

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Others present were: Steve Shettler, Steve Shetter Media; Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Kris Metcalf, Police Chief; Beckie Appleget, Office Assistant; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

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

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda after removing the February financials (Items E and F): Minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 6, 2024; Minutes of the special Council meeting of March 13, 2024; Council Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$95,517.28; Library Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$8,577.47; 2023 Water Quality Report; Contract for Musical Services for the July 4th Celebration with Blake Jack + South 35; Community Betterment Projects: Pierce Fence Company – gate at pool - \$2,800.00, Exceptional Edge – removal of tree by Lions Shelter - \$1,000.00 and no more than \$6,000.00 toward materials for a concrete pad for a batting cage at Legion Park and a water bottle filling station; credit card report; and the time and place for the April 3, 2024 regular Council meeting is 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: Council member Iosbaker, Keokuk County Economic Development, stated the Grants and Finance Committee has started meeting and have begun to examine various grants that are available for the community and local businesses. The group is very active and will hopefully yield some excellent results at the end of the day. The five members for the initial board for the Childcare Initiative have been identified. The paperwork for the 501c3 is being submitted.

Park and Recreation: Council member Clark updated the Council regarding improvements the Sigourney Ball Board would like to make to replace and upgrade the batting cage at the ball fields. Currently the batting cage is just poles with netting up and every few years this has to be replaced due to weather and/or vandalism. This year the Sigourney Ball Board would like to put up a chain link fence batting cage. It will be fourteen foot wide by ten foot tall by seventy-five foot long. There will be a wall in the middle creating two batting cages – one 40 foot long for baseball and the other 35 foot long for softball. The batting cage is going to cost \$20,000.00 and the Sigourney Ball Board is going to make the purchase. It will have concrete on the bottom. William Penn donated turf to put on top of the concrete inside the batting cage. To put the concrete down, Renner Construction along with dads affiliated with ball are going to donate/volunteer their time to pour the concrete pad. The Sigourney Ball Board is asking permission to put the batting cage in since this is City property. Council member McLaughlin asked about the Community Betterment Project approved for \$6,000.00. Council member Clark explained this is for the materials to put in the concrete pad and then replace the water fountain by the concession stand with a water bottle filling station. These are the two improvements the Sigourney Ball Board would like to make this year. Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Lentz, to approve the improvements at the ball fields (*at Legion Park*) which will include renovating the batting cage and replacing the current nonfunctional water fountain with a bottle filling station. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Street and Sanitation: Council member Clark moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the first reading of Ordinance re: Title III Community Protection – Chapter 16 Mowing of Properties. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Iosbaker, to approve the first reading of an Amendment to Ordinance Title III Community Protection – Chapter 2 Nuisances – 3-2-1 Definitions 1(k). Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Water and Wastewater: A Water Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 after the regular Council meeting.

A Sewer Committee meeting was set for Thursday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety: A Public Safety Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Input: There was no public input.

Council member Lentz moved, seconded by Council member Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk