

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2013

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on June 17, 2013 for their regular meeting in Council Chambers at 495 Midland Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz, Council members Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer and Henke. 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.

Stephanie DeGrott of Burr & Associates presented the Treasurer's report. Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the following claims, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

AFLAC	469.86
Allied Refuse Services	422.79
Aqua-Chem, Inc.	2,723.62
Aramark Uniform Service	134.22
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	2,098.98
Baragary Construction, Inc.	3,330.00
Ben Steele	100.00
Birds & Bloom	19.98
Blaine Reed	245.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	46.13
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	1,964.27
Brenda Anderson	42.50
Burr & Associates	525.00
Caleb Frede	23.09
Cardmember Service	2,421.95
Carol Linquist	62.15
Cassi Rippe	60.00
CHAMPVA	794.08
City of Syracuse	853.84
Combined Revenue Bonds Pri. & Int.	16,220.00
Creighton University	20.00
David Partsch	100.00
Davidson Electric	339.91
Dept. of Health & Human Services	31.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co.	47.80
Double Day	244.83
Dearborn National Life Ins. Co.	192.64
Dutton Lainson Co.	690.69
Emmilie Kosiba	60.00
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	2,093.93
Enerspect Medical Solutions, LLC	3,213.01
Environmental Analysis South, Inc.	37.00
Falls City Mercantile	35.73
Farmers' Cooperative	1,563.74
Farmer-Bocken	442.05
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	70.43
Fire Protection Service	50.00
Fireguard, Inc.	320.16
Foremost Promotions	1,794.65
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	233.61
GE Money Bank/Amazon	139.56
Gloria Richman	125.00
Good Housekeeping	7.87

Good Samaritan Centr	470.81
Goracke, Ritterbush & Piotrowski, LLP	13,400.00
Grainger	538.32
Gregg Zahn	7,050.00
Hach	506.47
Hank's	52.50
Hawkin's	334.96
Hemje Plumbing & Heating	130.00
Image Trend, Inc.	500.00
Ingram Library Services	254.07
Int. Institute of Municipal Clerks	170.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	4,085.00
Julie Slafter	156.16
Ken Aden	50.00
Kenzi Voorhees	25.00
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	325.54
Kriz Davis Company	862.65
Liberty National Life Ins. Company	24.00
Little League Baseball	119.60
Martin Marietta Aggregates	343.38
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	90.46
Micro Marketing Assoc.	31.48
Mid-Continent Safety	189.62
Midwest Farmers Cooperative	141.00
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	146.68
Moore Medical Corp.	435.08
Morgan Mueller	200.00
NE DOL/Boiler Inspection Program	61.00
Nebraska City Utilities	308.41
Omaha Public Power District	112,262.87
One Call Concepts, Inc.	15.50
Otoe County	13,333.35
Pepsi Cola of Lincoln	384.20
Preceptor Tau	267.95
Percival Culligan Water	17.45
Petty Cash	88.98
Petty Cash Parks & Rec.	700.00
Pollardwater.com	179.85
Quality Fence Company	1,168.42
Petty Cash Park & Rec.	350.00
Sam's Club/GECRB	297.90
SE Nebraska Development District	1,651.00
Sharon Morrow	42.41
Signs Now	270.88
JH Sporhase LLC	69.15
St. Paulinus Catholic Church	1,449.66
Stutheit Impl.	109.72
Syracuse Do It Best	1,061.45
Syracuse Iron Works	301.47
Syracuse Lumber Co.	1,087.57
Syracuse Motor Supply	527.42
Sryacuse Shur-Save	47.03
Syracuse Vet. Service	82.85
Syracuse Vol. Fire Department	961.00
Tennant Sales & Service Company	257.41
Terry's Family Foods	1,587.69
The Penworthy Company	29.96
Tim Antes	10.37
Town & Country Pharmacy	13.15

