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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023
SECTION B, NUMBER 48, 162ND YEAR

City of What Cheer Council Minutes

11.14.2023

Regular Meeting

Tuesday November 14th 2023
The What Cheer City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Tuesday November 14th 2023. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7: pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Donna Rogers, Chris Lundy, and Rick Shafrenk. Bob Dugger and Carolyn Becker were absent. Also present, Sandy Van Patten, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Jones, Christine Howard, Eric and Andrea Coble, Brenda Landers, Gary Joe Van Patten and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion. April Dumeruth joined the meeting at 7:19pm. Lundy made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Shafrenk seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

During Audience Comments Eric Coble addressed the council about temporary closing the alley behind the funeral home for Christmas festivities organized by him and his wife Andrea, the What Cheer Community Club and the What Cheer Opera house. Events will take place on December 17 th from 1pm-3pm. He also explained how he contacted the fire department about having traffic control to slow down traffic on the highway during the events. Eric and Andrea Coble and Brenda Landers left the meeting at 7:19pm. Also during Audience comments Mendy McAdams addressed the council about her disappointment that the council approved an older trailer to be brought into town that was against the city's existing ordinance of a trailer not being allowed to be moved into the city if it is older than three years.

Mayor Darrell Wilkening had nothing to report for the Mayors Report. Lundy motioned to approve an alcohol permit submitted by Dollar General; Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Update was given from Mayor Darrell Wilkening and city maintenance Gary Joe Van Patten, on the septic tank replacement/repairs located at the Zach Molyneux property, work should be completed by November 12 th after then inspection will be completed by the county sanitarian. Shafrenk made a motion to increase part time city maintenance employee Justin Van Pattens pay by \$1.50 an hour. Lundy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was made on the plan to connect Tammy Boughner's sewer to city sewer, no action was taken at this time by the council.

Shafrenk made a motion to approve the annual finance report, seconded by Lundy. All in favor. Motion approved.

City Clerk Melanie Vermillion explained to the council that the council needs to consider amending the Ordinance on the trailers, rather than approve them on a case-by-case scenario. She also informed them of a personal complaint of a property in town, that may need addressed by the housing inspector. Lundy made a motion to contact the city attorney on both issues and move forward from there. Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm seconded by Lundy.

*Darrell Wilkening
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk*

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City of What Cheer Bills

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BILLS PRESENTED AT NOVEMBER 14TH 2023 MEETING

AFLAC.....	69.03
ALLIANT ENERGY.....	3954.06
IPERS.....	2386.70
941 TAX.....	3414.56
WATER EX TAX.....	594.29
MCKIM TRACTOR.....	71.75
DUSTIN HITE.....	493.76
NATIONWIDE.....	238.00
WAPELLO RURAL WATER.....	3293.86
BARRON MOTOR.....	218.27
COBB OIL.....	778.78
KEOKUK CO TREASURER.....	993.00
IOWA ONE CALL.....	23.50
WASTE MANAGEMENT.....	5305.69
WINDSTREAM.....	336.76
DOLLAR GENERAL.....	23.50
WALNUT 92.....	65.80
KEOKUK CO RECORDER.....	44.00
MICROBAC LAB.....	415.50
THE NEWS REVIEW.....	373.10

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City of What Cheer Receipts and Disbursements

CITY OF WHAT CHEER RECEIPTS

GENERAL FUND.....	\$9400.18
ROAD FUND.....	\$7433.75
DEBT SERVICE.....	\$0.00
TRUST & AG.....	\$2821.87
GARBAGE FUND.....	\$4248.00
WATER FUND.....	\$5277.59
SEWER FUND.....	\$8126.03
SEWER FUND.....	\$4739.60
LOCAL OP.....	\$7602.34
AMER. RELIEF PLAN.....	\$0.00
LIBRARY.....	\$293.71
TOTAL.....	\$46611.13

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Sigourney Community School District BOE Meeting 11.15.2023

SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

SIGOURNEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

REGULAR MEETING
President Melissa Bird called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, acknowledged a quorum of the board, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Present: Melissa Bird, Steven Seeley, Allan Glandon, Mike Bensmiller, Mark O'Rourke, Adam Clark, Cody Branstad
Also Present: Kevin Hatfield, Jessica Meier, Missy Sellers, Deanna Spence, Shannon Webb, Tim Bruns, Amy Wilcox, Lee Crawford, Jason Shifflett, Wade Van Vark, Jenny Gay, Matt Gum, Casey Jarmes

Approval of Agenda
Director Bensmiller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Good News
Excellent Veteran's Day events at our elementary and Jr/Sr high schools, thank you to staff for getting them organized. VPPEL extension passed-thank you!

Public Comment - Visitors were welcomed, no public comment.

Non-Action Items
Matt Gum (SitelogIQ) reviewed details regarding the elementary boiler/ventilation project and answered questions from the board. Jessica Meier updated the board on the placement of bond funds at MidWestOne Bank. Deanna Spence, provided details on a potential new reading curriculum at the elementary. Lee Crawford and Kevin Hatfield provided timeline and information regarding the creation of a new high school girls wrestling program. Mr. Hatfield provided an update on the district's certified enrollment count, the Iowa School Performance Profile results, and the new construction academy.

Administrative Reports
Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Van Vark gave their reports to the board with the remaining reports provided.

Action Items
Consent Agenda
Director Glandon moved to approve the following consent agenda items:
Minutes - The minutes of the October 11, 2023 regular meeting.
Financial Reports - SBO Jessica Meier provided the October financial reports.
Payment of Bills - General Fund \$168,912.39; Activity Fund \$20,013.28; Nutrition Fund \$62,914.19; SAVE Fund \$822,500; PPPEL Fund \$4,992.66

Open Enrollment
IN from Keota: N & N Anderson
OUT to CAM/Iowa Connections Academy: W. Hesse

Personnel
New Hires: Cade Molyneux, Assistant HS Wrestling-effective 2023-24 season, pending licensure
Resignations: Trevor Weeks, Assistant HS Wrestling-effective 11/8/2023

Volunteers: Aaron Sellers, JH B Basketball-2023-24 season; Scott Alderson, HS Bowling-2023-24 season, pending licensure
The consent agenda items were seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.

High School Girls Wrestling Program
Director Seeley moved to approve the creation of the high school girls wrestling program. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.

High School Girls Wrestling Coaching Position
Director Bensmiller moved to approve the high school girls wrestling coaching position as presented. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

High School Girls Wrestling Sharing Agreement
Director Bensmiller moved to approve the sharing agreement with Keota CSD for high school girls wrestling as presented. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.

High School Girls Wrestling Coach
Director Seeley moved to approve

the hiring of Trevor Weeks as the high school girls wrestling head coach for the 2023-24 season. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.

Early Graduation Requests
Director Seeley moved to approve the early graduation requests for Nolan McLaughlin and Lexi Smith as presented by Mrs. Webb. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.

Great Prairie AEA Board Election
Director Branstad moved to approve the district's vote for Dr. Joy Prothro for reelection in District 3. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Policy Updates
Director Glandon moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 704.05. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Clark moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 704.04. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Bensmiller moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 704.04R1. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Branstad moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 504.05. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Seeley moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 504.05E1. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Glandon moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 508.01. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Clark moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 503.01. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Bensmiller moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 503.08. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.

2023 Election Results
Director Clark moved to accept the results of the 2023 school elections as presented:
Board of Directors
Tim Bruns - 229 votes
Amy Wilcox - 232 votes
Mike Bensmiller - 248 votes
Adam Clark - 199 votes
Mark O'Rourke - 192 votes
Write-in - 17 votes

VPPEL Extension: Yes-234 votes; No-72 votes
Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting
Thank you to our outgoing board members, Melissa Bird (6 years of service) and Mark O'Rourke (16 years of service).

The next regular meeting will be December 13, 2023 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High School Library at 6:00 PM.

