

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 2018

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday July 11, 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, Gigstad, Henke, Britton. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the June 13th, 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 Treasurer's Report and Claims. Todd Blome of BMG presented the June Treasurer's Report. Blome reported all bank accounts have been reconciled as well as bond payments and amortization schedules. Year-to-date P&L show nine months in for the budget year; utility revenues are up in regards to a cash basis. Building permits are down; this is due to a substantial permit pulled last year. Municipal equalization funds were discussed. The CDBG Grant fund has washed out for the in and outs for the Housing Rehab deposits and payments. Rescue revenue is down. Utility expenses are up due to Capital Outlay items in the water and sewer departments otherwise expenses have been fairly flat. Cemetery expenses are down due to the brick columns being paid for last year. Interest expense is down a little. Overall the City is \$386,000.00 on the plus side in regards to a cash basis. Blome will show bond payment fluctuations on the September statement. Blome reviewed important budget deadline dates and asked about getting on the Council agenda for the public hearing. Council Member Dettmer moved to approve the June Treasurers Report and pay the claims. Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

A-1 Locksmith & Security Solutions	719.99
Alan Britton	204.41
Alfred Gigstad	181.70
Ameritas	80.56
Aqua Chem, Inc.	426.25
B&B Pump N Go	2381.50
Baragary Construction	9140.00
Barefoot Books – Hillary Wiebusch	51.07
Beatrice Concrete	227.50
BMG	2500.00
Border States	5727.38
Bruce Neemann	718.04
Burr Farms Machinery	57.50
Capital Business Systems	122.38
Carol Linqvist	200.00
Carolyn Bremer	181.70
Chris Lutjemeyer	150.00
City of Nebraska City	518.14
City of Syracuse	534.87
Craig Boldt	150.00
Culligan	9.00
Deb Dettmer	204.41
Delta Dental	380.42
David Sabatka	150.00
Eakes Office Solutions	353.70
Echo	1613.53
EMS Billing Service	1660.44
Emily Pekny	50.00
Erin Hunzeker	75.00
Five Nines	4181.10
Gatehouse Media	122.20
Hanks Garage	111.49
Hawkins	244.22
Hemje Plumbing & Htg.	452.00

Jordan Hunzeker	75.00
Jean Keslar	65.00
JH Sporhase	207.82
John Palmtag	100.00
Jody Bruns	125.00
Karen Kimpel	351.59
Ken Aden	75.00
Kc Ortiz	454.25
Kristi Henke	204.41
LARM	53.72
Layni Nannen	75.00
Leah Ganzel	220.75
Marcia Scheinost	125.00
Micro Marketing	16.19
Midwest Alarm Services	460.43
Midwest Farmers Coop	209.52
Municipal Emergency Services	360.00
Municipal Supply Inc. of Omaha	5,213.10
Nebraska City Utilities	953.56
NE DOL	49.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	48.00
One Call Concepts	24.96
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
Papillion Sanitation	436.45
Patty Hogancamp	109.02
Simple Solutions	245.29
Southeast Plumbing & Htg	384.00
Sue Antes	1588.97
Suez	6236.00
Stutheit Implement	99.44
SVFD	919.00
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	685.05
Syracuse Do It Best	1309.60
Syracuse Iron Works	199.39
Syracuse Lumber Co.	339.77
Syracuse Motor Supply	295.02
Syracuse Park Board	1614.65
Syracuse Rescue Squad	507.00
Syracuse Tow & Tire	40.00
Syracuse Vet Service	72.34
Terry's	1416.14
United Healthcare	14,877.45
U.S. Postal Service	305.13
Verizon	110.02
Windstream	1705.22
Woodhouse Ford	14,000.00
Tim Wilson	200.00
Shayna Murrell	954.71
Todd Aksamit	1088.83
Kelly Farmer	1404.35
Derek Harms	1210.11
Mark Moerer	1124.54
Julie Slafter	883.48
Jeffrey Vogt	1665.08
Brian Vodicka	812.71
Jonathan Baugous	702.31
Brent Teten	1174.36
Patrick Bryant	812.16
Nicole Vonderschmidt	1005.14
Madison Marrs	285.67
Aprille Johnson	389.76
Nate Hemje	445.39

Rhonda Iburg	264.71
August Levenhagen	454.45
Brayden Behrends	452.16
Brooke Hiller	394.12
Hunter Rumery	555.59
Grace Kuenning	469.72
Dale Young	124.92
Cody Pester	570.91
Cassie Katen	948.72
Nicole Kimpel	112.42
Naudia Flores	257.12
Camryn Tompkins	39.34
Hannah Hiller	428.31
Teja Farley	362.76
Suzanna Shanks	125.55
Natalie Thies	172.37
Liz Johnson	335.81

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No One present.

SHERIFF REPORT – Chief Deputy Mike Holland not present. No discussion was had on the report distributed by Holland; Mayor Ortiz will reach out to him regarding a few concerns.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes not present. No further discussion was had on the report distributed for June 2018. Circulation is up.