Turf Supply Company	750.00
United Healthcare	11,167.13
US Postal Service	106.00
Verrizon Wireless	148.51
Windsteam	1,372.65
Western Area Power Administration	2,213.43
Western Sand & Gravel Co.	81.04
Westover Rock & Sand	1,020.91
Write Time Communications	460.22
Julie Slafter	574.35
Dawn Maier	50.00
NWEA	60.00
US Postal Service	138.00
US Postal Service	306.00
Todd Aksamit	1,909.39
Shayna Aksamit	655.16
Susan Antes	1,268.74
Carolyn Bremer	182.70
Roy Bretthorst	645.25
Charles Bjork	406.07
Connor Bohlken	435.37
Allison Brinkman	487.65
Garry Carman	2,530.02
Deborah Dettmer	92.35
Kelly Farmer	1,776.16
Raymond Fuller	272.29
Eldon Halm	115.44
Eldon Halm	1,825.34
Kristina Henke	92.35
Peggy Hobscheidt	1,699.94
Samantha Hoppe	119.77
Emily Isaaca	108.38
Julie Isaacs	486.53
Alex Johnson	222.40
Karen Kimpel	20.08
Jason LaFollette	1,884.13
Carol Linquist	115.44
Chris Lutjemeyer	92.35
Lynn Lyon	92.35
Katherine Mahar	642.78
Allison Mead	302.36
Linda Merritt	92.35
David Moss	903.70
Cassandra Oestmann	203.55
Tomas Ortiz	369.40
Connor Orchard	239.65
Hunter Paden	188.99
Sydney Paden	239.99
Christopher Parde	223.82
Kenneth Parde	115.44
Anna Rippe	205.99
Blayne Roberts	918.09
Julie Slafter	1,393.12
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Benjamin Steele	1,304.31
Mitchell Stilmock	83.03
Sam Varney	188.31
Jeffery Vogt	2,253.96
Timothy Wilson	115.44

Dale Young
Samantha Young
Michelle Zahn
Makayla Zahn
Savannah Zimmer

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SHERIFF REPORT – Report presented by Chief Deputy Mike Holland. There were 95 calls in May, 30 being Rescue calls. Deputy Holland stated that there were two more commercial break-ins and that two separate groups were involved and arrested.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report presented by Recreation Coordinator Ben Steele. Coordinator Steele reported that the football camp will be held at the Complex on June 19 – 21, 2013. Steele has put a sign up sheet for drivers for the golf cart at Sports Complex on City website and will also put on a driver’s schedule.

Carolyn Gigstad appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss the playground equipment at the Ball Complex. Mrs. Gigstad reported that the rubber surface will be poured on June 18th and will need three days to set. They will be back filling in around the surface and pouring the concrete for the poles. Mrs. Gigstad asked the Mayor and Council for permission to open the playground before the netting is installed, Mayor and Council agreed.

Michelle Zahn, Swimming Pool Manager, appeared before Mayor and Council to review operations at the swimming pool. Mrs. Zahn reported that several repairs have been made at the pool, including water leak on water slide and four deck hydrants and replacement of outdoor water fountain. Other repairs needed are bulk acid tank over drums, retexture of bath house flooring, repair and painting of pool and update signage for mechanical/chemical rooms.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Report presented by Superintendent of Public Works Garry Carman. Carman informed Mayor and Council that JEO Consulting Group, Inc. recommends award of contract for 2012 – 2013 Water Transmission Main project to Judd Brothers Construction Co. in the amount of \$136,389.00.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve contract with Judd Brothers Construction Company for 2012 – 2013 Water Transmission Main project in the amount of \$136,389.00, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer. Nays: None.

Superintendent Carman reviewed with Mayor and Council the water and sewer rate information study prepared by Randy Hellbusch of Nebraska Rural Water Association. Superintendent Carman recommends that the City adopt the suggested water rate increase of \$15.25 per month plus \$2.10 per 1,000 for the first 10,000 gallons. Superintendent Carman would also like to add the water tower maintenance fee of \$3.00 per month as a line item on the bill.

The sewer rate increase recommendation is \$16.00 per month plus \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons.

Mayor and Council agree to the recommendations and City Attorney Stilmock will draw up ordinances for July meeting.

Superintendent Carman stated that he has completed interviews for the utility position and would like to hire the individual who has his Journeyman license. Superintendent Carman questioned on what the salary for the new employee would be. The previous individual in the position also had a journeyman license and was making \$16.15 per hour.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve salary for new utility worker at \$16.15 per hour, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: None.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock informed Mayor and Council that he has reviewed the agreement between the City and Great Plains Communications for easement for the installation, construction, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of fiber optic cable along, over and under City Right-of-way. City Attorney Stilmock stated that he recommends that Mayor Ortiz sign agreement.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve Mayor Ortiz to sign agreement between City and Great Plains Communication for easement to bury optic cable on City Right-of-way, second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer. Nays: None.

Keith Compton appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss dog park/run west of Sports Complex. Mr. Compton informed Mayor and Council that he had obtained fence estimates from Menards & Lowes. Mayor Ortiz thanked Mr. Compton for his efforts.

Mayor and Council reviewed the map of the beer garden for Germanfest. The area is basically the same as last year, with the exception of The Beer Stein not being included in the beer garden. Council member Lyon made the motion to approve the map of the beer garden for Germanfest on July 13, 2013, second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. Nays: None.

John Trecek of Ameritas Investment Corp. appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss and review the documents for the 2013 Combined Revenue Bond issue. The bond funds will pay for the underground electrical and the water main transmission line projects. The issue is for \$570,000.00 over fifteen years. The interest rates start at .400% and ending with 3.500%.

