

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

July 12, 2016

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on July 12, 2016 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5th Street. Present were Council members Henke, Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer, Mayor Ortiz was absent therefore Council President Britton led the meeting. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. The minutes 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.

Jamy Prokopec, Aqua Center Shift Manager, discussed Aqua Center employee pay rates and receiving bids for a new pool bathhouse. She showed pictures of areas of the bath house of great concern. Jamy is asking the pool employees to receive \$9.00/hour plus a quarter raise every year with a cap of three years. The employees work roughly 10 weeks/summer at about three days/week. The employees are expected to pay \$185.00 out of pocket before they can start at the pool for various necessary training. Council recommended Prokopec and Murrell brainstorm how the expenses could be allocated better so the guards don't have to come up with so much or possibly consider reimbursing the expenses 100%; Murrell should reflect this in her budget. Attorney Stilmock suggest Murrell write up some standardized rules for this. Managers currently work \$11.50/hour but she feels if the City wants to hire more adults, this pay also needs to increase to \$13.00. There are no benefits or differential pay available for pool employees. Jamy also discussed the office employee position Aqua Center manager Murrell proposed on the current budget; this position was not approved at the time. Prokopec feels this is a position that would be beneficial and proposes this position be paid \$9.00/hour; the shift manager could be out with the guards then. Prokopec also thanked the Council for working so well with Carl Purcell and the 2016 Syracuse Swim Team. She recommended Purcell to possibly spend some time with the guards next year regarding how to teach swim lessons. Regarding the bathhouse, Prokopec would help with fundraising; the chemical building is in good shape and does not need updating at this time. Council members recommended Murrell add the planning/design phase expense estimated by JEO to the 2016-2017 Swimming Pool & Programs budget.

May Treasurer's Report available. City Treasurer, Todd Blome of BMG present. All accounts have been reconciled. Blome forwarded a few rate quotes for a cd the City currently has that would be a little better than the 0.2% the City is currently receiving. Blome recommended staggering cd's to establish a financial ladder. Blome offered to help with any budget questions the City may have; the Council asked Blome for a quote to do the City's budget. BMG gave the City a fee estimate of \$6500.00 firm for an Internal Control Review. Council member Britton suggested using Keno funds for this service. Council member Dettmer moved to approve the Internal Control Study over the utilities, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None. Blome will report possibly on this at the August or September Council meeting. Regarding the cd rates, Britton will work with Clerk Farmer on this. Gigstad made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the July claims, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: None.

AFLAC	315.20
Alan Britton	161.62
Alfred Gigstad	161.62
All Roads Barricade, Inc.	265.29
Amazon Credit Plan	1476.44
Andy Brace	600.00
Aqua-Chem, Inc.	906.11
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	72.00
Arrow International, Inc.	522.03
ASCAP	340.50
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	1482.71
Baragary Construction, Inc.	2015.00
Better Homes and Gardens	9.99
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	1247.17
BMG	2500.00

