

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2015

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on June 10, 2015 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Present were Interim Mayor & Council member Henke, Council members Dettmer and Britton. Absent were Mayor Ortiz and Council member Gigstad. 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. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Treasurer's report was not available at this time. Peggy Kuser, Treasurer, was not in attendance. Council member Britton made the motion to approve the following claims, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

AFLAC	591.72
Aqua-Chem, Inc.	533.74
Awards Unlimited, Inc.	175.14
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	1,523.60
Baragary Construction, Inc.	15,560.00
Big Red Drainage Pipe Supply, Inc.	592.52
Bockmann Inc.	550.00
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	2,278.25
Cardmember Service	1,793.90
City of Syracuse	1,042.86
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	268.23
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	206.40
Demco	59.62
DHHS Engineering Services Program	178.00
Dutton Lainson Co.	591.61
Eakes Office Plus	42.59
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	3,718.74
Environmental Analysis South, Inc.	30.00
Falls City Mercantile	550.20
Farmers' Cooperative	13.60
Farner-Bocken Company	298.80
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	521.86
Hank's Garage	186.17
Hawkins, Inc.	286.03
HD Supply Waterworks, LTD	402.81
Hein Construction Co.	11,153.76
Ingram Library Services	466.09
J & S Floors	4,252.56
Jason LaFollette	301.92
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	4,620.50
Kreifels Concrete	240.00
Kriz Davis Co.	541.39
Kurt Kastens Electric	45.00
Langfeldt Overhead Door Inc.	214.00
Lincoln Journal Star	86.00
Martin Marietta Aggregates	399.23
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	75.25
Micro Marketing Assoc.	15.29
Midwest Farmers Cooperative	96.14
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	99.11
Municipal Supply Inc. of NE	6,462.30

Mc2 Inc.	1,946.90
Nebraska City Utilities	536.68
NE Public Health Env. Lab.	48.00
NMC Exchange LLC	871.33
Omaha Public Power District	100,840.23
One Call Concepts, Inc.	33.60
Papillion Sanitation	424.35
Peggy Kuser CPA	850.00
Pepsi Cola of Lincoln	1,437.40
Petty Cash Parks & Rec.	**VOID**
Ron Ross	440.00
Saint Jude Hospice	294.95
Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank	210.50
JH Sporhase LLC	784.33
Stutheit Implement	592.34
Subsurface Solutions	4,247.60
Synchrony Bank/Amazon	391.28
Syracuse Do It Best	814.14
Syracuse High School Journalism	212.93
Syracuse Iron Works	1,252.20
Syracuse Lumber Co.	988.64
Syracuse Motor Supply	118.09
Syracuse Town & Country	67.95
Syracuse Vet. Service	124.68
Syracuse Volunteer Fire Dept.	781.30
T & R Electric Supply Co., Inc.	1,409.25
Terry's Family Foods	1,251.22
The Added Touch	123.50
Turf Supply Company, Inc.	640.00
United Healthcare	14,046.03
Verizon Wireless	**VOID**
Western Area Power Administration	2,213.43
Westover Rock & Sand	782.85
Windstream	1,579.99
WriteTime Communications	361.47
Otoe County	15,000.00
Roy Bretthorst	53.80
John Palmtag	100.00
Combined Revenue Bonds P & I	26,250.00
Hach	69.38
Kent Antes	2700.00
Darold Grundman	200.00
Dana Anderson	1,050.00
Verizon Wireless	357.44
FirstBank of Nebraska	50.00
Jason LaFollette	1,279.18
US Postal Service	114.00
Todd Aksamit	146.08
Peggy Hobscheidt	285.10
U.S. Post Office	326.01
Dairy Chef	34.50
Todd Aksamit	1,799.75
Susan Antes	1,346.57
Kelsea Bayliss	903.18
Carolyn Bremer	183.87
Roy Bretthorst	274.31
Alan Britton	161.61
Garry Carman	3983.67
Deborah Dettmer	161.61
Kelly Farmer	2,288.29

Alfred Gigstad	161.61
Carol Graham	92.35
Eldon Halm	115.44
Derek Harms	1,867.42
Kristina Henke	161.61
Peggy Hobscheidt	5,252.63
Karen Kimpel	210.55
Jason LaFollette	1,982.97
Carol Linquist	115.44
Mark Moerer	1,793.15
Chiona Morris	1,907.72
Morgan Mueller	844.09
Shayna Murrell	1,870.75
Debra Niedermeyer	969.23
Cassandra Oestmann	33.25
Tomas Ortiz	461.75
Marcia Scheinost	115.44
Julie Slafter	1,436.38
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Tim Stilmock	574.25
Mitchell Stubbendick	2,156.43
Jeffery Vogt	2,901.08
Timothy Wilson	115.44
Dale Young	647.14
Mariah Yunker	583.32
Mikayla Zahn	318.85
Samantha Young	418.37
Gabrielle Williams	254.54
Anna Rippe	650.82
Sydney Paden	5.20
Hunter Paden	76.19
Allison Mead	591.86
Alex Johnson	351.59
Katherine Mahar	197.40
Emily Isaacs	332.46
Eli Dettmer	308.52
Erin Hunzeker	187.47
Erika Hunzeker	332.12
Lacy Christians	435.35
Kerstin Barrett	199.19

