

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

MAY 14, 2014

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on May 14, 2014 for their regular meeting in Council Chambers at 495 Midland Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz, Council members Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer 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.

The Treasurer's report was presented by City Treasurer Peggy Kuser. Council member Henke made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the following claims, second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

AFLAC	565.70
Alex Beckmann	140.00
Allied Refuse Service	471.82
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	1,244.45
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	202.02
Benefit Plans, Inc.	298.75
Blaine Reed	90.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	3,152.06
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	2,623.40
Cardmember Service	1,897.57
Chase Carlson	128.00
City of Syracuse	703.01
Colin Electric	734.09
Combined Revenue Bonds Pri. & Int.	25,000.00
Country Extra	19.98
Country Living	8.00
Creative Edge	30.25
D & D Communications, Inc.	850.00
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	87.40
David Partsch	100.00
Dell Marketing, L.P.	964.90
Dearborn National Life Insurance	202.96
Demco	47.94
Double Day	301.23
Dr. Oz The Good Life	15.00
Dutton Lainson Co.	4,487.77
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	1,530.35
Enerspect Medical Solutions, LLC	234.96
Environmental Analysis South, Inc.	15.00
Falls City Mercantile	305.00
Family Circle Magazine	5.99
Farmers Cooperative	23.88
Farner-Bocken Company	351.50
Fireguard, Inc.	93.34
Gabrielle Williams	80.00
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	549.22
GE Money Bank/amazon	294.44
Good Houskeeping	10.00
GPM	372.00
Grant Aden	150.00
Hach	1,926.05
Hank's Garage	30.00

Ingram Library Services	243.72
Int. Institute of Municipal Clerks	170.00
Jason LaFollette	86.99
Jason LaFollette	78.04
Julie Slafter	1,744.75
Justin Holtus	80.00
Kastens Ford, LTD	206.40
Kaylee Meyer	20.00
KBK	35.00
Ken Aden	150.00
Kerford Limestone	379.40
Kim Parde	100.00
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	618.80
Kristin Walters	160.00
Kriz-Davis Co.	192.30
Liberty National Life Ins. Company	24.00
Lincoln Lancaster Co. Health Dept.	120.00
Lincoln Journal Star	450.07
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	128.74
Midwest Farmers Cooperative	411.79
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	12.79
Morgan Mueller	150.00
Municipal Supply Inc. of NE	7,528.48
NWOD	60.00
Nebraska USSA Baseball	660.00
Nebraska City Utilities	893.28
Nebraska Dept. of Roads	1,537.50
NE Public Health Environmental Lab.	15.00
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Nebraska State Patrol	60.00
Omaha Public Power District	99,589.90
One Call Concepts, Inc.	22.90
Otoe County	15,000.00
Otoe County Register of Deeds	22.00
Peggy Kuser, CPA	595.00
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Pepsi Cola of Lincoln	1,390.80
Percival Culligan Water	9.00
Petty Cash	30.89
PettyCash Parks & Rec.	350.00
Real Simple	24.00
Riley Stubbendick	90.00
Roy Bretthorst	53.80
Sam's Club/GECRB	166.30
Samantha Parde	195.00
Scheel's	115.32
Shayna Aksamit	50.00
JH Sporhase LLC	115.15
Stutheit Implement	927.99
Sue Antes	64.00
Syracuse Do It Best	192.96
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Syracuse Iron Works	568.57
Syracuse Lumber Co.	344.82
Syracuse Motor Supply	464.34
Syracuse Shur Save	3.87
Syracuse Vet. Service	330.98
Syracuse Vol. Fire Dept.	268.25
Terry's Family Foods	2,051.47

The Added Touch	52.50
Town & Country Pharmacy	60.05
Tri-State Office Products	184.75
Turf Supply Company, Inc.	760.00
United Healthcare	13,747.54
USA Blue Book	913.01
Verizon Wireless	210.76
Windsteam	1,364.98
Western Area Power Administration	3,435.97
US Postal Service	320.10
Todd Aksamit	1,851.05
Susan Antes	1,437.13
Carolyn Bremer	183.03
Roy Bretthorst	360.73
Garry Carman	2,476.47
Deborah Dettmer	92.35
Kelly Farmer	1,757.48
Carol Graham	92.35
Eldon Halm	115.44
Eldon Halm	1,878.84
Kristy Henke	92.35
Peggy Hobscheidt	1,714.74
Jason LaFollette	1,768.92
Carol Linquist	115.44
Chris Lutjemeyer	92.35
Lynn Lyon	92.35
Cassandra Oestmann	133.91
Tomas Ortiz	369.40
Christopher Parde	115.44
Kenneth Parde	115.44
Julie Slafter	1,483.91
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Benjamin Steele	1,447.25
Mitchell Stubbendick	1,975.49
Jeffery Vogt	2,138.53
Timothy Wilson	115.44

