

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

July 12, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on July 12, 2017 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5th Street. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. Mayor Ortiz requested roll call, present were Mayor Ortiz and Council members Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the June 28th, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on approval of claims. No discussion was had. Council Member Dettmer moved to approve to pay the claims, Gigstad second. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Aflac	282.68
Andy Brace	200.00
Aqua Chem	434.93
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	1544.45
Blue Cross/ Blue Shield	509.00
BMG	2500.00
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	2842.20
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	104.54
Bruce Meadows	148.33
Carol Linquist	450.00
Christa Reisdorff	30.00
Chris Richardson	439.10
City of Syracuse	2459.16
City of Nebraska City	1093.05
Collection Services Center	205.38
Community Memorial Hospital	6.70
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	391.81
Dentegra Insurance Company	380.42
Dutton Lainson Co.	2132.56
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	2715.37
Eakes Office Plus	123.03
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	13.52
Goldstar Publications	20.95
Hank's Garage	374.90
Helena Chemical Co.	788.10
HGTV	12.00
Ingram Library Services	555.76
Jamy Prokopec	21.32
Jen Staack	400.00
Jody Bruns	80.00
Jon Palmtag	100.00
Julie Slafter	42.97
JH Sporhase	37.50
Joe Reisdorff	90.00
Kim Parde	160.00
Kody Cardinal	30.00
Laramie Werner	200.00
LARM	11.08
Marcia Scheinost	80.00
Martin Marietta	202.32
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	101.10
Micro Marketing Association	30.58
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	178.46
Moore Medical LLC	354.20

Midwest Sound & Lighting	255.95
Music Boosters	199.39
Myrtle Dixon	70.00
NE Power Review Board	232.24
NE Child Support Pymt. Center	290.78
Nebraska City Utilities	961.82
Omaha Public Power District	135,180.21
One Call Concepts, Inc.	23.82
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
Papillion Sanitation	479.70
Perceptor Tau	900.15
Peru State College Foundation	44.95
Physio-Control, Inc.	10,854.20
Production Creek Specialty Advertising	8.00
Saturday Evening Post	15.00
Sharon Morrow	180.00
Southeast Plumbing & Heating	123.00
St. Paulinus Church	1331.45
Stephanie DeGroot	120.00
Syracuse 18's Softball	1309.44
Syracuse Motor Supply	452.77
Syracuse Lumber Co.	1309.37
Syracuse Do It Best	78.07
Syracuse Veterinary Service, P.C.	87.04
Tami Andera	300.00
Tami McLaughlin-Husin	250.00
Terry's Family Foods	1391.98
The Added Touch	133.49
Tim Wilson	800.00
Tom Keslar	35.00
Tree City Tees	300.00
Trevor Clark	180.00
United Healthcare	11,982.84
Verizon	139.81
Western Area Power Administration	2921.34
Windstream	525.20
Xi-Beta Lambda	550.81
Zahn Construction	854.00
Shayna R. Murrell	1862.38
Sue Antes	1609.10
Bruce Neemann	138.53
Carolyn Bremer	183.87
Karen Kimpel	952.13
Todd E. Aksamit	2107.01
Deb Dettmer	184.70
Alan Britton	183.87
Kelly Farmer	2489.77
Alfred Gigstad	184.70
Craig Boldt	115.44
Chris Lutjemeyer	115.44
David Sabatka	115.44
Ken Parde	184.70
Derek R. Harms	1985.43
Kim Bellinder	183.87
Kristine Henke	183.87
Mark S. Moerer	1974.19
Chiona R. Morris	1722.80
Marcia Scheinost	115.44
Julie J. Slafter	1690.29
Mitchell Stubbendick	2332.31
Brian Vodicka	1369.02

Jeff Vogt	3282.25
Tomas Ortiz	461.75
Timothy A. Wilson	184.70
Carol Linqvist	183.87
Patricia Hogancamp	110.82
Jody Bruns	115.44
Joe Reisdorff	184.70
Dale Young	396.19
Caitlyn Carlson	431.89
Jamy Prokopec	727.71
Madison Mueller	469.59
Cody Ryan	897.63
Taylor Weiler	856.61
Viktor Werner	901.80
Cassie Katen	715.43
Jonathon Cox	637.31
Aprille Johnson	616.75
Megan Reuter	459.06
Jacob Heitkamp	378.25
Madison Marrs	540.79
Erika Hunzeker	749.43
Cody Pester	680.55
Emily Isaacs	749.91
Tyler Knake	531.04
Tyler Armagost	490.67
Nathan Hemje	632.15
Laura Buck	372.99
Jon Baugous	1358.22

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT – Deputy Holland present to report for the month of June. Total calls were 44 with three being noise nuisance calls all from fireworks, three vandalism/theft calls all were which gas drive offs, and seven traffic stops. The new system has been keeping Holland. Mayor Ortiz asked how the war on drugs is going; Holland said the county has seen a spike or increase in illegal use of prescription drugs. Germanfest was active for the deputies but nothing out of the ordinary.

