

SPECIAL MEETING_STRATEGIC PLANNING
CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2018

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday July 18th, 2018 for a special Strategic Planning 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; Council Member Gigstad was absent. 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.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 18-19 on naming of drive and physical address for the new Community Memorial Hospital; Mike Harvey of Community Memorial Hospital not present. The address will be 2731 Healthcare Drive; the sign will have a blue background for this address to stay in conjunction with other signage used for private drives. It was also suggested the north driveway at this site also receive an address in the future. Stilmock went into why current addresses along Highway 50 moving north of Syracuse do not have Park Street addresses but county road addresses; as the annexations happened over the years changing the addresses was not discussed at those times. Stilmock and Superintendent Vogt will work on what will all need to be done to have these addresses eventually switched to Park Street addresses. Council Member Britton moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-19 approving 2731 Healthcare Drive as the name of the private drive at the new hospital site off of Highway 50, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz opened the discussion on Strategic Planning Work Session for Projects in Motion. City Administrator of Central City Chris Anderson present. This is the second of three scheduled Council meetings with Chris Anderson. Council Member Dettmer has organized the lists given to her by other Council Members, Mayor Ortiz, Attorney Stilmock and department heads. Anderson would like to start prioritize the lists, remove items if possible as well as identify future projects and goals. Anderson has created a working document listing all of the projects mentioned at the first Strategic Planning meeting held in June 2018. The group and Anderson collectively went through the items and struck those that have already been completed or are currently being worked on.

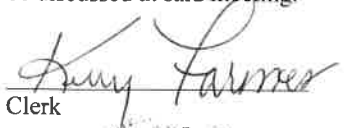
Anderson grouped the lists by General Fund/Admin, Utilities, Parks and Rec, Fire and Rescue categories. Grouping these helps with funding in the future by seeing where a City can likely find funding for. Anderson suggested the group decide what else can come off the list and what is important by each person ranking the list by what they feel is important; each will rank each item by priority. This can be done for the next Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for September 2018. The results will then be tabulated to see what is high priority versus mid and low priority. Stilmock asked Clerk Farmer to send out in one email so those applicable can be included in the list ranking. Items from the list were discussed in depth and where the City is at currently with those. Those include Streambank Stability, the Fire and Rescue barn including the Street department's use of the building, the City's work with Otoe County Emergency Management, as well as sewer plant upgrades just to name a few. It was discussed to separate the list by those projects as work in progress but keep on the list until further discussion.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on water project funding and USDA Rural Development funding opportunity. Stilmock briefed the Council on the terms of the funding proposal offered by USDA Rural Development for the well field and transmission main. Stilmock asked for Anderson's feedback on the City initiating a rate increase to pay for the annual loan payment for the USDA funding as there is not time to look at an increase of sales tax at this present time. Britton moved the City approve the water funding project with the USDA Rural Development. Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M., Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: none. The next Strategic Planning meeting will be held on September 19, 2018.

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