Books By the Bushel, LLC	9.50
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	2209.61
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	2263.42
Bruce Neemann	400.00
Conney Safety Products	118.16
Cardmember Service	3520.23
Caleb Frede	120.00
Carol Linqvist	250.00
Chris Richardson	250.00
Christa Reisdorff	90.00
Carolyn Bremer	183.87
City of Syracuse	2172.02
Conney Safety Products	1317.24
Consumer Reports	29.97
Dan's Tire & Repair	53.75
DHHS	904.99
Deb Dettmer	161.62
Demco, Inc.	277.01
Dutton Lainson Co.	2541.48
Dentegra Insurance Company	148.56
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	2045.31
Environmental Analysis South, Inc.	119.00
Eakes Office Plus	1319.37
Farmers Cooperative	818.16
Falls City Mercantile	159.90
FireGuard, Inc.	52.75
Gale/Cengage Learning	41.44
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	56.50
Glamour	20.00
Gregg Zahn	9187.50
Hanks Garage	42.00
Hawkins, Inc.	124.14
Heiman Fire Equipment, Inc.	810.25
Hemje Plbg, Htg and AC	161.00
House Beautiful	7.97
Ingram Library Services	433.65
Jamy Prokopec	126.54
Jody Bruns	360.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	17,540.75
Joe Reisdorff	184.70
John Palmtag	100.00
Julie Slafter	740.75
JH Sporhase	36.00
Kelly Farmer	2456.18
Kim Parde	183.45
Kristine Henke	161.62
Karen Kimpel	415.58
Kody Cardinal	150.00
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	511.85
Kriz Davis Company	362.88
Kurt Kastens	150.00
Langfeldt Overhead Door Inc.	6235.00
Laramie Werner	520.00
Leah Ganzel	241.04
Lincoln Journal Star	450.00
Joe Reisdorff	184.70
Marcia Scheinost	184.70
Marcia Scheinost	80.00
Martin Marietta Aggregates	584.72
Melissa Hansen	30.00
Micro Marketing Assoc.	30.58

Midwest Laboratories, Inc	108.78
Midwest Farmers Coop	471.87
Moore Medical LLC	168.32
Municipal Service and Supply	354.38
Municipal Supply of Omaha	231.55
Nebraska City Utilities	388.75
NE DOL/Boiler Inspection Program	43.00
One Call Concepts, Inc.	30.66
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
OPPD	146,228.82
Papillion Sanitation	420.31
Patricia Hogancamp	166.23
Petty Cash –City Hall	139.08
Pepsi Cola of Lincoln	2117.00
Pioneer Underground Sprinkler	415.00
Redbook	6.25
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Roy Bretthorst	314.67
Sam’s Club/Synchrony Bank	307.91
Schmader Electric	5792.00
SENND	51.04
Simple & Delicious	19.98
Stutheit Implement	713.50
Syracuse Lumber Co.	11,471.84
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	392.45
Syracuse Do It Best	991.58
Syracuse Motor Supply	131.86
Terry’s Family Foods	4559.13
Tami Andera	180.00
Tami McLaughlin	240.00
The Added Touch	42.50
The Saturday Evening Post	11.00
Tim Wilson	1100.00
T&R Electric Supply Co., Inc	7828.00
Tree City Tees	692.00
Trevor Clark	210.00
United Healthcare	7276.60
U.S. Post Office	312.46
Utility Service Co., Inc.	19,016.64
Verizon	342.91
Western Area Power Administration	5669.10
WJH Construction	25,200.00
Windstream	1505.33
WriteTime Communications	664.56
Shayna R. Murrell	1792.92
Todd E. Aksamit	1848.73
Derek R. Harms	2096.76
Mark S. Moerer	2220.94
Chiona R. Morris	1714.32
Julie J. Slafter	1457.55
Mitchell Stubbendick	2476.32
Jeff Vogt	2913.25
Sue Antes	2041.20
Eldon Halm	115.44
Tomas Ortiz	461.75
Timothy A. Wilson	184.70
Carol Linquist	183.45
Katherine Mahar	543.22
Tim Stilmock	616.62
Dale Young	212.40
Jonathon Cox	681.03

Morgan Mueller	1273.63
Julie Isaacs	788.99
Cody Pester	656.82
Coleman Orchard	962.75
Jamy Prokopec	220.38
Braiden Kendall	429.43
Madison Mueller	509.11
Cody Ryan	487.69
Emily Holthus	418.78
Taylor Weiler	315.81
Aaron Mead	339.86
Viktor Werner	653.67
Lyndsey Sheil	416.46
Cassie Katen	393.06
Brynn Krieger	424.64
Aprille Johnson	497.65
Megan Reuter	317.84
Izaak Prater	0.00
Erika Hunzeker	1360.51

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes presented her report. Good circulation for the month. Summer reading has 128 kids.