FIRE REPORT – Bruce Neemann present. Neemann asked for approval to purchase four sets of bunker gear; these items are currently budgeted for. A coat and pants set will run around \$1600.00 – 1800.00 each. The older gear will be packaged and stored as back up in the event additional sets are needed. Council Member Britton moved to approve the purchase of four sets of bunker gear, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on approval of 2017-2018 SVFD Officers. Council Member Henke moved to approve the officers, Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke. Nays: none.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes not present due to illness; the June report has been given to the Mayor and Council. No questions were had.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS AND PARKS REPORTS – Rec Coordinator Murrell presented both reports. Mayor Ortiz announced the City full-time employees were asked by the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce to be the Grand Marshalls of the Germanfest parade; seven employees were present at the parade.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on an additional batting cage for Sports Complex. Murrell presented bids from Baragary for \$8800 for concrete and Crouch Recreation for \$17,504.00. Murrell would like to place one structure consisting of two additional cages next to the existing cage at the Sports Complex. Mayor Ortiz explained he attended a VFW meeting the previous evening; Legion has offered to donate \$2000.00 toward the new batting cage with no stipulations. Murrell is checking into if turf is included in the Crouch bid so that the baseballs don't get so scuffed up. Alternative locations for the new structure

were discussed. The Council suggested Murrell receive an additional bid besides Crouch Recreation for the equipment portion. Discussion was had regarding unsupervised children and if a sign should be posted by the playground area. Clerk Farmer will check with LARM if language is available. Attorney Stilmock will provide the City with guidance on if the contractors working at the complex need to be bonded for performance and supplies. The discussion regarding bids is tabled until the August Council meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on a bathhouse at the Aqua Center. Murrell and Pool Shift Manager Jamy Prokopec present. It had been discussed to have JEO help with the design. \$54,800.00 was budgeted in the current year; this was for design help from JEO. Burbach previously asked for \$19,000.00 using previous plans just updating. Prokopec explained numbers at the pool are up this year from previous years; Mayor Ortiz asked Prokopec to put together a comparison report. Pool concessions have profited roughly \$600.00 and the office person is working out very well. Britton expects to roughly estimate anywhere from \$320,000.00 and up for a new bathhouse. Having an account specifically designated for any fundraising money earned and donations was suggested, Clerk Farmer will speak with BMG regarding this or a “sinking fund”. Money already ear-marked is the \$54,800.00 budgeted as well as the \$50,000.00 settlement with Waste Connections.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval of a water heater for the Aqua Center. The State Health Inspector recently paid a visit to the Aqua Center and explained the facility requires that swimmers shower before getting into the pool. Guards do not enforce this as the water is too cold. Bids presented were a 52-gallon from Sporhase at \$608.80 and Hemje is offering a 50-gallon unit for \$510.00. The Council suggested Shayna check into the existing water heater that is currently at the Aqua Center as well as if a larger size is available other than those presented in the bids and if they are gas or electric. The discussion will continue at a later meeting.

Prokopec also discussed adding mats for the bathhouse into the upcoming 2017-2018 budget at \$400.00 each as well as a handicap lift for the pool. This lift would be portable and would hold 375 pounds for the amount of \$5400.00. The Mayor and Council would like to see what other pools are using for handicap accessibility Prokopec also asked about a new PA system.

It was noted by Prokopec as well as Rescue Chief Wilson the Aqua Center staff handled a recent incident at the Aqua Center very well.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Jeff Vogt present. Vogt opened his discussion by informing the Council the City’s water main is not in the way of the bridge. Vogt will attend a hospital meeting on July 19th to discuss electric, water and sewer contractor expectations. The sign lighting for the Syracuse signs has been completed. A sign committee meeting has been scheduled to discuss the sign landscaping. Mayor Ortiz also discussed the question of the date on the signs; Dolphen Signs can accommodate a change in the year if necessary. Attorney Stilmock is pushing on completing the pioneering agreement with Loves hoping to have at the August Council meeting. .

OLD BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Syracuse Streambank Stability Assessment. Attorney Stilmock has pushed out a couple ideas proposed by JEO.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and resolution authorizing advertisement for bids for equipment held in upstairs of City Hall building. Available are 49 movie theatre chairs, two gas stoves as well as a piano. Stilmock explained the bid would be per item, not for everything. The chairs are connected but Vogt will break up into groups of two or three. The discussion will be tabled until the September Council meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and resolution regarding the Highway 50 Guardrail Agreement, authorizing Mayor’s signature. The discussion will be tabled until the Special Budget Meeting scheduled for July 19th as there is a question on the donor amount. Mayor Ortiz will check with the donor to confirm.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the public hearing, discussion and Ordinance No. 1018 on Application for Entrance on Controlled Access Highway for 80 Park Street, Corey Hiller present. Attorney Stilmock explained the

Planning Commission previously met and recommended to move to Council for approval. Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing. Council Member Gigstad moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1018 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No 1018 by title, Council Member Dettmer moved for final passage, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval for Otoe County-Wide Housing Rehab partial payment request and approval form for Project 15-OTF-02 in the amount of \$15, 859.00. Council Member Britton moved to approve the partial payment, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke. Nays: none.

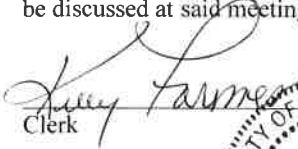
Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and resolution No. 17-26 on 2017-2018 LARM renewal, Mark Easter present. Easter explained the percentage decreases with the different options. There will be about a 6% increase in the premium from the 2016-2017 year. Easter went over the City's LARM payouts in the amount of \$63,192.00; Easter will send Clerk Farmer a list of losses. Easter explained other insurance carriers really look at the losses and payouts; LARM Board of Directors will review a claim if necessary. Council Member Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-26 accepting a one-year term at a 2% discount with 180 day notice, Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 17-27 authorizing Mayor's signature on BMG's Engagement Letter for 2017-2018 budget prep services. Council Member Britton moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-27 authorizing Mayor's signature on the engagement letter, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Henke, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: none.

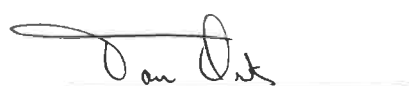
Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on approval of Electricians and Plumbers for 2017-2018. Clerk Farmer provided a list of those who have turned in applications. Council Member Henke approved those on the list, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Gigstad, Dettmer. Nays: none. A list of Plumbers and Electricians is kept current at City Hall.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M., Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton Dettmer, 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 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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Mayor