Topics for next meeting/s: district's 5-year financial projections; field irrigation; natural gas risk pool; possible visits from legislators; superintendent eval/feedback

Adjournment
Director Clark moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:36 PM. Seconded by Director O'Rourke. Motion carried 7-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Board Secretary Jessica Meier assumed the role of President Pro-Tem until a new president was elected. The organizational meeting was called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM and a quorum of the board was acknowledged.

Board Present: Steven Seeley, Allan Glandon, Mike Bensmiller, Adam Clark, Cody Branstad, Tim Bruns, Amy Wilcox

Also Present: Kevin Hatfield, Jessica Meier, Missy Sellers, Deanna Spence, Shannon Webb, Jenny Gay, Casey Jarmes

Approval of Agenda
Director Glandon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0.

Oath of Office to New Board Members
Board Secretary Jessica Meier administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members: Mike Bensmiller, Tim Bruns, Adam Clark, and Amy Wilcox.

Election of Board President
President Pro-Tem Jessica Meier opened the floor for nominations

for president. Director Seeley was nominated for President. Director Glandon moved to cease nominations and for Director Seeley to be elected Board President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0. President Pro-tem, Jessica Meier, administered the oath of office to Director Seeley, who then assumed the chair.

Election of Board Vice President
President Seeley opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Director Glandon was nominated for Vice President. Director Branstad moved to cease nominations and for Director Glandon to be elected Board Vice President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0. President Seeley administered the oath of office to Director Glandon.

Appointment Board Secretary/Treasurer
Director Bensmiller moved to appoint Jessica Meier as Board Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 7-0.

Establish Meeting Date/Time/Location
Director Branstad moved to establish the regular meeting schedule as follows: 2nd Wednesday of the month (3rd Wednesday in July) at 6:00 PM in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High School Library. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.

Naming of Official Publication
Director Clark moved to approve the News-Review as the official newspaper for the district for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.

Designation of Legal Counsel
Director Clark moved to appoint Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. as the district's legal counsel for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Committee Assignments & Keokuk County Conference Board Appointment
Director Glandon moved to approve the board committees assignments and appointments as discussed: Finance: Branstad, Wilcox, Seeley; Buildings/Grounds: Bensmiller, Glandon, Seeley; Negotiations: Bruns, Clark, Seeley; Policy: Wilcox, Bensmiller, Glandon; Keokuk County Conference Board: Branstad with Bensmiller as alternate. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.

Depository Resolution
Director Clark moved to approve the following resolution:
Sigourney Community School District

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES
Resolution #11132023
RESOLVED, that the Sigourney Community School District of Sigourney, Iowa in Keokuk County, Iowa approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Sigourney Community School District, all funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapters 452 and 452 (1983) as amended by 1984 Iowa Acts. S.F. 2220. The Business Manager and/or Board Secretary are hereby authorized to deposit the Sigourney School District funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below:

Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT)-\$5,000,000; MidWestOne Bank-\$12,000,000; County Bank-\$5,000,000; Bank Iowa-\$3,000,000.
Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.

Authorizations at Approved Depositories
Director Bensmiller moved to authorize the following people to have access and management of district accounts at district approved depository institutions: Jessica Meier, SBO/Board Secretary; Steven Seeley, Board President; Allan Glandon, Board Vice President; Missy Sellers, HR. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment
Director Clark moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:51 PM. Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 7-0.

*Steven Seeley, Board President
Jessica Meier, Board Secretary*

PUBLIC NOTICE Real Estate Bids City of Delta

The City of Delta is accepting bids for the purchase of the real estate at 107 North Second St. West in Delta, Iowa. The minimum bid accepted for the property is \$2500.00. Bids in sealed envelopes shall be submitted to Delta City Hall by December 12, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., and bids will be considered at the meeting on December 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The City of Delta reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. Sale will be by Quit Claim Deed without abstract. Buyer assumes all risk.

