

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Others present were: Rodger Aller; Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Scott Arnold, ITC Midwest, LLC, Don Northup, Director of Public Works I, Brent Gilliland, Director of Public Works II, Ashley Fry, Office Assistant and Sherrie Casper, Deputy City Clerk.

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

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Tish, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Council Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$55,132.87; Library Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$6,149.04; Liquor License application for Amanda Snakenberg (DBA: Barn Wired) at 119 East Marion Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class C Retail Alcohol License, Catering and Outdoor; Liquor License Application for Family Dollar Stores of Iowa, LLC (DBA: Family Dollar 32963) at 328 North Jefferson Street, Sigourney Iowa for Class B Retail Alcohol License; Resolution 2023-04-03 re: Temporary Street Closing for the Sigourney Elementary School 7th Annual Color Run on Friday, May 19th, 2023; Tax Exemption Application for Danny and Cynthia Abell for 620 Pershing Blvd., Sigourney, Iowa (Resolution No. 2023-04-04); Community Betterment Project(s); credit card report; and the time and place for the May 3, 2023 regular Council meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Tish to approve the remaining item on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 5, 2023. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Abstain: Lentz. *(Council member Lentz abstained because she was not in attendance at the April 5th meeting).*

Public Hearings: Mayor Morlan stated it was the time and place for the public hearing on the proposed adoption of Ordinance Title VII – Special Ordinance, Chapter 10 – Electric Transmission Franchise and Granting to ITC Midwest LLC, a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp., Its Successors and Assigns (the “Company”), the Right and Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Reconstruct, Erect, Maintain, Operate and Remove in the City of Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, a Transmission System for Electric Power and the Right to Erect and Maintain the Necessary Poles, Lines, Wires, Conduits and Other appliances, Equipment and Substations for the Transmission of Electric Current and Telecommunications Along, Under and Upon the Streets, Avenues, Alleys and Public Places in the City of Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa; Granting the Right to Erect and Maintain Upon the Streets, Avenues, Alleys and Public Places, Transmission Lines Through the City of Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, for the Period of Twenty-five (25) Years; and Granting the Right of Eminent Domain. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Lentz, to open the public hearing on the proposed adoption of Ordinance Title VII – Special Ordinance, Chapter 10 – Electric Transmission Franchise. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Morlan stated copies of the proposed ordinance are available if anyone would like to see them. The notice of the Public Hearing was published in the April 12th Sigourney News-Review. Has the City Clerk received any written objections and Deputy Clerk Casper stated there were none.

Mayor Morlan introduced Scott Arnold, ITC Midwest, LLC. He is the Community Relations Manager for this area. ITC purchased the electric service from Alliant Energy in late 2007. That consists of the high voltage lines. That would be transmission poles and substations and sixty-seven hundred (6,700) miles of transmission lines throughout Iowa. One of their substations is located next to the Alliant Energy substation on North Main Street. There are three parts of the electrical infrastructure – generation, which is produced by coal or natural gas. ITC does not generate the electricity. It is produced and transferred into our substations. Then it is handed back off to Alliant Energy to distribute to homes and businesses. Council member Iosbaker asked to clarify that ITC is a long-haul transmission provider. Mr. Arnold answered that is correct. Council member Iosbaker said that ITC wants to provide electricity inside the City limits. Mr. Arnold stated that ITC already has lines in Sigourney because when they purchased the service from Alliant Energy back in 2007 the lines in Sigourney was included. What ITC is trying to do is go back and renew the franchise with the City of Sigourney. Basically, it would hold the City harmless if someone would get into one of their structures or if there are any road projects that lines or structures would need to be moved. That is part of the agreement that the City would not pay for those costs. They are hoping to be long term partners with the City. There would be two franchises one for the distribution which is Alliant Energy and one for the transmission which is with ITC. ITC just wants an agreement in place with the City. Anything that is outside the city limits is governed by the Iowa Utilities Board and anything inside

the city limits are governed by the City. There will be no competition at all between Alliant and ITC. They are two different types of entities. They work together all the time. It will not cost the City anything for this agreement. It will provide that the service will continue to be reliable to the citizens. Replacing poles and lines is costly and this agreement means that ITC is responsible for the cost of that service. Mayor Morlan asked if the City does have an issue, do we call ITC or call Alliant or is there a central place to call? Mr. Arnold answered, always call Alliant, because Alliant is going to run their trucks out first and then depending on if ITC's lines are affected then they will notify ITC.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Clark, to close the public hearing on the proposed adoption of Ordinance Title VII – Special Ordinance, Chapter 10 - Electric Transmission Franchise and Granting to ITC Midwest LLC the right and franchise. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved and the public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Iosbaker, to approve the first reading of Ordinance Title VII – Special Ordinance, Chapter 10 – Electric Transmission Franchise. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: Discussion and possible consideration of vacate North-South alley in the 300 Block between West Washington Street and West Elm Street was removed from the agenda.

Rodger Aller reported that on the south side of the square they have got Amanda's door done and the electrical plugins fixed for her. They are going to paint the handrails tonight if nobody was around. He is finding it hard to find a time when no one is there so he can paint that. On the 103 South Jefferson project, they are putting the trim on, it is starting to look better. They have the electricity on, there is no gas or water yet. They have been working some overtime. He doesn't know when they will start the stairwell.

The Change Order No. 3 for 103 South Jefferson Street is for some work that needed to be done where they took the windows out on the front and for the brickwork where there were holes made in the brick. Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Clark, to approve Change Order No. 3 for Sigourney Upper Story at 103 South Jefferson Street, Sigourney, Iowa. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Clark moved, seconded by Council member Lentz, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 7 to R.G. Construction for the Upper Story Project at 103 South Jefferson Street, Sigourney, Iowa. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Iosbaker reported for Keokuk County Economic Development. The building is going up out in the Industrial Park. The mixer went well, there were about twenty people that was there. The next one will be hosted by First Resources and there are two other business that are willing to host for the next couple months. The strategic planning for the child care is complete. We are writing up an action plan and in the near future we will try to identify interested parties in the community and actual get something going. We had a very good discussion at our last meeting with Indian Hills with their concurrent enrollment team. We will meet up with them again to see how we can team up with them to raise awareness to the parents in the community about the opportunities for their students to participate.

Park and Recreation: Everything is the same as last year for rates and punch cards. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Lentz, to approve Resolution No. 2023-04-05 re: Establishing City Pool Rates and Information for Calendar Year 2023. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Street and Sanitation: Don Northup, Director of Public Works I, stated the Norris is hoping that by the end of next week to have all the asphalt laid and be able to move out of town. They are pretty much on schedule. TK Concrete will be here either this Monday, April 24th or May 1st. They have seventeen intersections, ADA sidewalks to complete and to bring some manholes up to date, so they will be here for a while. Mayor Morlan stated that he had received several compliments on the streets. The grindings look good out at the compost area too. It is almost like driving on concrete.

City Clerk: Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member Lentz, to set the Date and Time for a Public Hearing re: City Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023 for May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Sigourney City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Tish, Clark and Conrad. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Input: There was no public input.

A Public Safety Committee was tentatively set for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherrie Casper, Deputy City Clerk