

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

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Others present were: Rodger Aller; Gail McLaughlin; Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Don Northup, Director of Public Works I; and Angie Alderson, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Tish, to approve the tentative agenda and to move item 4-6 (Grant Observer Report) before the pay estimates. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Tish, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: minutes of regular Council meeting of September 21, 2022; Council accounts payable in the amount of \$31,124.50; Library accounts payable in the amount of \$5,751.36; City Clerk's Financial Reports for August 2022; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for August 2022; Liquor License Application for Grant Ranch, LLC (DBA: Grant Ranch) at 121 South Jefferson Street, Sigourney, Iowa for Class C Liquor License (12 Month), Sub-Permits: Class C Liquor License with Catering and Sunday Sales Privileges; Liquor License Application for Sigourney Area Development Corp. (SADC) at 400 220th Avenue, Sigourney, Iowa for Class B Beer Permit (5-Day) and Sub-Permits: Class B Beer Permit, Class B Native Wine Permit and Living Quarters Privileges; Doug Glandon to attend the Iowa Association of Housing Officials' Annual Class on October 19-20, 2022 at Hawkeye Community College in Cedar Falls, Iowa at a Cost of \$400.00 and to use the City's credit card for hotel reservations and meals; Resignation from Sherrie Casper as Deputy Clerk; credit card report; and the time and place for the October 19, 2022 regular Council meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Additional City Business: Rodger Aller reported on the progress on the Façade Project and is working on the punch list for finishing the project. There is a leak in the spouting at 109 East Marion Street. The spouting at 119 East Marion Street was worked on and the spouting at 117 was moved. New spouting was run into the old spouting. Until it rains, we will not know how well any are working.

Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 10 to R.G. Construction for the Sigourney CDBG Façade Improvement Phase I Project. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 11 to R.G. Construction for the Sigourney CDBG Façade Improvement Phase I Project. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Morlan stated R.G. Construction is working on the demolition at 103 South Jefferson Street. Mr. Aller stated the ramp in the back was completed today.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Tish, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 1 R.G. Construction for Sigourney CDBG Upper-Level Apartments at 103 South Jefferson Street. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Tish moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve the display ad for snow removal. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Mayor Morlan thanked the Council for allowing him to attend the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference. A lot of really good information was there. There are workshops, vendors to talk to, exhibit hall, networking and the general sessions. Mayor Morlan stated that the sessions were very good, but at least half of the value was

networking with other people and cities. What they are doing, how they are doing it, what problems they have had and how they solved them.

Council member Iosbaker stated the Farmer's Market has concluded. They have active committees on the annual raffle. They are just starting on the Christmas festivities and Ladies Night Out.

Park and Recreation: A Park and Recreation Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Water and Wastewater: Director of Public Works I Northup talked about the City's retention pond. There is a small pond on the west side of the water plant. Every week there is about 100,000 gallons that goes to the pond from the water plant as they backwash the filters and every day both softeners regenerate, and the pond is where spent water goes. Everything dirty in the plant goes to this pond and settles out and the water goes over the top and dumps into the creek. This has not been cleaned since May of 1994. They were doing some testing in the boat and the pond is getting a lot of sludge on the bottom. It is getting close to the pipe that goes into the pond. Nutri-Ject from Hudson, Iowa, can come in and basically vacuum the pond out, clean the sides out and then they land apply all the minerals and iron, etc. City Clerk Alderson stated they were looking to use the Water Improvement Fund to pay for this. The Council approved in August to purchase the pitless adapters for Well # 1 and Well #2 and to use the Improvement Fund for paying. The quote for cleaning the retention pond is for approximately \$32,000.00 but put \$40,000.00 in the resolution to cover any additional expenses. This should be done before winter. Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member McLaughlin, to approve Resolution No. 2022-10-01 re: Interfund Operating Usage of Water Improvement Fund (603) for Cleaning Retention Pond. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Safety: Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Iosbaker, to approve the second reading of Ordinance Title III – Community Protection, Chapter 15 – Off-Road Utility Vehicles. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

City Clerk Alderson stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m. The Commission is on board with changing the ordinance and approved to make the change. Council member Iosbaker moved, seconded by Council member Tish, to approve the recommendation letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission re: Zoning Ordinance – Section 14 Special Provisions – 4 Trailers, Recreation Vehicles. Upon the roll being called, the following votes Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Tish moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the first reading of the Zoning Ordinance – Section 14 Special Provisions – 4 Trailers, Recreation Vehicles. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Public Input: Council member McLaughlin stated the Wehr family is pleased with the memorial bench that was placed at Legion Park.

Mayor Morlan asked for a motion to close the Council meeting. Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to adjourn the meeting. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Tish, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

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

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk