

SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 10, 2015

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on April 10, 2015 in special session at the Syracuse Public Library at 480 5th Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz, Council members Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton and Henke. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Park Manager Todd Aksamit appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss the proposal from Practice Sports for repairing of netting over playground equipment. Park Manager Aksamit stated that the proposal is for 6 - 8 5/8" galvanized steel poles in place of 6" poles that were used previously. Poles will be buried six feet in-ground concrete footers. The \$20,977 proposal includes remove of existing poles, install new upgraded poles and install new brackets to accommodate larger poles and shipping. Also, includes all machinery to unload poles, machinery to remove existing footers, concrete for new footers, machinery to set poles, carpentry to build frame to support new poles during pouring process and transportation to dispose of old poles and concrete.

Park Manager Aksamit stated that an insurance adjustor will be coming down and inspecting the damage to the poles and will be speaking to Syracuse Iron Works about the damage.

Mayor Ortiz questioned Park Manager Aksamit about the possibility of the netting being under warranty. Manager Aksamit stated that due to the poles being donated, he was not sure if the warranty would be in effect. Aksamit will be checking the warranty and contacting the necessary individuals.

Council member Dettmer made the motion to check into warranty on poles and netting, contact insurance company and if damage not covered by warranty or insurance that the City pay for the replacement cost, second by Gigstad. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke, Gigstad. Nays: None.

Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed revisions to Employee Handbook submitted by City Attorney Stilmock. Discussion was held on what constitutes a work week, Sunday – Saturday or Monday – Sunday. The City Clerk will discuss with Attorney Stilmock and get his ruling.

Mayor and Council would like to change in paragraph 3.5 (a) 1. Delete Street Department and Utilities Department and have Public Works. Also, delete on page 3-4 (1) in section (C). Mayor and Council would like in add to Section (B) payment of any unused compensatory time by the end of the fiscal year.

City Clerk Hobscheidt will take deletions and additions to City Attorney Stilmock and item was tabled until the May 13, 2015 meeting.

Superintendent of Public Works Garry Carman reported on water service for Love's Truck Stop. Superintendent Carman stated that during the construction of the interchange of Highway 50 & 2, the City worked with the Nebraska Department of Roads and had conduits for water and sewer laid under the highway at a cost to the City of \$88,000. After contacting Evan Wickersham of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Mr. Wickersham stated that today cost would be \$174,400 for sewer and \$130,000 for water.

Mayor Ortiz reported that Love's cannot go with Rural Water District due to fire hydrants cannot be on rural water for fire suppression. Mayor and Council agreed that a payment schedule could be implemented in which Love's could recoup some funds if other individuals or businesses would connect to the water or sewer.

Superintendent Carman will work with City Attorney Stilmock and correspond with Love's about the City recommendations and requirements.

Deputy Clerk Kelly Farmer reviewed the bids for carpet for the Council Chambers with Mayor and Council. The bids submitted were Staack Furniture and Carpeting, Inc. in the amount of \$4,430 and J & S Floors in the amount of \$4,100.

Council member Gigstad made the motion to accept the bid from J & S Floors in the amount of \$4,100, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

Council member Dettmer made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 P.M, second by Britton. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; kept continually and available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in the said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the said meeting; that at least one copy of the reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for the examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting of the body; that all news media requesting notification concerning the date, time and place of said body were provided advance notification of time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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