**SHERIFF REPORT** – Report presented by Chief Deputy Mike Holland. There were 59 calls in May, 17 being Rescue calls. Chief Deputy Holland also reported how he logs the coverage hours as well as the man-power hours. Council member Dettmer inquired if there was a requirement for helmet use in the city's atv/utv ordinance. Deputy Holland and Attorney Stilmock explained helmet use is not a requirement for operation of an atv/utv according to the city's ordinance.

**LIBRARY REPORT** – Report presented by Librarian Sue Antes. Librarian Antes reported that the new summer book club will start July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Children's summer reading program now has 107 children enrolled along with 18 volunteer helpers. The library received a \$150.00 grant from Apple Valley Reading. Thursday library circulation reviewed; Librarian Antes asked when Thursday hours will be discussed again. Attorney Stilmock suggested the subject be discussed during the budget hearings held in July as the additional hours do affect the Library budget.

**SWIMMING POOL AND PROGRAMS REPORT** – Rec Coordinator Murrell presented bids for a new diving board for the Syracuse Aqua Center as one of the boards is cracked and needs replaced. The lowest bid is \$1,929.99. Council member Britton moves to purchase a new diving board at the price stated in the minutes, Henke second. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: None.

Rec Coordinator Murrell discussed the need for a new Aqua Center sign. One of the signs is rotted and un-repairable while the other has missing letters and numbers. The current signs were purchased through Writetime Communications; replacement costs from Writetime for the new sign and letters/numbers for the second sign were given. Kristy said she may have a donor for a new sign so she will be following up with Shayna within the next couple weeks.

Rec Coordinator Murrell asked permission to make Friday evenings and Sundays be available for private pool parties. There have been requests to have additional time allotted for this purpose as almost every Saturday evening has already been booked. Prior postings need to be placed on website, Parks and Rec facebook page and at the pool since the pool is closed to the public during scheduled parties. Murrell recommends starting with adding Friday evenings. Council member Dettmer adds only scheduling one Friday a month for now.

Rec Coordinator Murrell updated that t-ball has begun and a tournament is scheduled at the end of June. Softball and baseball tournaments are scheduled at the Syracuse Sports Complex for the upcoming weeks. A donation of \$7,000.00 was presented to the Parks and Rec Department from the Live Like Addie Annual Walk/Run for the purchase of dugout covers at the complex. Park Manager Aksamit presented a bid of \$3800 per field for dugout covers; this donation will allow for two fields to receive the covers with additional approximate \$600.00 being covered by the City. The Council told Aksamit to move forward with the purchase of the covers.

PARK REPORT – Park Manager Aksamit discussed the bike/walk path out to the sports complex brought up at the last month's meeting and the prospect of donors having a name stamped in brick(s). During the May council meeting, Mayor Ortiz had explained a possible donation toward a bridge and/or trail for a bike/walk path. Aksamit will follow up with Mayor Ortiz regarding this. Aksamit also looking over prior blue prints for a possible bike/walk path from when the complex was constructed and report back to the Council.

Complex playground repairs have been completed and it is now open to the public. Concern over the net ripping was discussed, Attorney Stilmock looking into a possible warranty for the netting.

Park Manager Aksamit told Council two poles needed to be repaired at Williams Park due to vandalism. This has put Aksamit at his budget limit for pole repairs for the year. Aksamit filed a report with Sheriff's Dept. City Clerk Farmer looking into if these are covered by insurance.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Report presented by Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Vogt.

Four closed bids for the utility bucket truck opened by Attorney Stilmock. Tom Haverkamp had the high bid of \$4,501.00. Council member Britton moved to accept the bid of \$4,501.00 for the sale of the surplus bucket truck, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: None. Superintendent Vogt will take care of contacting Mr. Haverkamp.

Council member Dettmer made the motion to approve Pay Application No. Two for Highway 50 Water Main Replacement for K-2 Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,983.02, second by Britton. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Superintendent Vogt led discussion on Midland Street Asphalt Overlay. Vogt presented JEO engineering fee proposal for resurfacing streets from Midland from 6th Street, moving north approximately eight blocks. Vogt clarifies this project would begin in 2016. Council member Britton moved to approve JEO proposal for construction management services of \$24,800.00, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Superintendent Vogt asked the question if obtaining additional certification provides for an individual's pay increase. Council member Britton recommends Vogt write up a brief recommendation to be used for the employee to explain the progress. This can be used in the evaluation process for the step plan. Britton suggests these to be completed by budget time.

