

# CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA

## MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF

### August 20, 2025

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Lentz, Schultz, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Others present were: Don Northup, Public Works Director I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II, Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Matt Walker, French Reneker; Neil Kracht, with Steve Shettler Media; Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

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

Council member Lentz moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of August 6, 2025; Liquor License for Grant Ranch, LLC at 121 South Jefferson Street; Liquor License for Family Dollar Stores of Iowa at 329 North Main Street; Resolution 2025-08-17 Street Closing for the Sigourney Fountain Festival; Tax Exemption for Gary Bain at 910 N Main Street, Resolution No. 2025-08-18; Tax Exemption for Carolyne Check at 208 East Jackson Street, Resolution No. 2025-08-19; Outstanding Debt Report; credit card report and to set time and place for the next regular scheduled Council meeting is September 3, 2025, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Lentz, Schultz, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Council Accounts Payable claims in the amount of \$78,107.66. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None; Abstain: Lentz and Schultz (Schultz's nephew owns Exceptional Edge and Lentz's Brothers Owns Atwood Electric) Motion Approved.

Council member Iosbaker, KCED Director, stated that we equipped the Keota daycare with furniture and should have all in inspection completed within a week or so. The \$10,000 GALA planning is in progress and is going well. There is going to be a BOOST grant committee meeting to go over walking signs and other agenda items.

**Water and Wastewater:** Council member Iosbaker moved seconded by Council member Schultz to approve the contract with French Reneker for Engineering Service Agreement for Painting of the Water Tower. Council member Iosbaker stated that Don and Brent have looked over the contract and stated it meets all the requirements. Matt stated that the goal is to bid on this late fall and then the work will be done in the summer of 2026. They will be painting the inside and outside of the water tower. Mayor Morlan asked if we don't have the exact design, can we still get an accurate bid. Matt stated that the base color would be fine, but you would want to have the logo before we go out for bids. Don asked Matt how long will the tower repairs take and Matt stated that it will be down for approximately 4 to 6 weeks, and we will make sure that we have in the contract that the contractor can't take the tower out of service until the pool and fountain have been filled for the year.

**Public Safety:** Council member Clark stated this is the third and final reading for the Food Truck Ordinance, there have not been any changes to the Ordinance. Council member Clark moved seconded by Council member McLaughlin to approve the Third reading of Ordinance Amending Title VI – Physical Environment – Chapter 13 Mobile Food Unit Regulations. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Lentz, Schultz, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin and Iosbaker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Council member Clark stated that Public Safety met and are in the process of getting new ordinances involving our Parks and the Sigourney Square put together and will be bringing it before the council in the next couple of weeks.

**Finance:** Council member Conrad stated that Finance met and discussed if we want to place a bond issue on the November general ballot, we have until September 19<sup>th</sup> to do so. The finance committee feels that it is not enough time to advertise and give residents adequate amount of time to decide if they would vote in favor of our bond issue for the pool. The school system is placing a bond request on the general ballot, and we don't necessarily want to compete with them. It was suggested why don't we place a new liner in the pool in the hope that it would give us ample time to fundraise and properly inform the public of the pool's needs and then place it on the ballot. Council member Schultz asked what repairs need to be made to the pool? Donnie stated that the base and walls all need to be replaced as they are just crumbling away and it just gets worse every year. City Clerk Fry asked if she should place an item on the agenda to either approve or disapprove the bond issue. That way we have a clear idea how to move forward. City Clerk will place this on the agenda to be voted on whether we want the bond issue placed on the ballot.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Jimmy Morlan, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley Fry, City Clerk