

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

February 10, 2016

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on February 10, 2016 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5th Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz & Council members Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. 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.

December Treasurer's Report available. Todd Blome of BMG present. All accounts have been reconciled as of December 31st. Blome has been busy working on putting together a budget vs. actual format for the monthly Treasurer's Report. Blome has been working with Mark Preston to see how the City can expand its utility reporting. Blome pointed out that some variances are due to a timing issue because of when a transaction was made. Council member Gigstad made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and claims, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: None.

AFLAC	443.78
Alan Britton	161.61
Alfred Gigstad	161.62
American Public Power Assoc.	1078.06
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	1099.43
Benefit Plans Inc.	310.00
B&J's Family Restaurant	41.22
Books By the Bushel	15.05
Bruce Neemann	127.63
BMG	2500.00
Brinkman Bros.	683.60
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	271.37
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	2308.50
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	55.29
Cardmember Service	1332.86
Community Memorial Hospital	526.82
Carolyn Bremer	183.87
Clay-Rod Farms, LLC	200.00
City of Syracuse	830.77
Creighton University	20.00
Culligan Water Conditioning	90.41
Cornhusker State Basketball	140.00
Combined Revenue Bonds P & I	26,250.00
DHHS Engineering Svc. Prog.	40.00
DHHS	468.00
Derek Harms	127.44
Deb Dettmer	161.61
Doyle Neemann	18.50
Dutton Lainson Co.	32,739.71
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	518.92
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	1,879.24
ET's Lawn & Leisure	12.14
Farmers Cooperative	14.60
Fireguard, Inc.	282.33
First National Bank Fremont	500.00
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	347.70
Hanks Garage	501.44
Ingram Library Services	179.09
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	7431.50
Jason LaFollette	539.15
Jeff Vogt	1748.57

Jeff Zoller	100.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	3,000.00
John Palmtag	100.00
Jon Voorhees	50.00
Kelly Farmer	2361.75
Kim Parde	183.45
Kristine Henke	161.61
Karen Kimpel	199.47
Karisa Bryan	175.00
Kathy Nelson	15.00
Krista Sisco	275.00
Kurt Kastens Electric	1096.54
Laramie Werner	70.00
Lindsey Bjork	360.00
Leah Ganzel	257.65
Joe Reisdorff	184.70
Marcia Scheinost	184.70
Meyers Body Shop	82.62
Michelle Zoller	350.00
Monty Roberts	150.00
Mike Rudolph	170.40
Micro Marketing Assoc.	14.39
Nebraska City Utilities	2208.26
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.28
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
OPPD	123,384.13
Papillion Sanitation	282.35
Palfleet Truck Equipment	1246.80
Penworthy Company	82.93
Pete's Plumbing	325.00
Petty Cash	148.82
Richard Sitzman	115.41
Roy Bretthorst	155.39
Rick Nordhues	145.00
Ron Rosenthol	200.00
Ryan Murrell	300.00
Signs Now	166.87
Smart Apple Media	59.85
Syracuse Lumber Co.	1078.67
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	442.83
Syracuse Do It Best	221.95
Syracuse Motor Supply	271.33
Terry's Family Foods	77.19
TKK Electronics, LLC	110.00
Upstart	64.95
United Healthcare	9803.94
U.S. Post Office	318.45
Verizon	340.34
Western Area Power Administration	8491.58
Windstream	1665.44
WriteTime Communications	478.57
YMCA	145.00
Shayna R. Murrell	1792.92
Todd E. Aksamit	1775.34
Derek R. Harms	1946.12
Jason LaFollette	2072.48
Mark S. Moerer	1889.71
Chiona R. Morris	1728.05
Julie J. Slafter	1457.54

Mitchell Stubbendick	2199.45
Jeff Vogt	2702.05
Sue Antes	1439.02
Eldon Halm	115.43
Tomas Ortiz	461.75
Timothy A. Wilson	184.70
Peggy Neemann	184.70

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – Jessica Helenhouse came forward to discuss her issues regarding one of her dogs being picked up and taken to Syracuse Veterinary Service. She has researched the Ordinance Code Book and would like clarification. Mayor Ortiz asked to have a couple days to review all factors and call her to discuss.

SHERIFF REPORT – No report available.

CEMETERY REPORT – Park Hill Cemetery Board Member Jim Pfeiffer present. Attorney Stilmock led the discussion regarding price increase for cemetery plots as well as staking fees. This included amending the Park Hill Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Council Member Britton moved to adopt Resolution 16-04 accepting the amended Rules and Regulations for Park Hill Cemetery, Council Member Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Jim Pfeiffer led the discussion on putting the Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance Contract out for bids. An ad will be placed in the paper. Feedback regarding the cemetery mowing has been positive.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes present. Friends of the Library will be hosting a guest speaker. Online newspaper project has been approved. The meeting room has been busy with meetings. January circulation very good.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS REPORT – Rec Coordinator Shayna Murrell presented. Last week of regular Parks and Rec basketball is approaching; an end of season tournament is scheduled later in the month. The Adult Basketball League will have its tournament soon. Tumbling has completed, feedback was positive. A softball meeting is scheduled later in the month with the town reps. Mayor Ortiz asked about tournaments scheduled at the ball complex, softball and baseball tourneys are presently being booked.

