

SPECIAL MEETING\_BUDGET APPROVAL  
CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 2015

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on September 14, 2015 for their special meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz & Council members Henke, Dettmer, and Britton. Absent was Council member Gigstad. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. 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 tabled discussion from the September 9, 2015 Council meeting on life insurance for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad where at that time bids were presented to the Mayor and Council. Bruce Neemann, Syracuse Fire Chief, present. Council member Britton moved to approve the quote for Ball Insurance for the Fire and Rescue life insurance policy, seconded by Council member Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Chief Neemann also spoke about the need to update the emergency communication system. The City and Chief Neemann are looking at available grants to help with this project.

Mayor Ortiz led the tabled discussion from the September 9, 2015 Council meeting on possible lease of the property west of the Syracuse Soccer Fields. City Attorney Jerry Stilmock discussed what kinds of taxes would be applicable for this size of property. Discussion included what to plant on the property along with pros and cons as well as different groups looking for community service projects. The Mayor and Council recommended tabling the discussion and for Attorney Stilmock to move forward in his research with the Assessor's Office.

Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 982 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-710 AND 5-711 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CAR VEHICLES ON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing. Council member Henke moved that the statutory rule requiring on three different days be suspended, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: YEAS: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. NAYS: None. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 982. Council member Dettmer moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 982, Britton seconded. Roll Call: YEAS: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. NAYS: None.

Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing continued from September 9, 2015 City Council meeting for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to the 2015-2016 budget requests. City Clerk Farmer reviewed the documents with the Mayor and Council. Total property tax requests for the 2015-2016 budget year is \$506,273.99. No one spoke in opposition of the budget documents.

Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing.

Council member Britton made the motion to take the base limitation percent increase of 2.5%, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: None.

Council member Britton made the motion to take the additional 1% increase, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Council member Britton introduced Ordinance No. 981 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; 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, Henke, Britton. 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. 981 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passed 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 and complete copy of said ordinance is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing continued from September 9, 2015 City Council meeting for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final levy.

The proposed 2015-2016 property tax levy request is 0.50000. No one spoke in opposition of the property tax levy.

Mayor Ortiz closed the hearing.


Council member Dettmer made the motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-14: Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purpose of the levy set by the County board of Equalization unless Governing body of the City passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount, second by Britton. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: None.

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

Council member Britton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M., second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: 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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City Clerk

  
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Mayor