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PROBATE Doris Risenhoover ESPR038504

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Doris Risenhoover, Deceased PROBATE NO. ESPR038504 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Doris Risenhoover, Deceased, who died on or about October 1, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 17, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Doris Risenhoover, deceased, bearing date of May 13, 2003, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Cyndy Bayliss was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated November 17, 2023.
Cyndy Bayliss, Executor of Estate 9070 Highland Center Road Ottumwa, IA 52501
Patrick B. Dillon, ICIS#: AT0001973 Attorney for Executor
Dillon Law PC
209 E 1st Street
Sumner, IA 50674

Date of second publication _____, 2023 (Date to be inserted by publisher)
Probate Code Section 304
* Designate Codicil(s) if any, with date(s).

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Keokuk County BOS 11.14.2023

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 14, 2023
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried.

First Tier Official Canvass of November 7, 2023 Keokuk County City-School Election was held. Also present was Robyn Smeltzer and LuAnn Berger. Those present canvassed the election. The following two offices had ties: City of Sigourney Council at Large (vote for one) - Dave Goldman and Randy Schultz both received 6 write-in votes (Randy Schultz won by draw) and City of Harper Council (vote for three - one name was on the ballot) - Colten Altenhofen, Luke McCarville and Dan Peiffer all received 3 write-in votes (Colten Altenhofen and Dan Peiffer won by draw). No other changes were made to the abstract.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

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Keokuk County BOS 11.13.2023

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 13, 2023
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, November 13, 2023, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried.

Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Board consensus was to amend the agenda and move the meeting with Jimmy Morlan regarding the Veteran's Memorial located on the northwest side of the courtyard from 9:10 a.m. to 8:36 a.m. due to the time lapse in agenda items. Also present was Michelle Herman, Veteran Affairs Director. Commander of the American Legion Post 19 Morlan was in attendance to inquire about enrolling the Veterans area, possibly 6-8' on each side of the current area to allow placement of two marble stones listing conflicts,

of which the post has been discussing for the last 2-3 years. Herman interjected the Veteran's Affairs Commissioners plan to add greenery to the white gravel in spring of 2024 due to last summer's drought. The Board of Supervisors wishes for the VA Commission and American Legion to work together on a plan and bring it to the Board for review and possible approval.

Met with Keokuk County Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: Uretok is working near Hayesville; finishing up pavement patching; the flare off of Hwy 92 will be approximately a two-week process; preparing equipment for winter; held a safety meeting last Friday training on first aid, chainsaw use and appropriate load weight. Andy noted that ditching has now been stretched to visiting roads each 3-4 years due to the equipment the county now owns.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded approval/denial of Family Farm Tax Credit applications for assessment year 2023 as submitted and recommended by Drew Sanders, Keokuk County Assessor's Office. All ayes and motion carried.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded to set the date, time and place of public hearing for the FY2024 Keokuk County budget amendment as December 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor of the Keokuk County Courthouse. All ayes and motion carried. This amendment is due to bring the unspent balance of the ARPA funds into FY2024 budget.

Various Board and Committee reports was held. Wood attended Pathfinders and RUSS meeting. Snakenberg participated in Decat and SEIL meetings. Hadley had no scheduled meetings to attend last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. As stated on the agenda, first tier of the official city/school election held on November 7, 2023 will be held tomorrow morning, November 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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City of Sigourney Council Minutes 11.15.2023

The following are summarized minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 15, 2023.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz and Tish. Others present were: Steve Shettler; Rodger Aller; Randy Schultz; 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. Conrad moved, seconded by Lentz, to approve the tentative agenda with the deletion of items 4-2, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-3. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

