

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 2016

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on May 11, 2016 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5th Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz & Council members Henke, Britton, Gigstad, 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. The minutes 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.

March Treasurer's Report available. City Treasurer, Todd Blome of BMG present. All accounts have been reconciled. Blome suggested giving the Mayor and Council copies of the bond amortization schedules. The utilities are now being separated out more to show the breakdowns of income and expenses. The additional transfer of funds that was occurring with bond payments has been ceased. Gigstad made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and claims, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: None.

AFLAC	443.78
Alan Britton	161.61
Alfred Gigstad	161.62
Andy Brace	550.00
Arrow Manufacturing, Inc	571.09
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	787.50
Barco Municipal Products	572.59
Baragary Construction, Inc.	82.00
Birds & Bloom	10.00
Blaine Reed	225.00
Books By the Bushel	44.05
BMG	2500.00
B & D Diamond Pro, Inc	510.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	685.60
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	3239.33
Cassi Rippe	75.00
Cardmember Service	2059.96
Community Memorial Hospital	136.00
Carolyn Bremer	183.87
City of Syracuse	709.78
Culligan Water Conditioning	50.75
Country Living	8.00
Chiona Morris	243.68
Caleb Frede	300.00
Chris Richardson	350.00
Christa Reisdorff	150.00
Chucks Computer Repair	100.00
DHHS	723.00
Deb Dettmer	161.61
Dutton Lainson Co.	928.91
Dentegra Insurance Company	148.56
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	2797.50
Everyday With Rachel Ray	20.00
Farmers Cooperative	8.20
Farner-Bocken Company	453.20
Ferrellgas, Inc	12.00
FirstBank of Nebraska	25.00
Fireguard, Inc	161.12
First Wireless, Inc	99.00
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	316.99
Hemje Plbg. Htg & AC	285.00

Ingram Library Services	529.57
Interstate All Battery Center	151.20
Jason LaFollette	55.34
Jodi Bruns	480.00
John Palmtag	100.00
Kenneth Halvorsen	80.00
Kelly Farmer	2599.25
Kim Parde	603.45
Kristine Henke	161.61
Karen Kimpel	132.99
Ken Aden	175.00
Kevin White	100.00
Kurt Kastens Electric	231.14
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	403.75
Laramie Werner	150.00
Leah Ganzel	132.98
Joe Reisdorff	454.70
Marcia Scheinost	664.70
Melissa Tompkins	60.00
Mark Moerer	498.48
Matheson	43.79
Midwest Laboratories, Inc	3.78
Midwest Farmers Coop	1517.99
Mikes Window Service	92.66
Martin Marietta Aggregates	186.73
Municipal Supply of Omaha	1992.16
Municipal Supply Inc. of NE	56.36
My-Lor, Inc.	12.54
Nebraska City Utilities	1289.32
Nebraska Dept. Of Roads	2050.00
Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue	100.00
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool	1173.25
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	93.00
NMC Exchange LLC	178.11
Nebraska Rural Water Association	100.00
Nick Rinne	225.00
One Call Concepts, Inc.	43.44
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
OPPD	104,778.30
Papillion Sanitation	333.36
Petty Cash Park & Rec	200.00
Petty Cash – Concessions	2700.00
Pepsi Cola of Lincoln	1936.50
Richard Sitzman	115.41
Roy Bretthorst	624.45
Ritterbusch & Piotrowski, LLP	17,100.00
Sam’s Club/Synchrony Bank	347.94
SE Area Clerks Association	10.00
SENND	862.33
Shayna Murrell	280.00
Stutheit Implement	931.76
Syracuse Ironworks	238.94
Syracuse Lumber Co.	167.52
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	692.60
Syracuse Do It Best	580.52
Syracuse Motor Supply	344.18
Syracuse Veterinary Service	187.02
Syracuse Volunteer Fire Dept.	1870.51
Syracuse Rescue Squad	16,000.00
Terry’s Family Foods	161.73
Temple Display LTC	1826.43

Taste of Home	10.00
Tami McLaughlin	200.00
Tennant Sales & Service Co.	861.65
Todd Aksamit	83.81
True West Magazine	29.95
United Healthcare	8344.44
United Healthcare	9144.59
U.S. Post Office	308.45
Verizon	340.28
Western Area Power Administration	3928.91
Womans Day	6.25
Windstream	667.65
WriteTime Communications	288.29
Shayna R. Murrell	2079.50
Todd E. Aksamit	1844.86
Derek R. Harms	1912.65
Jason LaFollette	1963.77
Mark S. Moerer	2075.75
Chiona R. Morris	1760.08
Julie J. Slafter	1457.55
Mitchell Stubbendick	2234.61
Jeff Vogt	2813.48
Sue Antes	1492.92
Eldon Halm	115.43
Tomas Ortiz	461.75
Timothy A. Wilson	1334.70
Carol Linquist	1383.45

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – Jamy Prokopec, a newly hired Pool Manager at the Aqua Center, asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider the pay for the pool staff. She requested pay for the guards be the current minimum wage of \$9.00 per hour. She expressed there is an interest by adults to work at the pool but don't seek a pool job because they feel as though they could be paid a higher wage elsewhere. Jamy also announced the pool staff is hosting a fundraiser to help raise funds for grip-paint for the bathhouse and zero entry area of the pool as well as other needed supplies.