SHERIFF REPORT – Report presented by Chief Deputy Mike Holland. The report log showed 65 calls for April, 10 being Rescue calls. Chief Deputy Holland informed Mayor and Council that he had received a complaint about vehicles speeding on 6th Street. Deputy Holland had stopped and issued a citation to one vehicle that the complainant had identified. Chief Deputy Holland recommended that additional speed limits signs be erected.

Chief Deputy Holland also stated that he had received a complaint about a resident leaving a fire pit unattended. Deputy Holland had contacted the individuals involved and suggested to Mayor and Council that the City might consider passing an ordinance regulating fire pits.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Park Manager Todd Aksamit reported that the shelter at the Sports Complex is finished. Mayor Ortiz stated that he would like to see a dedication plaque for the volunteers that raised the money for the picnic shelter. Council agreed and plaque will be ordered and dedication will be held late summer.

Park Manager Aksamit stated that Nick Eby of Pioneer Underground has been working on the Sports Complex irrigation and 25 irrigation heads had to be replaced. Mr. Eby stated the City might consider putting in a filtration system to help with hard water build up in the system. Park Manager Aksamit will request that Pioneer Underground submit a proposal for filtration system.

Park Manager Aksamit stated that he has hired Jordon Lechner, Julie Isaacs and Chase Carlson to help mow and work on the ball fields. Lechner starts on May 15th, Isaacs on May 19th and Carlson starts on May 20th.

Park Manager Aksamit stated that Jamison Bennett will be starting on his Eagle Scout tree planting project at the Sports Complex. Aksamit will be working with Jamison and placing a concrete edging and mulch around the trees. Aksamit also stated that the trees will be watered daily.

Mayor Ortiz reported that Shayna Aksamit has been hired as Parks & Recreation Coordinator and will start on May 21st. Mayor Ortiz stated that swimming pool has been sand blasted and painting will start on May 15th. Mayor Ortiz informed Council that due to late start on painting, the pool will probably not open until June 1st.

City Attorney Stilmock stated that he is working on getting a design and firm price for the benches to be placed along the walkway at the Sports Complex. Attorney Stilmock will work with Coordinator Aksamit on design and ordering of the plaques.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Report presented by Superintendent of Public Works Garry Carman. Superintendent Carman reported that IES Electric has been repairing the lawns that were damaged during the electrical underground project. Superintendent Carman also stated that he would like to have the Mayor and Council consider the hiring of another electrician and item will be placed on the June agenda.

Superintendent Carman also informed Mayor and Council that he worked with the Nebraska Department of Roads and directional signs for the Sports Complex have been erected along Highway 2.

Council member Lutjemeyer introduced Ordinance No. 948 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE BY REFERENCE; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM, “LEAD FREE”; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Lyon seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Lyon moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Lutjemeyer. The Mayor then stated the question, “Shall Ordinance No. 948 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

A true, correct and complete copy of said ordinance is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Council member Lutjemeyer introduced Ordinance No. 949 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE BY REFERENCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Henke seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the Pag

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Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Lyon moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Dettmer. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 949 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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Council member Lutjemeyer introduced Ordinance No. 950 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESEDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS BY REFERENCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Henke seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Henke moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Lutjemeyer. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 950 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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Council member Lyon introduced Ordinance No. 951 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE 2004 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE BY REFERENCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Dettmer seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Dettmer moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Lutjemeyer. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 951 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared

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City Attorney Jerry Stilmock informed Mayor and Council that he had prepared two ordinances for their review for the prohibition of audible vehicle engine compression brakes on Highway 50/Park Street. Version one states that vehicles owned by governmental agencies are exempt. Mayor and Council agreed that they were in favor of version one.