McLaughlin moved, seconded by Tish, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 1, 2023; Council Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$36,535.90; City Clerk Reports for June 2023; payroll expenses, miscellaneous expenses, ACH and monthly transfers for June 2023; Don Northup to attend the CPO (Certified Pool Operator) Workshop Sponsored by the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association on March 4, 2024 in Coralville, Iowa at a cost of \$175.00; annual interest payments for General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds; display ad for snow removal; display ad for soccer director position; credit card report; and the time and place for the December 6, 2023 regular Council meeting is 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Tish moved, seconded by Conrad, to not approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Sigourney Façade Phase I Project until the date is updated to current. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Conrad moved, seconded by Iosbaker, to approve Application and Certificate for Payment No. 11 for Retainage to R.G. Construction for the Upper Story Project at 103 South Jefferson Street, Sigourney, Iowa, contingent upon obtaining the architect's signature on the certificate. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Iosbaker moved, seconded by Tish, to approve upgrading the communication between the water tower, water plant and wells 1 and 2 and to sign a purchase agreement. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

McLaughlin moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the display ad for a Police Officer to run one week. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Lentz moved, seconded by McLaughlin, to approve DeltaVision insurance for the employees. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Lentz moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Conrad moved, seconded by Lentz, to approve Resolution 2023-11-03 approving the 2023 Tax Increment Financing for Sigourney Belva Deer Inn Urban Renewal - 54002 - Section 403.19 Certification TIF. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

Tish moved, seconded by Conrad, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was Ayes: 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The full and complete minutes are available at the Sigourney City Clerk's office upon request.
*Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
Angela K. Alderson, City Clerk*

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Advertising is well read. Even a 1x2. After all, you are reading this advertisement.

CITY OF SIGOURNEY November 15, 2023

Access Systems Leasing - Services.....	\$87.81
All American Pest Control - Services.....	\$188.00
Aller, Rodger - Services.....	\$328.98
Altorfer Inc. - Parts.....	\$1,921.10
Arnold Motor Supply - Supplies.....	\$8.19
Atwood Electric Inc. - Services.....	\$2,014.05
Badger Meter - Services.....	\$190.32
Barron Motor Supply - Supplies.....	\$284.83
Brothers Market - Supplies.....	\$101.64
Bruns, Hunter - Reimb for Fountain Festival Supplies.....	\$132.76
Carrol Construction Supply - Supplies.....	\$13.10
Column Software PBC - Services.....	\$112.99
Curtis Architecture & Design PC - Services.....	\$1,500.00
Davis, Jeremy - Refund.....	\$71.22
Des Moines Stamp - Stamp.....	\$33.00
Eldon C. Stutsman Inc. - Services.....	\$4,860.22
Electric Pump - Parts.....	\$1,083.00
Galls - Police Gear.....	\$484.65
Greenleaves Corp - Supplies.....	\$319.78
gWorks - Annual Licensing & Support.....	\$10,442.00
H&M - Supplies.....	\$12.58
IMWCA - Installment 5, Work Comp.....	\$1,092.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy - Services.....	\$200.00
KBOE Radio - Services.....	\$140.00
Keokuk County Highway Dept. - Fuel.....	\$1,337.43
Macqueen Equipment - Supplies.....	\$822.90
Microbac - Services.....	\$1,084.50
Misc on Main - Supplies.....	\$39.99
Municipal Supply Inc. - Supplies.....	\$1,214.88
Renner Construction - Services.....	\$1,354.00
Roto-Rooter - Services.....	\$2,490.00
Schroeder Frame & Alignment, LLC - Services.....	\$78.38
Sema - Services.....	\$2,241.45