SHERIFF REPORT – Sheriff Deputy Mike Holland present. The CAD (Computer Aid Dispatch) system is still having issues documenting the zoning portion of the report. Deputy Holland created another report made up of calls specific to the Syracuse area. Until the CAD system is working properly, Holland will use this report to present to the Mayor and Council. He will keep them updated of the progress. Regarding calls in April there were nine threat disturbance calls, seven vandalism and thefts, six welfare checks, a couple animal calls, as well as other various calls. The department still has a couple deputies out; one has been down since December 16th and one training with a K-9 for four more weeks.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes presented her report. Good circulation for the month. Sue went over continuing education classes being offered and explained how both books in print as well as e-readers are staying consistently used. Sue will be taking a class in “coding” as this is popular with the kids currently.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS REPORT – Rec Coordinator Shayna Murrell presented both as Todd Aksamit could not attend. The first baseball games were to start but were rained out, softball is starting next week and registrations continue to come in for T-Ball. Murrell currently has 20 applicants for the pool; training will be done at the YMCA this year. The Parks report included the repaired foul poles damaged from the September storm going up, WJH fixed the damages to the crow's nest at the complex also caused by this storm. Aksamit recently assisted with a Ginko Tree being planted by the Williams Family at Williams Park. Mayor Ortiz will follow up with Todd regarding putting the cat cages back out.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Jeff Vogt led the discussion on the bids received for the sewer located at 4th & Locust with 3 Aces submitting the lowest at \$4600.00. Council Member Britton moved to approve the bid from 3 Aces to make the repairs at 4th & Locust, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer,

Gigstad, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Dave Peterson of JEO present to go over the Capital Management Plan and the current electrical system Syracuse runs on. Currently, the City runs on one set of reclosures. Peterson is proposing moving to a system that would be split up into five sectors. This will eliminate a mass outage and isolate the area where the outage actually occurs. Peterson also proposes load flowing the City's system, making it a loop type system and further explained arc flashing. This project would take approximately three months. Some reclosures had been budgeted for. Council member Britton moved to approve the electrical mapping Capital Management Plan at \$39,248.00 from the Utilities fund, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

Superintendent Vogt led the discussion on receiving bids for City Hall roof repair. Rain water is coming into the City Hall offices. Vogt feels the water is coming through old windows. The discussion was tabled until the June Council meeting to allow time to receive bids.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on past utility accounts reconciliation. Chiona Morris, Utility Billing Clerk explained prior to March of 2010 the City did not use a collection agency for unpaid utility balances so they stayed on the books until the customer came back. Morris sought approval to write-off these past accounts in order to clean up the system and start out fresh. Council member Britton inquired on the past due water charges; Chiona explained she will be back in June to present those that are water and what can be done about those. The discussion was tabled until the June Council meeting in order for Attorney Stilmock to meet with Chiona more. In the meantime, the Council recommended Chiona send letters to those past utility customers who are able to be located and ask if they can take care of their past due bill(s).

Vogt announce Love's is going to start moving dirt at the site for the Truck Stop. Opening date has been set for November 17, 2016. Kearns Construction out of Plattsburgh has been announced as the water/sewer contractor for the project. On a side note, NDOR has been receptive to the City's inquiry on a guard-wire; NDOR recommends 800 feet of this guard-wire. Another topic to be further discussed is a crosswalk across Highway 50.

Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 16-10 authorizing Mayor to sign Love's Truck Stop easements. Council member Britton moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-10, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none. Council member Britton requested Attorney Stilmock work on a share agreement contingent on the City receiving the remainder of the building permit fee still due by Love's.

Vogt announced Hein Construction has been working on some crack seal around town. The LED bulbs are using lower kilowatts than the previous bulbs; the LED's will be purchased as needed. Johnson Services conducted their root cutting services along a 15 block area.

