

SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 27, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 7:30 P.M. on Monday November 27, 2017 for a special 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 Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the November 8, 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 further discussion was had. Council Member Britton moved to approve payment of the claims, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz asked if anyone would like to speak for Hearing of those present, no one present.

BMG	2500.00
Bound Tree Medical	355.96
Capital Business Systems	98.81
Cardmember Services	1939.66
Collection Services Center	205.38
Countryside Agency L.L.C	2494.80
DHHS	3538.00
Dutton Lainson Co.	377.01
Easter and Associates	150.00
EMS Billing Services	2886.17
Gatehouse Media	53.55
Gregg Zahn	5645.00
Ingram Library Services	503.75
JEO	2586.25
JH Sporhase LLC	95.50
Julie Slafter	33.63
Martin Marietta	410.10
Moore Medical	122.36
Municipal Supply	1255.55
NMPP Energy	491.10
NE Child Support Payment Center	290.78
Nebraska City Utilities	37.22
OPPD	111,994.44
Syracuse Do It Best	364.90
Syracuse Lumber Co.	23.67
United Healthcare	11,086.98
Verizon	294.28
Windstream	167.20
Yellow Pages United	396.00
Shayna Murrell	943.18
Todd Aksamit	975.61
Kelly Farmer	1259.05
Derek Harms	1074.96
Mark Moerer	997.81
Chiona Morris	914.43
Julie Slafter	849.18
Jeffrey Vogt	1544.01
Brian Vodicka	795.19
Jonathan Baugous	594.95

Public Works Report – Mayor Ortiz led the discussion, Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Ortiz explained the discussion on GIS Workshop will be tabled until a future Council meeting. Attorney Stilmock has reviewed the agreement presented by Geneie Andrews; she, Mayor Ortiz and Attorney Stilmock are in discussion.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Pay Application #2 for Sargent Drilling for the third and fourth test well drillings at the City's proposed well field south of town. Council Member Britton moved to approve the payment of \$22,066.10 to Sargent, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

Vogt and the Utility crew started putting the Christmas tree up. Britton thanked the Utility Department for their work on a water break on 5th Street located in front of First Bank of Nebraska.

OLD BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on employee life insurance quotes, Wayne and Sharon McDermott of Diversified Benefits present to explain the various quotes forwarded to the Mayor and Council. Sharon explained the two best quotes came from MetLife and Unum but do require 10 employees to participate. Both of these companies guarantee issue where medical underwriting is not required. Spouse and dependent coverage is also available. Unum has the lower cost of the two. Sharon supplied a census example of the current employees using the MetLife plan to show how much premiums would be. Wayne and Sharon recommend holding a meeting with all of the employees applicable and their spouses. Unum's guarantee issue is \$40,000; if go beyond that, there would be some underwriting. Spouse can have up to \$15,000.00 guarantee issue and dependents can also have this up until the age of 19 or 26 if in college. This is a 3-year rate guarantee; Unum's rep told Sharon they rarely have rate increases after that 3-year period. In order for this to work as voluntary life insurance, everyone would need to be signed up. The current life insurance the employees have would stay in place, then this would be additional and is portable if an employee would end employment with the City. Sharon and Wayne will get back to Clerk Farmer regarding when an employee meeting can be held and then come back to the Council; this can be done in January if needed.

NEW BUSINESS –

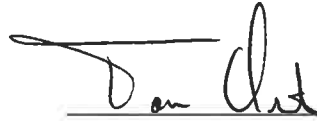
Mayor Ortiz led the opening of proposals and discussion on contract for solid waste and recycling services; representatives from both bidders present. The city's current contract with Papillion Sanitation ends as of January 1, 2018. Bids were presented from Papillion Sanitation and American Recycling and Sanitation. American's bid was at \$14.25 for weekly residential curbside garbage and recycling; its waste is taken to Nebraska City. Papillion Sanitation's bid was at \$13.95 for residential contract at five years and \$13.35 for residential service at seven years, both for weekly garbage pickup and bi-weekly recycling pick-up. For weekly garbage and recycling, their bid was \$14.45 for five years or \$13.85 for seven years. Papillion Sanitation's last proposal was for city mandated weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling services at \$13.50 for five years and \$12.90 for seven years; this would be if the City took on the billing of the garbage and recycling services. Mike Herbst of Papillion Sanitation also explained they would donate annually to the City at the City's discretion for such things as promoting community programs or other needs of the community. Brian Kelly of American inquired on the annual increase implemented by the current providers. Herbst explained no increases were included in the bid; those would be hashed out if the City would move forward with a contract with them. Herbst explained a cap or a control option can be written in to the contract if necessary; any increases have to do with increase costs that come from the disposal site. Brian Kelly does not show any increase for such in his bid either, but if he would require to raise rates he would come to the Council at that time to ask for an increase. The bids did not include commercial pick-up but both companies would provide services to commercial customers; Papillion Sanitation currently provides services to commercial customers. The Mayor and Council would like additional time to look over the bids and will make a decision at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on request for 5th Street closing from Town & Country Pharmacy to Mohawk for Tannenbaum on Sunday December 3rd, 2017 during the times of 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Tannenbaum Committee member Melissa Juilfs present. Council Member Britton moved to approve the street closing, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M., Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Henke, 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 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.

Clerk



Mayor