Council member Lyon introduced Ordinance No. 923 entitled: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED REVENUE BONDS, 2013 SERIES, OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$570,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMBINED UTILITIES OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUES AND EARNINGS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, THE WATERWORKS PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT AND SYSTEM OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; ENTERING INTO A CONTACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Lutjemeyer seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Lutjemeyer moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Henke. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 923 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The

passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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

Cheryl Halvorsen appeared before Mayor and Council on behalf of the Syracuse Soccer Club. Mrs. Halvorsen stated that due to the drought last year, the condition of the grass on the soccer fields does not allow for playing of games. Mrs. Halvorsen stated that there are over 160 children playing soccer.

Mrs. Halvorsen has received three estimates for irrigation for the soccer fields. T & A Turf and Irrigation - \$10,800, Pioneer Underground - \$14,205.77 and Landscapes Unlimited, LLC - \$17,505.77. The quotes for grading and seeding on the fields were T & A Turf & Irrigation - \$29,500 and Landscapes Unlimited, LLC - \$39,000. The materials would be approximately \$9,294.23.

Mrs. Halvorsen will be contacting local contractors hoping to get help with the grading at a reduced rate or donated services.

Council member Lyon made the motion to donate \$12,000 of Elmer Stillahn Memorial Funds for soccer field improvements, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. Nays: None.

Mayor Ortiz stated that he would donate one month salary to soccer field improvements.

Mayor and Council requested that Mrs. Halvorsen keep them informed on status of the soccer field improvements.

Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing on application on preliminary and final plat of the following described real estate: A subdivision of the north 165 feet of the east 290 feet of Lot Twelve (12), Block B, 7th Addition to the City of Syracuse, Otoe County, Nebraska.

Bruce Meyer is subdividing the property into three lots and will be building houses on the property. The subdivision has been approved by the Syracuse Planning Commission.

Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing.

Council member Lutjemeyer introduced Ordinance No. 924 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA ACCEPTING AND APPROVING PARK STREET SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE FEET (N 165') OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED NINETY FEET (E 290') OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK B, 7TH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Lyon seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the City Council, and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title, and thereafter Council member Lyon moved for final passage of the ordinance which motion was seconded by Council member Henke. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 924 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Lyon, Dettmer

Lutjemeyer, Henke. The following Council members voted NAY: None. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

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City Attorney Stilmock reviewed with Mayor and Council the ordinance to change the hours of selling alcohol from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. The ordinance extends hours seven days a week.

Council member Lyon introduced Ordinance No. 925 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS THAT ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, INCLUDING BEER, MAY BE SOLD; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The ordinance was read by title by City Attorney Stilmock, whereupon, Council member Lyon moved that said ordinance be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to. Council member Lutjemeyer seconded this motion. After discussion, the Mayor put the question and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted yea: Lyon, Lutjemeyer. The following voted Nay: Henke, Dettmer.

The ordinance failed upon its first reading.

Mayor Ortiz informed Mayor and Council that the Cemetery Board would like to sell the John Deere mower. The mower is no longer used, as the mowing of the cemetery is under contract.

Mayor and Council agreed to keep the mower and use it in other areas of the City, especially in the Parks.

Council member Lyon made the motion to approve Jason Krauss as new member to the Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. Nays: None.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Otoe County Agricultural Society for wedding anniversary at the Fair Center on August 3, 2013, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None

Council member Lyon made the motion to approve the proposal from Goracke, Ritterbush & Piotrowski, LLP for preparation of the 2013 – 2014 budget documents in the amount of \$3,200.00, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

Mayor Ortiz stated that after review and conferences with web designers, Right Eye Digital of Lincoln and Civic Plus located in Kansas. Mayor Ortiz recommends that the City proceed and enter into a contact with Right Eye Digital. The cost of website design and development is \$3,800 with an annual hosting/support/help cost of \$1,800. Mayor Ortiz stated that Right Eye Digital will be available for support and help with problems during office hours.

Council member Lyon made the motion to enter into a contact with Right Eye Digital for website design and development in the amount of \$3,800 with annual fee of \$1,800,

second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: None.

City Attorney Stilmock stated that he that not received a proposal from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for annexation study.

Mayor Ortiz will write a letter to Time Werner asking what needs to be done to get Time Werner to consider providing cable service for Syracuse.

City Attorney Stilmock stated that the Judge has issued an application for contempt citation on the Lucas Staack property. Mayor Ortiz requested that City Attorney Stilmock proceed with legal action for the removal of parked cars in the front yard of the Wayne Snyder property.

Council member Henke made the motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M., second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. 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.


City Clerk


Mayor