Sigourney Annual Financial Report 2023

STATE OF IOWA 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA DUE: December 1, 2023		1620540120000 CITY OF SIGOURNEY 100 N Main Street SIGOURNEY IA 52591 POPULATION: 2004	
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.			
ALL FUNDS			
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c) Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	867,264		867,264 943,263
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0 0
Net Current Property Taxes	867,264		867,264 943,263
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0 0
TIF Revenues	116,067		116,067 118,671
Other City Taxes	393,494	0	393,494 284,830
Licenses and Permits	8,927	0	8,927 12,400
Use of Money and Property	52,209	10,987	63,196 39,575
Intergovernmental	705,335	35,600	740,935 1,171,500
Charges for Fees and Service	20,260	1,249,516	1,269,776 1,311,400
Special Assessments	0	98,844	98,844 99,310
Miscellaneous	100,253	89,941	190,194 104,502
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	141,703	1,516,221	1,657,924 3,541,500
Total Revenues and Other Sources	2,405,512	3,001,109	5,406,621 7,626,951
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	174,236		174,236 487,700
Public Works	525,972		525,972 770,375
Health and Social Services	0		0 0
Culture and Recreation	316,296		316,296 495,902
Community and Economic Development	735,789		735,789 1,475,200
General Government	255,983		255,983 465,682
Debt Service	326,420		326,420 307,000
Capital Projects	1,233,045		1,233,045 2,015,100
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	3,567,741	0	3,567,741 6,016,959
Business type activities		2,081,540	2,081,540 4,492,185
Total All Expenditures	3,567,741	2,081,540	5,649,281 10,509,144
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	141,703	499,352	641,055 741,500
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	3,709,444	2,580,892	6,290,336 11,250,644
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	-1,303,932	420,217	-883,715 -3,623,693
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	4,531,871	2,739,264	7,271,135 4,508,412
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	3,227,939	3,159,481	6,387,420 884,719
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:			
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds		Pension Trust Funds	
971,943		Agency Funds	
Private Purpose Trust Funds			
Indebtedness at June 30, 2023		Indebtedness at June 30, 2023	
Amount		Amount	
General Obligation Debt	3,395,000	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	6,027,000	Short-Term Debt	0
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	5,831,221

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City of Sigourney Financial June 2023

CITY OF SIGOURNEY June 2023	
Revenues:	
General	\$24,056.52
Memorial Hall Restoration	\$739.10
Library	\$8,683.43
Road Use	\$30,937.53
Employee Benefits	\$902.70
Housing	\$100.00
Emergency	\$246.36
Local Options Sales & Services	
Tax	\$20,136.88
Tax Increment Financing	\$175.36
Lewis Memorial Fountain	\$2,763.09
Restricted Gifts	\$4,594.00
Replacement	\$219,975.00
Debt Service	\$50,724.29
Street Improvements	\$21,690.41
Water Utility	\$41,481.98
Water Sinking	\$6,635.00
Water Improvement	\$3,000.00
Water Project	\$5,091.33
Water SRF 2001	\$61.07
Water Customer Deposit	\$923.11
Sewer Utility	\$49,612.67
Sewer Sinking	\$30,380.00
Sewer Improvement	\$1,000.00
Sewer Project	\$1,197.26
Sewer Surcharge	\$3,196.96
Sanitation	\$19,395.62
Self Funding Medical Insurance	\$1,670.00
June 2023 Revenue Total	\$549,369.67
OTHER CHECKS ISSUED:	
Iowa Finance Authority - Revenue Bond Payments	\$371,764.37
C B & D Development, Inc. - TIF Rebate	\$22,501.56
Norris Asphalt Paving Company - Street Project	\$96,847.25
R.G. Construction - Façade Project	\$8,502.50
Iowa Division of Labor - Boiler	\$40.00
Inspection Visa - Certifications / Tester / Postage	\$620.30
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Excise Tax	\$2,587.44
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Sales Tax	\$793.68
Forté - Monthly Expenses	\$5.00
City of Sigourney - Reimbursements	\$407.50
County Bank - NSF Check Fee	\$5.00
gWorks - Monthly Absorbed Expenses	\$138.30
gWorks - ACH NSF Check Fees	\$5.00
Access Systems - 1/2 Camera Project	\$10,347.44
UMB Trust - G.O. Bond Agent Fees	\$500.00
Brent Gilliland - Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$40.00
Randy Hemsley - Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$25.00
Don Northup - Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$40.00
Logan Northup - Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$25.00
Jonathan Utterback - Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$25.00
Year End Balance Adjustment	\$0.01
U.S. Postmaster - Mail Utility Bills	\$412.45
Expense Out to Replacement Fund	\$219,100.00
Transfers/ Expenses	\$97,304.67
Payroll (05/15/2023 to 05/28/2023)	\$19,482.35
Payroll (05/29/2023 to 06/11/2023)	\$26,369.89
Payroll (06/12/2023 to 06/25/2023)	\$46,685.44
June 2023 Other Checks Issued Total	\$924,575.15

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Northwest Iowa tree thief found guilty of 51 charges

*By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch*
A 41-year-old rural Rolfe man is guilty of felony theft and 50 timber violations for taking dozens of trees from public property, a jury recently decided.