Superintendent Vogt submitted four skid steer quotes from CAT, Kan Equip, Stutheit Implement and Keim Equipment. CAT was the low bid. City currently has a CAT and has been a good machine. The skid steer is used mostly for snow removal. Council member Britton moved to trade in old skid steer

and select the lowest bid price of \$24,950.00 for purchase of new CAT, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS –

During the May council meeting, Council member Britton made the motion to continue the public hearing at the concerning the following-described real estate: Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) W & S of Railroad Right-of-Way and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), Section Twenty-two (22), Range Eight (8), Township Eleven (11), Otoe County, Nebraska to change the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map from Transitional Agricultural to Light Industrial, public hearing on application for a change of zoning designation for the following-described real estate: Southwest Quarter (SW¼) W & S of Railroad Right-of-Way and Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), Section Twenty-two (22), Range Eight (8), Township Eleven (11), Otoe County, Nebraska from TA-1 Transitional Agricultural to I-1 Light Industrial and to Change the official zoning map and public hearing on application for a conditional use permit pursuant to Syracuse Municipal Zoning Code Section 5.13.03.04 grain storage and elevators on the following-described real estate: Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) W & S of Railroad Right-of-way and Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), Section Twenty-two (22), Range Eight (8), Township Eleven (11), Otoe County, Nebraska until the July 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke, Gigstad. Nays: None.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock led discussion on renovation plans and lease agreement with Mt. Moriah Lodge for meeting room. Stilmock stated the he spoke with an attorney affiliated with the lodge and the lodge is currently discussing their options. Attorney Stilmock will continue to be in contact with the representative for the lodge to determine what the lodge's plans are and will report back to the Council at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Keith Berg present to lead discussion regarding 4<sup>th</sup> Street neighborhood cat issue. Berg submitted a timeline to the Council starting in spring of 2014 showing problems and steps taken by Berg trying to resolve the wild cat nuisances. Berg would like to see enforcement of the city Ordinance. Council member Britton suggests the city visit with the Sheriff's department and look into the costs for a pet exterminator. Upon review of the costs and discussion with the Sheriff's department, the city will see what options are available.

Interim Mayor and Council member Henke leads discussion on manager application for Joni Petersen, B&B Pump N Go. Council member Britton moved to approve the application for liquor license for Joni Petersen, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: None.

Darren Allen of Triple D Saloon present to lead discussion on 2015 Germanfest beer garden sdl request for times of 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm on July 11, 2015. Council member Dettmer moved to approve liquor license for Triple D Saloon for July 11, 2015 Germanfest, Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Darren Allen of Triple D Saloon present to lead discussion on sdl request for beer garden at Otoe County Fair. Council member Britton moved to approve liquor license for Triple D Saloon for beer garden at Otoe County fair for the dates of July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

Darren Allen of Triple D Saloon present to lead discussion on sdl request for Al Hillman fundraiser at Fair Center and parking lot of Fair Center for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Council member Dettmer moved to approve Triple D Saloon sdl request for fundraiser at Fair Center and parking lot on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, second by Britton. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Britton, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Interim Mayor and Council member Henke opened the public hearing on application for Community Development Block Grant Funds – Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program. Lisa Beethe of SENDD explained.

Interim Mayor & Council member Henke closed the public hearing.

Council member Britton made the motion to adopt RESOLUTION 15-09: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Lisa Beethe, SENDD, explained the Housing Program Guidelines and ReUse Plan. Council member Dettmer moved to approve the Housing Program Guidelines and ReUse Plan , Britton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Dettmer, Britton. Nays: None.

Lisa Beethe, SENDD, explained Lead-Based Paint Procedure. Council member Dettmer moved to approve the Lead-Based Paint Procedure for CDBG funds, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Lisa Beethe, SENDD, discusses the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Syracuse and Syracuse Housing Authority for the completion of an environmental review. This allows for reimbursement from Housing Authority to the City for all costs. Council member Britton moves to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Syracuse and Syracuse Housing Authority for the completion of an environmental review, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Henke, Britton. Nays: None.

Lisa Beethe, SENDD, explains the contract between the City of Syracuse and SENDD to complete environmental review for the housing authority. The City pays SENDD and gets reimbursed by Housing Authority. Council member Dettmer moved to accept the contract between the City of Syracuse and SENDD to complete environmental review, second by Britton. Roll Call: Yeas: Britton, Henke, Dettmer. Nays: None.

Clerk Farmer reads the yearly renewal of plumbers and electricians licenses. Council member Britton moved to approve Barrett Construction Company for plumbers license for the City of Syracuse, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Britton, Henke. Nays: None.

Attorney Stilmock explained the condition of nuisance property stating the asbestos removal certificate has been received and the City is waiting until August to move forward.

Attorney Stilmock had no further information regarding legislative action, taxes and budget.

Council member Britton made the motion to adjourn at 7:39 P.M., second by Henke. 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.

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City Clerk

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Mayor