

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on March 28, 2017 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. Mayor Ortiz requested roll call, present were Mayor Ortiz and Council members Gigstad, Britton, Henke, Dettmer. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the March 15th, 2017 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.

AFLAC	282.68
Amazon Credit Plan	439.53
American Test Center	1182.00
Awards Unlimited	105.00
Baragary Construction, Inc.	1260.00
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	1080.18
Benefit Plans Inc.	295.00
Blackburn Mfg. Co.	187.87
Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging	1300.00
BMG	2500.00
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	4328.60
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	739.49
Bruce Neemann	726.94
BTE Corporation	2650.00
Capital Business Systems	77.98
Cardmember Services	689.30
Culligan	47.00
Country Living	14.97
City of Syracuse	978.40
City of Nebraska City	424.43
Collection Services Center	410.76
Community Memorial Hospital	554.19
Dell Marketing L.P.	769.31
Demco, Inc.	82.31
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	710.46
Dan's Tire & Repair	1976.12
Dutton Lainson Co.	288.20
Dentegra Insurance Company	380.42
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	1093.10
Fireguard, Inc.	560.60
Food Magazine	19.97
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	189.28
Good Housekeeping	10.00
Hemje Plgb., Htg. and AC	4350.00
Ingram Library Services	572.64
Interstate All Battery Center	51.30
John Palmtag	100.00
Kriz Davis	5722.17
Kurt Kastens Electric	100.00
MES-Midam	3050.77
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	31.80
Micro Marketing Association	28.78
Midwest Alarm Systems	240.00
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	121.40
Moore Medical LLC	129.88
Municipal Supply of Omaha	606.47
Municipal Supply Inc. of NE	928.57
Nebraska Dept. of Roads	2050.00

Nebraska City Utilities	1320.05
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	48.00
Omaha Public Power District	108,878.38
One Call Concepts, Inc.	12.09
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
Papillion Sanitation	289.41
Prevention	48.00
Southeast NE Girls Softball League	960.00
Stutheit Implement	645.28
Sue Antes	15.88
Syracuse Iron Works	23.96
Syracuse Motor Supply	493.49
Syracuse Lumber Co.	1458.97
Syracuse Do It Best	504.97
Syracuse Veterinary Service	124.68
Terry's Family Foods	120.01
Temple Display LTC	1815.65
United Healthcare	10,829.34
U.S. Post Office	583.62
Verizon	173.22
Western Area Power Administration	3136.69
Windstream	1568.91
Shayna R. Murrell	2057.54
Sue Antes	1651.36
Carolyn Bremer	183.87
Karen Kimpel	166.23
Todd E. Aksamit	1943.17
Deb Dettmer	207.79
Alan Britton	204.46
Kelly Farmer	2196.72
Leah Ganzel	249.35
Alfred Gigstad	207.79
Craig Boldt	115.44
Ken Parde	369.40
Derek R. Harms	2050.58
Kim Bellinder	183.87
Kristine Henke	204.46
Mark S. Moerer	1972.93
Chiona R. Morris	1722.79
Marcia Scheinost	184.70
Julie J. Slafter	1674.98
Mitchell Stubbendick	2285.52
Brian Vodicka	1269.80
Jeff Vogt	2859.99
Eldon Halm	115.44
Tomas Ortiz	461.75
Timothy A. Wilson	184.70
Carol Linqvist	183.87
Patricia Hogancamp	110.82
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Joe Reisdorff	92.35

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – SDA Student Ethan Wallman was present for Mr. Sayer's American Government Class.

LIBRARY REPORT – Sue Antes not present. Antes' monthly report was reviewed; no questions or discussion was had.

SWIMMING POOL & PROGRAMS REPORT – Rec Coordinator Shayna Murrell Present. Murrell led the discussion on Aqua Center bathhouse updated design plans and costs. A meeting with Burbach Aquatics was held. Previously designed plans and layout will be used thus saving money; the only difference is the deletion of the mechanical room. Attorney Stilmock recommended keeping JEO in the

loop in case any engineering questions come up later. Council Member Britton moved to contract with Burbach Aquatics Inc. in the amount of \$19,180.00 to finalize bathhouse plans, Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock asked Murrell to retrieve an agreement from Burbach.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and update on the Parks Facilities Manager opening with the City. The position is still open and will continue to be published; applications have been reviewed and interviews have been held.

CEMETERY BOARD – Jim Pfeiffer and Bob Volker present. Pfeiffer suggested Jim Peterson replace Dominic Martacho on the Park Hill Cemetery Board for a term of five years. Council Member Gigstad moved to approve Peterson as a member on the Cemetery Board, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on a bid from Baragary for concreting the Park Hill Cemetery driveways. The Cemetery Board has adjusted expenses allocated in the Cemetery's current budget in order to allow for the project to be paid out of the Cemetery General budget. Council Member Britton moved to adjust the Cemetery's budget and allocate these items to allocate to Capital Expense items and to approve Baragary's bid of \$8600.00 to redo three entrances and a path, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: none.

