

SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

JULY 21, 2014

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on July 21, 2014 in special session in Council Chambers at 495 Midland Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz, Council members Lyon, Lutjemeyer and Dettmer. Council member Henke arrived at meeting at 7:30 P.M. 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.

Board members Ronda Sweat and Pat Apel reviewed the 2014 – 2015 proposed Library Budget. Mayor Ortiz requested that Librarian Sue Antes be present at all future budget meetings.

The Library budget increased the funds needed for magazines, phone and internet and liability insurance.

Mayor and Council requested that the Library Board analysis the cost of keeping the Library open more hours during the week. Also, poll individuals if Wednesday is the best night to be open until 8:00 P.M.

Jim Pfeiffer and Bill Wirth appeared on behalf of Cemetery Board. Mr. Pfeiffer reported that they did not complete some of the projects budgeted last year, therefore they were included in 2014- 2015 budget and plans are to complete all projects within the next budget year.

Tim Wilson, Chief of the Syracuse Rescue Squad reviewed their budget. The cell phone budget was increased due to new program that will let Squad members transmit data directly to doctors.

Chief Wilson included line item for marketing materials which will allow the Squad to advertise for new members and for their funding raising projects.

The Squad has two years remaining on their lease purchase of the lift system, yearly payments are \$17,000.00.

Fire Chief Bruce Neemann was unable to attend meeting. The overall fire budget was reduced from last year. Mayor and Council agreed that all remaining funds left in this year's budget will be placed in the Fire Sinking Fund. Mayor and Council agreed to remove sinking fund, curb work and restrooms from this year's budget request.

Shayna Aksamit, Recreation Coordinator, appeared to discuss the pool/program 2014-2015 budget. Coordinator Aksamit stated that this is just the beginning draft and she will return to the next budget meeting with a complete budget.

Garry Carman, Superintendent of Public Works, discussed the 2013- 2014 Street budget. Budget includes \$30,000 for skid steer and \$50,000 for armor coating and concrete surfacing.

Mayor Ortiz appointed Mike Harvey, Chris Wallman, Bruce Neemann, Dee Dee Staack and Alan Britton as members to the Board of Appeals, Becky Jensen as Primary Alternate and Bobbi Nannan as Secondary Alternate.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve the appointments to the Board of Appeals, second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

Mayor Ortiz reported that he and City Attorney Stilmock have been in talks with representatives from Nebraska City on alternative methods for County Wide Building Inspector and building codes.

Mayor Ortiz explained that the communities possibility entering in to an interlocal agreement would be Talmage, Dunbar, Nebraska City and Syracuse.

Mayor Ortiz stated that this is just the talking and planning stage and just wanted the Council to be aware of the discussions taking place.

Council member Lyon made the motion to adjourn at 8:47 P.M, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. 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.

City Clerk

Mayor