Council member Lyon introduced Ordinance No. 952 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF AUDIBLE VEHICLE ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Dettmer seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Dettmer moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Lutjemeyer. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 952 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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City Attorney Jerry Stilmock opened the two bids received for the 1990 Ford Basket Truck. A bid was received in the amount of \$2,100 from Drew Beers and \$3,000 from Earl Martens. Superintendent Carman stated that he felt that the high bid of \$3,000 was too low. Council member Dettmer made the motion to reject all bids and readvertise the sale of the 1990 Ford Basket Truck in the paper, on line and have vehicle placed along Highway 50 at Utility complex, second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. Nays: None.

Superintendent Carman stated that he had received a bid from Schaffer Communication in the amount of \$1,824.25 for a new base radio system at City Hall. A new radio is needed for communication between the Utility crew and City Hall.

Council member Lyon made the motion to approve the bid received from Schaffer Communication in the amount of \$1,824.25 for a new base radio system for City Hall, second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

Superintendent Carman stated that the air conditioner unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to be replaced. He had obtained bids, but felt that a smaller unit would be adequate and he will obtain bids for a smaller unit.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock stated that he had reviewed the amended agreement between the City and Zito Media, LLC. with Council member Henke and had sent it to Zito for their review. Zito Media did not approve all of the City requests and Stilmock will work with Zito to get the matter resolved. Item was tabled until the June 11, 2014 meeting.

Discussion on proposal from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. on updating of Comprehensive Plan was tabled until Mayor Ortiz and City Attorney Stilmock can meet with Dave Potter to go over their proposal and eliminate some of the non-necessary items.

Discussion on the Employee Salary Step Program was tabled and Mayor Ortiz will continue to work on Step program.

Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing on application for approval of a small tract subdivision of the following-described real estate: A tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska.

Ron Zahn informed Mayor and Council that there are no problems with putting a driveway to access property as there is 435 feet of visibility. The acreage will be tied to City water at 16th Street and a septic sewer will be used. City Code states that a drainage plan is not needed.

The small tract subdivision has been approved by the Syracuse Planning Commission.

Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing.

Council member Lutjemeyer introduced Ordinance No. 953 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE SMALL TRACT SUBDIVISION PLAT DESIGNATED AS THE ROHRS'S FAMILY PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Lyon seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Henke moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Dettmer. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 953 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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Sheena Ammon appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss the speeding vehicles on 6th Street. Mrs. Ammon stated that vehicles travel very fast down 6th Street and she thought that additional speed limit sign would help with the situation. Mayor Ortiz informed Mrs. Ammon that the speeding problem on 6th Street had been addressed during the Sheriff's report and that a citation had been issued to one individual.

Superintendent Carman stated that the speed limit for 6th Street is 25 miles per hour and that additional sign could be placed on the no parking signs. Mayor and Council agreed and requested that Superintendent Carman place additional speed limit sign on 6th Street.

Mayor Ortiz thanked Mrs. Ammon for bringing this matter to the Mayor, City Council and Sheriff's attention.

Mayor Ortiz informed the Council that two contractors were contacting about submitting proposals for renovation of City Hall. Mayor Ortiz explained that the ceiling tiles, original light fixtures and carpet need to be replaced. Also, a break room and additional office space is also needed. Due to increased security concerns, a new security window will be installed by the current main door into City Hall and the main door will be locked. Employees will allow individual into City Hall as needed.

Zahn Construction was the only proposal submitted. The proposal of \$22,736.07 includes all materials, labor and carpeting, except the City is providing all labor and materials for electrical work and devices used.

Mayor Ortiz explained that there is \$2,162.16 in Infra-redevelopment funds that can be used for project and \$35,000 was budget in the Building Fund for building repairs.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to accept the bid received from Zahn Construction in the amount of \$22,736.07 for renovations of City Hall using the \$2,162.16 of Infra-redevelopment funds and remaining amount from Building Fund, second by Henke. Roll Call: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Mayor Ortiz also informed Council that the City recorder is unable to be replaced or repaired due to being outdated. Mayor has contacted several companies to obtain bids for a new speaker system, recorder and screen.

City Attorney Stilmock is continuing to work to update the City Codes.

City Attorney Stilmock stated that he is working with his contacts to get the Larry Lawton and Charles Martin properties turned over to the City for demolition and will have more to report at June meeting.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to go into closed session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss personnel, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. Nays: None.

Council member Henke made the motion to go out of closed session at 8:45 P.M., second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

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

City Clerk

Mayor