SHERIFF REPORT – Chief Deputy Holland present. 85 calls occurred in the month of June into July. Germanfest was nothing out of the norm; Fourth of July was pretty quiet as far as police calls. Council member Dettmer expressed concern about drivers passing on shoulders. Holland reminded citizens to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables in vehicles.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS REPORT – Rec Coordinator Shayna Murrell present. Coed softball wrapped up the weekend prior and the two weeks of Slump-Buster Tourneys went well. Spectators visited from 10 different states; Syracuse businesses benefited. Both Murrell and Aksamit commented everyone was very nice and complimentary. The Council suggested Murrell and Aksamit send a thank you letter. Murrell is currently gearing up for fall sports.

PARKS REPORT – Park Manager Aksamit presented report. The maintenance shed at the Sports Complex is up and Aksamit is receiving bids for two concrete pads. Various equipment has already been moved into the new shed. The Utility department can help with the wiring of the new shed. Aksamit will be adding a small shed and restrooms for the soccer fields west of the Sports Complex to his budget. The sprinkler system is running well currently and pot holes in the complex parking lot have been repaired. The Park seasonal help has done a good job cleaning up Williams Park by painting, planting flowers, and pulling weeds.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Jeff Vogt unable to attend. Council President Britton led the discussion on the updating of the sirens. All five of the sirens have had batteries and cables replaced but there has been a recall by Liberty thus preventing the sirens from turning; the only siren that rotates currently is the one by the water tower. Bruce Neemann, SVFD Chief, will call Danko to see what the timeline is to have the repairs complete; the recall repairs will not be charged to the City.

Council President Britton led the discussion and Resolution No. 16-15 concerning the agreement with Pavers Inc. for the Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Project. Council member Dettmer moved to adopt Resolution 16-15 approving the agreement, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yays: Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

SYRACUSE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Fire Chief Bruce Neemann presented the 2016-2017 SVFD Officers. Council member Gigstad moved to approve the 2016-17 SVFD Officers, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yays: Britton, Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Neemann led the discussion on approval of Justin Williams as a new member of the SVFD. Neemann suggested this item to be tabled in order to allow multiple new members to be approved at the same time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Council President Britton led the discussion and public hearing for Ordinance No. 991 on adopting new Code of Ordinances and discussion regarding Zoning Code Text Amendments. Attorney Stilmock explained:

1. Section 7.07 Sign Schedules to authorize placement and procedure of various signs and establish maximum size, height and number of signs in Old Towne Commercial/Industrial District.
2. Syracuse Municipal Code Sections 9-501 International Building Code, Chapter 13 of the 2009 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2012 edition, except Section R113, published by the International Code Council. Stilmock explained the Board of Appeals serves as the review, the City keeping our own Board of Appeals.
3. 9-601 International Residential Code, Chapter 11 of the 2009 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2012 edition, except Sections R112.1 and 112.2 (Board of Appeals), and except Section R313 (residential interior sprinklers), published by the International Code Council.
4. Adopt the International Building Code, 2012 edition, except Section R112, published by the International Code Council.
5. Change style of statutory references in Syracuse Zoning Code Sections:
 - a. 2.02.91
 - b. 2.02.94
 - c. 2.02.125
 - d. 2.02.226
 - e. 2.02.228; and other instances throughout Ordinance.
6. Amend Definitions as found in Syracuse Zoning Code Sections:
 - a. 2.02.123 Dwelling, manufactured home
 - b. 2.02.124 Dwelling, mobile home
 - c. 2.02.166 Handicap group home; and other locations throughout the code
 - d. Sections 2.02.227 Amend Reference
 - e. Section 2.02.282 Recreational vehicle
 - f. Section 5.01 Index of Zoning Districts
7. Delete Sections 8.01 through 8.04 and 9.01 and replace with references to state law.

Council President Britton closed the public hearing. Council member Henke moved to introduce Ordinance No. 991 and suspend the three readings, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 991 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Britton moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 991, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Council President Britton led the discussion and resolution regarding agreement between the City of Syracuse and School District for the Highway 50 guard-wire costs. The discussion was tabled.

