

**CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood and Clark. Others present were: Allan Glandon, Alley Tish, Jerry Wohler, Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; Brent Gilliland, Director of Public Works II; Richard Fortney, Police Officer; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Morlan stated it was time for consideration of appointment to fill vacancy of Council member-at-large position created by the resignation of Jimmy Morlan and adoption of the proposed resolution. Mayor Morlan thanked both Allan Glandon and Alley Tish for volunteering their services and asked if either one wanted to say a few things. Next Mayor Morlan asked the Council members if they had any questions for either of the applicants. Council member Iosbaker asked Alley Tish as a business owner what her thoughts are regarding the statement "being on the Council can be a good way to make enemies." Ms. Tish stated that she would hope that all parties can come together and make the best decision for the City and leave as human beings. She further stated she is not here to make enemies with anyone. As a business owner that is not something she wants to do and personally that is not something she wants to do either. She just wants the best for the City and whatever that entails. Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Atwood, to appoint Alley Tish to be appointed as Council member at large. *(This included Resolution No. 2022-01-01 which outlines Alexandra (Alley) Tish for this appointment.)* Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker and Atwood. Nays: Clark. Motion approved.

Mayor Morlan thanked Allan Glandon for volunteering, and he reiterated his appreciation for the effort Allan has put into the City as Police Chief in the past, etc.

Mayor Morlan then gave the Oath of Office to Alexandra (Alley) Tish for the appointment to the Council member at large position. Council member Tish took her seat with the Council.

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: minutes of December 15, 2021. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood and Clark. Nays: None. Abstain: Tish. Motion approved. *(Council member Tish abstained as she was not at the December 15, 2021 regular Council meeting.)*

Council member Conrad moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$12,837.87; City Clerk's Financial Reports for November 2021; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for November 2021; credit card report; and the time and place for the January 19, 2022 regular Council meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Public Hearing:** Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Atwood, to approve Resolution No. 2022-01-02 Determining the Necessity and Setting Dates of a Consultation and Public Hearing on a Proposed Sigourney Downtown Urban Renewal Plan for a Proposed Urban Renewal Area in the City of Sigourney, State of Iowa, as Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. City Clerk Alderson explained a public hearing needed to be set to possibly approve the proposed Urban Renewal Plan for the proposed TIF (Tax Incremented Financing) Plan. This process includes a Consultation Meeting with the taxing entities this will affect. This meeting is set for Wednesday, January 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. The Planning and Zoning Commission are meeting on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Planning and Zoning Commission should make a recommendation to the City Council after their meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Additional City Business:** Council member Clark moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2022-01-02 re: Plat Within Two (2) Miles of City Limits for Greg and Hayley Hammes. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson stated Tim Oswald with Piper-Sandler emailed information regarding refinancing a General Obligation Bond from 2016. The General Obligation Bond currently being discussed will include a street project and the City share of the Façade project. The City has a General Obligation Bond from 2013 that would save the City approximately \$80,000.00 in interest if refinanced. The City could also refinance the General Obligation from 2016 and save approximately \$23,000.00 in interest. There were questions regarding some of the sheets provided by Piper-Sandler. The Council decided to table this, get answers to questions, discuss at the Finance Committee meeting and discuss at the January 19<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting.

City Clerk Alderson reviewed the Expected Tax-Exempt Obligations Report with the Council. The report is saying that to date during Fiscal Year 2022, the City has not taken on additional debt such as a General Obligation Bond. If the City had a lease to own for large equipment and this lease took place in Fiscal Year 2022 this would need to be reported. This form is stating the City has not and to our knowledge does not intend to have further obligations during the current fiscal year. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Iosbaker, to approve the Expected Tax-Exempt Obligations Report. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson provided the 2013 document and explained the addendum to the agreement with Piper Sandler. Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the Addendum to Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co. to serve as the Dissemination Agent for Secondary Market Disclosure. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Resolution No. 2022-01-04 providing for financial support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve Change Order 115 - #2 for Sigourney Façade Project – Phase 1. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 2 to R.G. Construction for the Sigourney CDBG Façade Improvement Phase 1 Project. Upon the roll being called, the following Voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson stated the grant application for 123 East Marion is in progress and requires a letter of commitment from the City. It was discussed what had been contributed to other projects, but each one is on an individual basis. There is also radon and asbestos testing that will need to be done if the grant is funded. The Council discussed how this process works. The money contributed usually comes from local option funds. The Council decided to table this discussion until the January 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

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

**Park and Recreation:** Council member McLaughlin stated the Park and Recreation Committee is going to meet with Jody Miller to talk about benches at the Pickleball Courts. Following that the Committee will meet to discuss pool applications.

**Water and Wastewater:** Don Northup, Director of Public Works I, stated the work on the wastewater treatment plant has slowed down.

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**Public Safety:** Mayor Morlan stated that Officer Fortney has asked to attend a one-day conference in Des Moines. It would be in lieu of his duty time and Mayor Morlan would like to ask permission (*by consensus*) for him to attend. After some discussion it was decided items should be on the agenda for approval.

**Finance:** A Finance Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**City Clerk:** Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to set the date and time for the public hearing regarding the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year 2023 for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Atwood, Tish and Clark. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Public Input:** Jerry Wohler thanked Council members McLaughlin and Conrad for taking the lead at the Council meeting. He also agreed that Council member Conrad setting a precedence for items not being on the agenda.

Council member Iosbaker stated he was looking for feedback on the possibility of working with the schools to put together a joint project with students with the support of school staff. This would be to help upgrade the City's website. He is also working on the same project with the SADC team. This would two purposes: work needs to be done on the City's website to improve and make it fresh and it could expose students in multiple departments for working with another entity in a pseudo business environment where they could learn about business in a safe context. Council member Iosbaker is willing to work on this starting with an RFP, then go to the principles of the different schools and see if their support could be solicited. If anyone would be concerned about this project, he will not proceed, but if there are not any objections, he is willing to do the leg work.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:53 p.m.

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Jimmy Morlan, Mayor

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