Pfeiffer and Volker inquired on getting the lot line extended on the north end of Park Hill Cemetery in order to place a sign in that location. Discussion was had. The Cemetery Board will flag the desired area for Stilmock to proceed with speaking with the state. Pfeiffer will send a picture of the sign to Stilmock.

RESCUE REPORT – Tim Wilson presented an update regarding the new rig. A final rig adjustment has been done as well as an updated quote is expected. Some items initially on the plans have been removed, these will help offset the possible increased quote. An approximate down payment is expected to be around \$25,000.00.

Wilson discussed the upcoming anniversary for the Rescue Squad and the events being planned. Mayor Ortiz would like to donate one month of his Mayor's salary for the fundraising events the Rescue Squad is kicking off in May.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Jeff Vogt present. Vogt opened his discussion with a bid for curbs along the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and also the east side of Thorne Street up to the alley. The curb work will coordinate with the sidewalk replacement also at this location. The new sidewalk will extend all the way up to the Pharmacy. Council member Britton moved to approve the bid amount up to but not to exceed \$18,000.00, Dettmer seconded: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Wastewater Certification for Utility Employee Mitch Stubbendick. Council Member Britton moved to award a \$.25 hourly pay increase, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval to pay 2017 NMPP Value Support Plan. Clerk Farmer explained the Value Support Plan and scope of services. \$200.00 will be refunded as the Bank The Statement Reconciliation program has not been utilized in over a year. Council Member Britton moved to approve the Value Support Plan in the amount of \$5,184.00, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Henke. Nays: none.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Syracuse Streambank Stability Assessment. Attorney Stilmock setting up a meeting to include Randy Peterson, Jeff Vogt and others for first week in April, he will report back.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on the Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25 Campaign, Christa Reisdorff and SDA FBLA members Madaline Werner and Megan Wallman present. FBLA has made a flier for the sign campaign explaining the purpose and pricing for the signs. This project will be presented at the FBLA

Leadership Conference in Omaha. Mayor Ortiz offered to donate towards a sign on behalf of the Ortiz family. Nine posts will be purchased and installed by the Utilities department. Property owners offering to allow a sign to be placed on their property will be required to sign an agreement; Attorney Stilmock and Reisdorff will work on this.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Love's Travel Stop checklist concerning Agreement for Development of Infrastructure and Cost-Recovery. Attorney Stilmock explained this is a continued discussion from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Council meeting. Stilmock is suggesting having a meeting with one or two Council members to work out the details and then bring back to the Council at a later meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on Syracuse Business Center Accounting of Fees Payable. Attorney Stilmock has been in communication with Randy Sump presenting a claim to Sump in the amount of \$13,011.00. Mayor Ortiz is concerned this discussion is affecting forward movement of the Welcome to Syracuse sign, Stilmock said in his opinion yes. Stilmock explained the proposed ground for the sign has a couple of options to move forward. Surveyor Schmitz will not perform a survey over an easement. The first option is if the 30' x 16' plot is owned by the City, the City could vacate the easement. Another option is the City lease the property from Sump. Mayor Ortiz suggested Stilmock move forward with the lease. Vogt will research solar lighting for the signs. Regarding the Accounting of Fees Payable, it was suggested to continue the discussion to Closed Session at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on the 2017 Easter Egg Hunt at Williams Park on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. The hunt is sponsored by the Syracuse SnoFlakers and the Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Gigstad moved to approve the use of Williams Park for the 2017 Easter Egg Hunt, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: none.

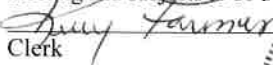
Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on street closings for German Fest held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Rhae Werner of the German Fest committee presented a map for the Mayor and Council. Werner noted no changes have been made to the layout of the street closings from 2016 German Fest. Council Member Henke moved to approve the street closings on July 8<sup>th</sup> for German Fest, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer, Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on application and fee in regards to Ordinance No. 1015 to control access onto streets and highways within jurisdiction of City. Attorney Stilmock explained there are two resolutions, one for the application and the other for the fee associated with the application. Council Member Britton moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-10 approving the application pertaining to Ordinance No. 1015, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Gigstad, Britton. Nays: none. Council Member Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-11 approving the application fee of \$100.00, Henke seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Gigstad, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion on approval of Electricians and Plumbers for 2017-2018. Clerk Farmer provided a list of those who have turned in applications. Council Member Britton approved those on the list, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: none. A list of Plumbers and Electricians is kept current at City Hall.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Britton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M., Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Gigstad, Dettmer, Henke, 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.

  
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