

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

August 8, 2018

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday August 8th, 2018 for their regular 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 Dettmer, Henke, Britton; Gigstad absent. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the July 31st, 2018 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 discussion was had. Council Member Britton moved to approve payment of the claims, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Aflac	357.10
Ameritas	80.56
Aqua Chem, Inc.	426.25
B&B Pump N Go	1905.67
BMG	2500.00
Border States	3628.77
Benefit Plans Inc	295.00
Bound Tree	112.45
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom, Stilmock	1860.20
Casey Fricke	30.00
Capital Business Systems	60.00
City of Nebraska City	950.76
City of Syracuse	319.57
Demco	81.35
EMS Billing Service	1930.90
Dan's Tire Repair	101.45
Gatehouse Media	39.19
Five Nines	2147.58
Great America	1751.82
Hanks Garage	135.86
JC Tree Service LLC	2400.00
JH Sporhase	44.55
John Palmtag	100.00
Junior Library Guild	617.40
4 Imprint	764.76
Micro Marketing	16.20
Matheson	38.51
Midwest Farmers Coop	157.55
Midwest Walls & Landscape, Inc.	1259.56
Midwest Labs	144.68
Nebraska City Utilities	477.03
OPPD	153,055.75
One Call Concepts	35.91
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
Otoe County 4-H	150.00
Otoe County Mutual Association	20.00
Papillion Sanitation	78.00
Pepsi	149.50
Sue Antes	32.50
Syracuse Lumber Co.	761.25
Syracuse Motor Supply	78.88
Terry's	194.23
T&R Electric	2542.00
Windstream	276.65
WAPA	2662.14

Todd Aksamit	1106.10
Kelly Farmer	1275.02
Derek Harms	1179.85
Mark Moerer	907.23
Julie Slafter	883.48
Jeffrey Vogt	1712.57
Brian Vodicka	741.59
Jonathan Baugous	646.95
Brent Teten	1369.67
Nicole Vonderschmidt	1005.14
Aprille Johnson	133.85
Nate Hemje	407.58
Rhonda Iburg	247.92
August Levenhagen	222.69
Brayden Behrends	296.29
Brooke Hiller	174.30
Hunter Rumery	250.47
Grace Kuenning	112.43
Cody Pester	574.41
Cassie Katen	633.72
Nicole Kimpel	235.90
Naudia Flores	199.34
Camryn Tompkins	246.83
Hannah Hiller	169.31
Teja Farley	477.15
Suzanna Shanks	357.02
Natalie Thies	185.51
Liz Johnson	265.29
Jamy Prokopec	566.39
Caitlyn Carlson	483.13

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No One present.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes present. Antes' report for July 2018; circulation was very high. Highest enrollment of 154 kids for summer reading; Antes reported the drop off and pickup of the children has become chaos therefore this needs to be worked on for next year with help from the Sheriff's office. The meeting room had eight uses for the month. Adult Programming continues to meet at various times throughout the year.

SHERIFF REPORT – Chief Deputy Mike Holland present. Holland reported 76 total calls for the month of July within the City; 377 calls were outside the City. Increasing issues have been present with the semi-trucks pulling out in the highway at the Love's Truck Stop location. Speed on the north and south ends of town were discussed. Future traffic at this location to include the new site of the hospital was discussed; discussion will continue. GPS is installed in all the deputy vehicles now. Holland is still training on the new system. The department is down four positions currently; two part-time deputies will be helping. Applications are being reviewed to fill one vacant position. Holland reported the Chamber of Commerce sponsored German Fest concert went well. The foot traffic on J Road after the concert was heavy and at that time of the night it was very dark for those people to be walking out there. Ortiz mentioned for future events, the fenced in area can be reduced allowing for additional parking to be available closer to the event location. Holland felt the biggest issue was getting people in and out. Ortiz asked about the Nature of Incident report distributed by Holland and the noise/stray/lost/neglect/bite line having 7 total incidents. Holland explained these were not all one dog but is a combination of these types of things throughout the month.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS REPORT –Park Manager Baugous present. Baugous announced he has filled the full-time Parks position for the Park Hill Cemetery mowing and maintenance. Cody Pester will be paid at \$14.00 hourly. Council Member Britton moved to approve Pester for the position, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Parks and Rec Manager approval including hourly wage approval. Ortiz announced the position has been offered to Syracuse resident Jill Crook. She will be working 32

hours per week with no insurance option at \$18.50 hourly pay rate. Council Member Britton moved to approve the hiring and pay rate for Jill Crook, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: none. Baugous will not need to attend Council meetings as the Parks Manager as Jill will oversee all aspects of the Parks and Rec department those being parks, rec, and swimming pool.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT –

Superintendent Jeff Vogt present; Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on contract between City of Syracuse and OPPD. Attorney Stilmock explained he and Dave Peterson are working on this item which requires 3-year notice. Vogt explained the roof at the utility shop will be completed this week. Ortiz spoke about an individual interested in possibly purchasing the house located at 324 6th Street which is scheduled to burn at the end of August. The Mayor and Council suggested the house be burned as scheduled; the house is too far beyond repair at this point.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and consideration of City's property insurance proposals. Reps from HUB International, Inspro, EMC and LARM were present to explain their individual packages. Attorney Stilmock announced the four proposals were submitted on time. Jay Weiler of Granneman's presented the EMC proposal. The City has used EMC/Granneman's in the past for its property insurance and workman's compensation. Jay explained he preferred 30 days notice if the Council should choose EMC but can work with less. Becky Haufle presented the Inspro proposal. Their proposal offered to combine the City and Fire or separate the two policies; Mike Jones of Jones Insurance/Continental Western Group was also present to represent for Inspro and Bitco. They can work with a one-day notice if the City chooses to work with them. Tracy Juranek of LARM and Brenda Walters of Easter and Associates present for LARM. The City's current policy is with LARM; expiring at the end of September 2018. Trevor Dinovo of HUB International and Erin Ball of Ball Insurance present to explain the proposal from HUB and One Beacon. The property insurance discussion and consideration will continue at the September Council meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval of 2018-2019 Budgets including employee salaries. Revisions had been made to the first draft budgets discussed at a July Council meeting. After this budget year is over, Clerk Farmer is to create sub-accounts for each department. Leftover budgeted funds will go into these sub-accounts as long as there is not excessive over-budgeting. Additional revisions were made to the Cemetery, Parks, Swimming Pool, Rec and Fire budgets. Only approved budget amounts should be included in the total for that budget; funds for a sinking fund should not be included in that department's total budget. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval of 2018-2019 hourly salaries. Mayor Ortiz spoke with department heads to gather their input and data. Information was shown to show how much is spent on health and life insurance premiums. There was an increase for Pool Manager versus Shift Manager for a \$1.00 hourly increase for the one Pool Manager; this is a different person than the Parks and Rec Manager. One utility employee will receive a new title and increased salary due to their knowledge and forethought into the City's current and future electrical status. The Mayor and Council agree a 2% increase to the full-time employee hourly pay rate is applicable along with the discussed amounts for the Pool Manager and Utility Worker. Council Member Britton moved to approve the budgets, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and resolution regarding Commercial Lease Agreement between City of Syracuse and Future Technologies Wireless. This item requested to be tabled to a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval for Otoe Countywide Housing Rehab Final Payment Request and Approval Form for Project 15-OTF-21, authorizing Mayor's signature; SENDD not present. Council Member Britton moved to approve the payment request of \$245.00, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

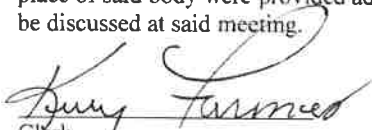
Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval for Otoe Countywide Housing Rehab Partial Payment Request and Approval Form for Project 15-OTF-19, authorizing Mayor's signature; SENDD not present. Council Member Dettmer moved to approve the payment request of \$10,600.00, Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Dettmer, Henke. Nays: none.


Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval for Otoe Countywide Housing Rehab Partial Payment Request to SENDD for General Admin, Housing Management and Lead Testing/Inspection Services in the

amount of \$26,276.08; SENDD not present. Council Member Britton moved to approve the payment request to SENDD, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M., Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton. 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

