. He then reviewed the process to get the land ready and talked about where the project is now. The community members did not understand that the local options sales tax is not the same as property taxes, but Council member Conrad explained this to those present. There is another meeting scheduled for October 2nd and he would like to have a Finance Committee member present to help explain how the local options sales tax is used by the City. Phase 1 has almost been completed – purchasing the fields and seeding them. These meetings are to focus on what else the fields should/could be used for. Those present would like to know what the City is willing to do. Council member

Conrad would like to have two (2) or three (3) more of these meetings. The people there felt they were better informed, etc. and were asked to bring people to the next meeting on October 2nd.

Mayor Miletich stated there was a thank you in the paper to Mike Hammes for two days work leveling the sports fields as well as the use of his equipment. Travis Handy donated his time today to seed and fertilize the fields. There were also donations of equipment from Keokuk County Implement and Sigourney Tractor.

Street and Sanitation: Kevin Dillon with Midnight Express explained the benefit that he would like to conduct at the Cathouse Saloon for the Christine Smith family. They would like to raise money for her children by conducting a benefit that would include food and some family activities as well as music and other activities outside the premises in the street. The group asked that the resolution be changed to help accommodate bringing in semis, etc. The Council was presented with a drawing showing the layout for the day, fencing, etc. making everything to be as safe as possible. An itinerary was also presented to the Council showing the planned activities and times. They intend to move everything inside at 10:30 p.m. There will be beer (cans only) served outside and after 7:00 p.m. there will not be any minors allowed in the beer garden. They would also like to have police presence. Police Chief Glandon stated that he will need to schedule additional officers and there will be a cost to the City to do this. He did feel the diagram presented was explained quite well and he is not seeing any issues. They are also working on having a media presence at the event. Council member Conrad asked about paying for the extra police presence at the event or at least a portion of it. Mr. Dillon is willing to ask the family if some of the donation money could be used for this. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Ballensky, to approve resolution no. 2012-09-04 with the amendment that the street be closed from 8:00 a.m. (instead of 3:00 p.m.). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Water and Wastewater: The water main project on West Jackson Street is almost to the Randy Schultz property. Water Supervisor Northup hopes the project will be completed by the end of October.

Public Safety: City Clerk Alderson stated that the LMI survey can be done throughout the entire City or just in the target area. The last time this survey was done, Sigourney Area Community Development was hired to call all the randomly selected homes to collect the needed information. The City Clerk's office sent out a letter to these homes prior to the calls informing them of the questions they would be asked. This will be very hard to do now as a lot of people do not have home phones, but use cell phones and the City does not have that information. Even using the target area, there would still need to be 300 surveys conducted with an 80% return rate. The City does not have to have over 50% low to moderate incomes to apply, but in the past 75% of the applications funded had over 50% low to moderate income. The consensus of the Council was to send the surveys to the targeted area.

Finance: Council member Johnson reviewed the Finance Committee meeting on September 12th. There were four (4) CDs renewed at Keokuk County State Bank and the financials for July were reviewed. The general fund is being monitored closely at this time to stay within the suggested budget numbers. The Finance Committee also met with members of the Library Board and held a discussion regarding the budget and some concerns. There will be a public meeting held at City Hall on September 26th regarding the General Fund budget.

Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following community betterment requests: \$2,460.80 for street patches on Stuart Street; \$1,950.00 for work to level a lot and fill in a well on West Jackson Street; \$1,376.05 in legal expenses for nuisance properties; \$300.00 to VFW Post #2308 for an obstacle type run at Belva Deer Park; and \$1,640.00 for an asbestos inspection at 108 North Main Street. *(The \$1,640.00 for the asbestos inspection is supposed to be paid through another entity and the City may not need to pay this.)* Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Schultz, to approve resolution no. 2012-09-05 regarding the Iowa Department of Transportation City Street Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2012. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Schultz, Hornback, Ballensky and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The October 3, 2012 regular Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Public Input: Mayor Miletich received a letter from the Sigourney Community School District thanking the City for allowing them the opportunity to conduct their board meetings in the Council Chambers, but they are going to be meeting at their Central Office in the future.

Kum and Go also sent the Mayor a letter informing the City they have sold their local store to Casey's.

The Iowa League of Cities is hosting a meeting in Coralville on October 16th regarding the debate over property tax reform and how it will be a major player in the upcoming legislative session.

Council member Conrad, Sigourney Fire Board representative, stated that future burns will have a \$500.00 charge.

Council member Hornback stated the Finance Committee will be establishing a new meeting time.

The Water Committee will meet on September 26th at 5:00 p.m.

The Sewer Committee will meet on October 3rd after the Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:22 p.m.

Patricia Miletich, Mayor, City of Sigourney

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, Sigourney City Clerk