Murrell presented plans provided by JEO for a walking trail around the Sports Complex. Mayor Ortiz explained that the City is waiting for the Leadership Designation survey to receive feedback on what projects the public would like to see the City move forward on.

Murrell presented JEO's cost information for the engineering of a bathhouse at the Syracuse Aqua Center. Size is based on size of the community. The Council recommended seeing what kinds of plans were drawn up for a bathhouse when the pool was completed by Burbach.

PARKS REPORT – Park Manager Todd Aksamit presented report. Aksamit discussed the maintenance shed he's been looking at building. Engineering is not needed for the size of shed Todd is planning. Park seasonal help is being discussed; an ad will be posted for the positions. Vehicle tracks have been found at the Ball Complex and Soccer Fields. Aksamit will contact a deputy to report; this will help if a vandalism claim should need to be filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Jeff Vogt led the discussion on the One and Six Year Plan. Council Member Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution 16-05, seconded by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Gigstad, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Christmas lights and fixtures. The City has approached the Chamber of Commerce to cover half of the cost of the lights to be ordered this year. The Chamber will look at this on a year-by-year basis. Council Member Britton moved to approve the Chamber's donation toward the Christmas lights and fixtures, seconded by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. Mayor Ortiz asked if someone wanted to buy any of the old Christmas lights and fixtures, how would one go about doing that. Attorney Stilmock will draft a resolution for the March Council meeting.

Superintendent Vogt led the discussion on replacement of AC units at the Senior Center. Bids were presented from Sporhase Htg, Plumbing and AC and Hemje Plumbing, Heating and AC. Council Member Britton moved to approve the Sporhase proposal to replace the Senior Center AC unit, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Vogt led the discussion on the City property to be placed on the Farmers Sale scheduled for February 27th at 10:00 A.M.. Five items are being submitted. Council Member Britton moved to adopt Resolution 16-06, seconded by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Vogt discussed the water and sewer main extension for Love's Truck Stop. Vogt has been discussing this with Evan Wickersham of JEO. Attorney Stilmock is contacting Brett Biwer of Love's regarding this issue.

SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Fire Chief Bruce Neemann presented new members Craig Boldt, Darrell Cumpton, Ralph Edwards, Wyatt Hutchison and John McKenzie. These members are coming over from the Otoe Department. Otoe will continue taking care of the buildings in Otoe but all of the equipment and trucks will become property of the Rural Fire District. Council Member Henke moved to approve the new members to the SVFD, seconded by Gigstad. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Chief Neemann led the discussion of purchase of an air monitor for the fire department. The Department is asking the City pay one-quarter, \$1650.00, towards the total cost of the monitor. Council Member Britton moved to approve the City paying \$1650.00 for an air monitor for the SVFD, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz opened the discussion regarding a center lane for Park Street. Attorney Stilmock discussed a letter he will be sending regarding three issues being brought to the Department of Roads.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Leadership Designation survey. He has approved the survey by Survey Monkey, Clerk Farmer will send information out to complete the survey.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Municode. Attorney Stilmock explained the City is waiting on proofs showing the old code and the proposed revisions.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on the additional clerk position at City Hall. A job descriptions has been reviewed. After the revisions have been made, Clerk Farmer will send out to the Council for review. Discussion will follow at the March Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on the proposed street closings for GermanFest on July 9th, 2016. Council Member Gigstad moved to approve the street closing for 2016 GermanFest, seconded by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

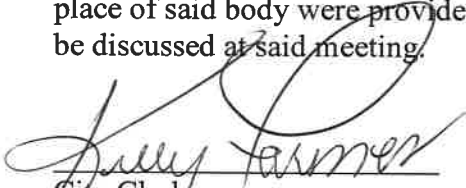
Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt at Williams Park on Saturday, March 26th 2016 at 4:00 P.M. The Syracuse Snoflakers Club are sponsoring the event. Council Member Britton moved to approve allowing the Snoflakers to use Williams Park for the Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution on request for change of address at 389 Mohawk. Council Member Henke moved to adopt Resolution 16-07, Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.


Mike Harvey of Community Memorial Hospital presented information regarding renovation of the current CMH facility versus building a new facility. The hospital has applied for a USDA loan. No decisions have been made at this time.

Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2016 in the Council Chambers.

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 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.



City Clerk



Mayor