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RESCUE REPORT – Tim Wilson present. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on closing Mohawk Street from 5th to 6th Streets from 3:00 – 8:00 P.M. on May 19th, 2016 for their picnic. Two bounce houses will be brought in; Clerk Farmer will inquire on obtaining additional insurance riders for these. Council member Henke moved to approve the street closure, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Wilson led discussion on approval of Cody Kardinal and Tami Andera as new members to the Syracuse Rescue Squad. Council member Britton moved to approve the two as new Rescue Squad members, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Wilson led the discussion on Rescue Squad staffing. The County has approached Wilson and EMS Chiefs regarding funding and how that would be utilized throughout the county. The solution would be to hire a roaming Paramedic much like what Cass County uses. This would mean 24 hour coverage for the ALS service to intercept with the Burr, Douglas, Palmyra and Unadilla as well as Syracuse. Any funding left over would help provide additional training, etc. Wilson asked the Mayor and Council if they would be in support of something like this. This proposal would make these Paramedics City of Syracuse employees/staff but their salaries would be paid by the funding. Wilson explained there shouldn't be any differences in liability insurance; Attorney Stilmock suggested checking with LARM on this. The Mayor and Council suggested Wilson to continue to move forward and keep everyone

informed.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on transport of Avoca patients. Chief Wilson explained Syracuse Rescue now helping Avoca along with the help of Elmwood. Avoca does not have a service This would increase Syracuse's calls by maybe ten more a year. Bruce Neemann chimed in that Syracuse Fire will also go if Avoca has a vehicle accident.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Bruce Neemann present. Mayor Ortiz led discussion on proposed bill of sale. Council Member Dettmer moved to approve bill of sale for MSA gas air monitor, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

OLD BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the continued discussion and Ordinance No. 989 on request for 2:00 A.M. closing time for Smarty's LLC, dba B & J's Restaurant. Attorney Stilmock provided an Ordinance explaining the option of a sunset clause. Council member Gigstad moved to approve Ordinance No. 989 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock then read Ordinance 989 by title. Council member Dettmer moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 989, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 989 is effective after publication.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Municode. Attorney Stilmock has researched placing PDF versions of maps and forms on the City's website instead of linking them through Municode, Clerk Farmer confirmed this can be done thus saving the City money. 2009 & 2012 building codes as well as various building and zoning codes will go to Planning Commission in June for their recommendation, then come back to Council for final approval. Council member Dettmer recommended using the state codes and proceed with completion. Stilmock will have prepared for the July Council meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on condition of nuisance properties. 29 cases have been reported, 12 have been resolved. Brenda Anderson expressed concern regarding her neighbors and their barking dogs and the odor. Currently the ordinance for barking dogs reads that no tickets can be issued for such complaints. Mayor Ortiz suggested the Council look at changing the ordinance so the Sheriff's department can move forward with enforcement, the Council agreed and Attorney Stilmock will prepare an Ordinance for the June Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging letter of support and request for monetary support. Carla Mortensen of Blue Rivers present to explain the benefits the handi-bus provides for the City and the City's residents. Blue Rivers is required by the County to go to communities and ask for support; this is the first year for this. Council member Britton moved to approve the City's contribution of \$1300.00 and to use Keno funds, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 16-11 authorizing Mayor to sign Housing Rehab Services Contract with SENDD. Mike Champion and Jim Warrelmann of SENDD present. Council member Britton moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-11, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 16-12 authorizing Mayor to sign Lead Paint Hazards Professional Services Contract between City and SENDD. Council member Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-12, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 16-13 authorizing Mayor to sign Downtown Revitalization Grant application. Rian Harkins of SENDD present to explain the next steps for the \$30,000.00 DTR grant application. Council member Henke moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-13, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 16-14 authorizing Mayor to sign FFATA Reporting Certification. Council member Britton moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-14, Henke seconded. Roll

Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on request of Special Designated Liquor License for Otoe County Ag Society for wedding reception at Fair Center on June 24th, 2016. Willy Scheef of Otoe County Ag unable to attend. Council member Dettmer moved to approve an SDL for Otoe County Ag on June 24th at the Fair Center, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on request for street closing for beer garden for 2016 GermanFest on July 9th. A map was provided by Rhae Werner. Anthony Hensley present. Council member Britton moved to approve the street closing for the 2016 Germanfest, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on license approval of plumbers and electricians to work within the City of Syracuse. Council member Dettmer moved to approve the plumbers and electricians, Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on benefits of water class to businesses of Syracuse. Marianna Kirchhoff and others from Water Fitness For All Ages present to discuss the many uses of the pool at Community Memorial Hospital and the indirect benefits to the Syracuse business community. The group asked the Mayor and Council to consider the City working with the Hospital to look at including a pool at the new facility. Suggestions were made to use the Syracuse AquaCenter during the summer months. The Mayor would like to speak with Mike Harvey of CMH and Rec Coordinator Murrell.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on garbage services. Mike Danielson and Kim of Papillion Sanitation present to explain how the City could possibly take over the billing for the City’s residents garbage services. This could be added to the monthly utility bills. Papillion Sanitation would bill the City and the City then bills the customer. The reps will work on estimates using what our billing numbers/households are currently and send them to Clerk Farmer. Mayor Ortiz would like to see a one year agreement along with a three-year and five-year proposal. Commercial customers would be billed separately as they are now. Council member Britton would like to see how much of a discount the City would purchase the service at since it would add more work for the City. The discussion will be revisited at a future Council meeting.

Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M., Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton, Gigstad. Nays: none. The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 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