Jason Levant Ferguson's criminal tree-theft case went to trial last week in Pocahontas County. He had been accused of taking about 150 trees from a wildlife management area northeast of Rolfe last year, purportedly to build himself a house, according to court records.

Timber thefts are an uncommon but growing crime in Iowa, according to the state's Department of Natural Resources. Ferguson's thefts stood out for the number of trees taken and for one of the trees he was accused of felling: a bur oak that was about six feet in diameter at its base.

"That tree was a sapling when Iowa was made a state," said Craig Cutts, chief of the DNR's Law Enforcement Bureau. Iowa gained statehood nearly 180 years ago.

Ferguson's prosecution hit a snag last month when a district court judge decided that search warrants for his rural acreage were improperly approved and the evidence obtained by the subsequent

searches couldn't be used to prosecute him. Those searches allegedly found evidence that someone had been growing marijuana and manufacturing methamphetamine on Ferguson's property, and he faced numerous felony drug and weapons charges. Those charges were dismissed, but the tree theft case continued with the evidence DNR officers had obtained before the searches.

That evidence included an admission by Ferguson that he had taken the trees from the Stoddard Wildlife Management Area and photographic evidence of tree trunks on his property, court records show.

The trial last week spanned four days and ended with a 12-person jury finding him guilty of every criminal charge he faced, court records show. The jury deliberated for about two hours, Pocahontas County Attorney Dan Feistner said.

Ferguson's sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 26. He faces up to five years in prison for the felony theft charge and one year imprisonment each for the 50 counts of timber buyer violations, which were for cutting down trees he had not purchased and "had no legal right to do so," according to court records.

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**NOTICE
Sheriff Sale EQEQ041436**

STATE OF IOWA KEOKUK COUNTY
Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY Iowa District Court Keokuk County
Case #: EQEQ041436
Civil #: 23-000511
CITIZENS BANK NA F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NA
VS
ADELIA L MUNTZ; FRANKA MUNTZ; PARTIES IN POSSESSION; ET AL
Special Execution | General Execution

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant (s)
X Real Estate
X Personal Property
X Described Below
To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is
LOT THREE IN BLOCK TWO OF KING'S ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WHAT CHEER, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA
Property Address: 203 W BRINEY ST, WHAT CHEER, IA 50268
The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
Sale Date 01/09/2024

Sale Time 10:00
Place of Sale KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 204 S STONE ST, SIGOURNEY IA 52591

X Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.

Redemption: After the sale of real estate, defendant may redeem the property within
X This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.

Judgment Amount \$ 61,615.84
Costs \$ 3,759.11
Accruing Costs 0.00
Interest \$2,060.54
Date 11/21/2023
Sheriff's Fees Pending
Attorney:
ANDREA DYAR
4601 WESTOWN PKWY STE 2
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
(515)223-7325
Casey J Hinnah
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF

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PROBATE Willard Decker Jr. ESPR039503

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Keokuk COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Willard Decker, Jr., Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038503
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS


Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Willard Decker, Jr., Deceased, who died on or about November 11, 2023:
You are hereby notified that on November 16, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Willard Decker, Jr., deceased, bearing date of January 14, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Tony William Clubb and Robbin Clubb have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated November 16, 2023.
Tony William Clubb, Robbin Clubb, Jr., Executor of Estate
17307 295th Street Hedrick, IA 52563
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299 Attorney for Executors
John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law
116 E Washington PO Box 245 Sigourney, IA 52591
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