Council President Britton led the discussion on support for help to remove Ash Tree at Westview Manor. Karen Driever of the Syracuse Housing Authority not present, no motion was made. The Council asked Clerk Farmer to inquire with Park Manager Aksamit for a number of Ash trees present on City property.

NEW BUSINESS –

Council President Britton led the discussion and opened the public hearing for Love's Truck Stop Signage, Attorney Stilmock to explain:

1. Ordinance No. 992 Pole Sign: 932 sq. ft.
2. Ordinance No. 993 Pole Sign: 133 sq. ft.
3. Ordinance No. 994 Pole Sign: 113.5 sq. ft.
4. Ordinance No. 995 Wall Sign: gas canopy
5. Ordinance No. 996 Wall Sign: diesel canopy
6. Ordinance No. 997 Wall Sign: building

Council President Britton closed the public hearing. Council member Henke moved to introduce Ordinance No. 992 and suspend the three readings, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton, Gigstad. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 992 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Henke moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 992, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

Council member Gigstad moved to introduce Ordinance No. 993 and suspend the three readings, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read

Ordinance No. 993 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Dettmer moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 993, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton, Gigsta. Nays: none.

Council member Henke moved to introduce Ordinance No. 994 and suspend the three readings, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad, Henke. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 994 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Gigstad moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 994, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none.

Council member Dettmer moved to introduce Ordinance No. 995 and suspend the three readings, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Dettmer, Henke. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 995 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Henke moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 995, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Council member Henke moved to introduce Ordinance No. 996 and suspend the three readings, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 996 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Henke moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 996, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Gigstad, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Council member Gigstad moved to introduce Ordinance No. 997 and suspend the three readings, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 997 by title. Council President Britton asked for final passage; Council Member Henke moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 997, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Gigstad, Henke. Nays: none.

Council President Britton led the discussion and Resolution No 16-16 adopting the Master Fee Schedule, Attorney Stilmock explained. Council member Britton moved to adopt Resolution 16-16 Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yays: Henke, Dettmer, Britton, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Council President Britton led the discussion on speed awareness yard signs campaign. Christa Reisdorff present to express concern regarding speeding in residential areas thus posing a danger to children playing outside. She would like to see signs posted throughout the City telling people to slow down, watch their speed and be aware of children playing. Council suggested she gather more information through research as well as speak with other communities that have been part of such campaign and report back at next month's Council meeting.

Council President Britton led discussion on drawdown for Housing Administration. Crystal Dunekacke of SENDD not present, Attorney Stilmock explained. Council member Britton moved to approve the drawdown request of \$3931.49, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yays: Henke, Dettmer, Britton, Gigstad. Nays: none.

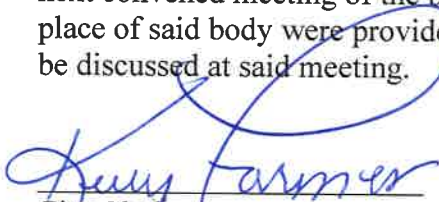
Council President Britton led discussion on street closing at 1st & Plum Street from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on July 28th, 29th and 30th 2016 for pony cycle races. Mike and Vanessa Rudolph of Otoe County Fair Board not present. It was confirmed the street would not be closed past 2nd Street in order to allow for use of that intersection. Council member Gigstad approved the street closings, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yays: Henke, Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Council President Britton led the discussion on approval of Plumbers and Electricians to work within the City of Syracuse. Council member Britton moved to approve those licenses listed by the City Clerk, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Britton, Dettmer, Henke. Nays: none.

Council President Britton led the discussion on projects that need completed. No updates at this time.

Council Member Gigstad moved to adjourn at 9:06 P.M., Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 10th, 2016 in the Council Chambers.

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.



City Clerk

Mayor