RESCUE REPORT – Chief Wilson present. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Peter Kiewit Foundation Grant. Wilson announced the SRS was awarded \$50,000.00 for a Capital Improvement Grant; this brings the squad up to \$112,000.00 towards a second ambulance. The funds need to be expended by May 31, 2019. Council Member Britton moved to accept the \$50,000.00 toward Capital Expenditures of SRS subject to legal review, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Neemann present. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval of the 2018-2019 SVFD Officers. No changes were made from the previous officer roster for 2017-2018. Council Member Britton moved to approve the fire department officers as presented, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval of Artem Barankevich as a member of the fire department. Neemann gave a brief bio of Artem who recently moved to Syracuse. Council Member Gigstad moved to approve Barankevich as new member of SVFD, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on approval to purchase four sets of bunker gear at the cost of roughly \$6400.00. Council Member Dettmer moved to approve the purchase of the gear, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on widening of Mohawk Street across from the Fire Station. Bids were presented by Baragary Construction and Zeb Kriefels. Council Member Britton moved to approve the bid from Baragary at the cost of \$5,250.00, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: none.

Neemann explained the house on the corner of 6th & Midland is tentatively scheduled to be burned the last Sunday in August. Mayor Ortiz asked about the clean-up process after the house has been burned. In the past, Randy Peterson has assisted with these types of things; Jeff Vogt will reach out to him. The trees will be taken care of within the next week or two. Neemann asked Vogt if the backhoe will be available for use the day of the burn. Neemann will need a copy of the asbestos report for the structure.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS & PARKS REPORTS – Rec Coordinator/Pool Manager Murrell and Park Manager Baugous present. Murrell announce the co-ed softball tournament has been scheduled; the sand volleyball pit is done except for one more net to be put up and boundary lines to be

marked. The pool will stay open until school begins. Murrell announced she accepted a new employment position; her last day will be July 18th. Ortiz thanked her for her time with the City.

Park Manager Baugous announced the drinking water has been received; Advanced Exteriors will work on the dugout covers at the complex prior to the start of fall ball. Locks and doorknobs have been replaced at the Sports Complex after a recent break-in. Murrell is to reach out to Jerry Stilmock to follow up on any communication with Burke High School regarding available turf for the new batting cage.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT –

Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunity. Britton feels it would be beneficial to seek JEO's assistance with the calculating of a new rate structure. He feels more thought needs to be put into it. The City is looking for the amount the rate will need to go up to. Mayor Ortiz needs to be able to tell people how the City is paying for the project. Britton is seeking an answer by September 1 from JEO. Mayor Ortiz asked what the rest of the Council thinks about going with the two wells and one transmission versus one well and one transmission. Henke feels the two wells and transmission main is a necessity; Dettmer feels the project will cost a lot more if we wait and the grant money may not be available again. Clerk Net research resulted in many communities increasing rates when trying to pay for a large water project such as this.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on contract between City of Syracuse and OPPD. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting. The agreement reads three years is the amount of time needed to terminate a contract.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on cameras for grass and brush piles. Pictures were distributed. A bid was received for cameras at \$4884.00 from SEI. Britton suggests cameras at the Sports Complex also. Council Member Dettmer moved to approve the purchase of cameras not to exceed \$5,000.00.

There was some discussion on the street which runs along the north side of the Aqua Center. Suggestions included making the street one-way or putting in parking on the north side of the street.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Capital Improvement Plan proposal. Mayor Ortiz wanted the Council to have the information for the upcoming Strategic Planning Meetings. The proposal updates the existing CIP.

Mayor Ortiz spoke about the meeting held the night before regarding the GermanFest concert and the emergency plan OCEMA and other entities have been working on. Everything is set up with the various agencies.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Projects In Motion. Council Member Dettmer explained the first Strategic Planning Meeting was held in June; progress is being made on the project lists. City Administrator of Central City, Chris Anderson was present; he will be attending future Strategic Planning meetings as well.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and update on private streets zone development. The Planning Commission will be discussing further at their next Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on sidewalk disrepair liability. Council Member Britton would like to speak with City Attorney Jerry Stilmock further. The discussion will be tabled until a future Council meeting. Dettmer suggested painting the areas of sidewalks that are in need of repair to give people a warning that a hazard may be present. Britton explained that would hinder the City more as we would be acknowledging the hazard even more.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and resolution on physical address at new Community Memorial Hospital site. Britton does not feel that the City can do this and explained they are not dedicating the private drive; the City does not get involved on naming of non-City streets. The City does not address off of driveways. Jeff Vogt has been working on an address and explained that really the City should think about the naming convention using "Park Street" instead of the current "N 30th Road" which is how the other businesses are addressed in that area and mentioned all of the existing businesses may need to eventually change their addresses to Park Street. This issue is time sensitive as the hospital is sending in the paperwork to obtain their license. The discussion will be tabled; Attorney Stilmock will be briefed and re-visit for a future Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS continued - Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on revisions to City Uptime Project Scope; Scott Pulverneti present. Mayor Ortiz explained all have reviewed the latest version of the Option 3 with some of the work stations being tightened up thus cutting some of the costs. After the initial payment is received the timeline takes a few weeks waiting for the equipment to come to Five Nines, then get the systems ready for installation. Council Member Britton moved to approve the 3-year lease option at \$50,000.00 and paying the difference in full out of the Keno Fund, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. Britton briefed Pulverneti regarding the cameras and possibly needing space in the server cabinet for equipment for the camera system. Scott mentioned bringing in Zach of Five Nines, the City's Account Manager, for the technical aspects.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 P.M., Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, 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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Mayor

