

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 16, 2013

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on December 16, 2013 for their regular meeting in Council Chambers at 495 Midland Street. Present were Mayor Ortiz, Council members Lyon, Dettmer, Henke and Lutjemeyer. 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 presented by Peggy Kuser, City Treasurer. Council member Lyon made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the following claims, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: None.

AFLAC	469.86
Allied Refuse Services	452.79
Aramark Uniform Services	117.18
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	645.86
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Ben Steele	100.00
Baragary Construction, Inc.	300.00
Barco Municipal Products	68.14
BC Meyer Construction	92.11
Big Red Drainage Pipe Supply, Inc.	134.34
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	1,215.00
Breadeaux Pizza	84.09
Burr's Leisure Lake	120.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	43.13
Cardmember Service	1,752.46
Carol Linquist	25.71
City of Syracuse	962.76
CMH	834.00
Combined Revenue Bonds Pri. & Int.	16,220.00
D & D Communications, Inc.	118.80
Dana Anderson	1,100.00
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	38.43
David Partsch	100.00
Delvin Antholz	1,500.00
Demco	74.40
Displays Sales	141.70
Dearborn National Life Insurance	202.96
Double Day	150.25
Dutton Lainson Co.	5,460.72
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	2,299.37
Environmental Analysis South, Inc.	52.00
Family Circle Magazine	9.99
Farmers Cooperative	1,352.94
Fire Protection Service	208.00
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	109.61
GE Money Bank/Amazon	352.86
Gregg Zahn	2,570.00
Hank's Garage	767.40
Hemje's Plumbing & Heating	285.00
Ingram Library Services	163.75
Interstate All Battery Center	89.76
J & S Floors	65.00
Jason LaFollette	366.71

JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	3,626.25
Kastens Ford, LTD	234.21
Kay Anderson	200.00
Keim Farm Equipment	2.65
Kent Antes	2,700.00
Kerford Limestone	363.58
Kriz-Davis Company	358.32
Liberty National Life Ins. Company	24.00
Magazine Processing Center	12.66
Meyer's Body Shop	40.00
Micro Marketing Assoc.	44.97
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	816.55
Mike's Window Service, LLC	149.10
Moore Medical Corp.	407.68
Municipal Service & Supply	442.60
Nebraska City Utilities	824.90
NE Public Health Environmental Lab.	93.00
NE Municipal Power Pool	4,550.00
North Central EMS Corporation	75.00
Omaha Public Power District	107,289.34
One Call Concepts, Inc.	15.90
Orchard Hill Farms, Inc.	400.00
Otoe County	15,000.00
Peggy Hobscheidt	286.81
Peggy Kuser, CPA	595.00
Percival Culligan Water	34.35
Petty Cash	21.91
Pioneer Underground Sprinkler	770.00
Ron Rosenthal	200.00
Roy Bretthorst	53.80
Sam's Club	17.78
Sharon Morrow	5.46
Stutheit Implement	53.54
Sue Antes	26.75
Subway	85.20
Syracuse Do It Best	264.01
Syracuse Do It Best	26.07
Syracuse Do It Best	152.19
Syracuse Do It Best	9.30
Syracuse Lumber Co.	38.43
Syracuse Motor Supply	692.21
Syracuse Vol. Fire Dept.	45.00
Terry's Family Foods	221.61
The Added Touch	32.50
Tim Antes	7.47
Tim Parde	11.18
Tim Wilson	19.58
Tri-State Office Products	19.99
Trugreen	1,052.22
Turf Supply Company, Inc.	630.00
United Healthcare	13,478.36
US Postal Service	44.00
Verizon Wireless	231.72
Windsteam	1,366.56
Western Area Power Administration	3,587.75
Western Sand & Gravel Co.	168.15
Utility Service Co., Inc.	76,067.00
Utilities Section League	350.00
US Postal Service	307.66

Todd Aksamit	1,857.65
Susan Antes	1,429.81
Carolyn Bremer	183.03
Roy Bretthorst	108.51
Garry Carman	2,745.47
Deborah Dettmer	92.35
Kelly Farmer	1,752.79
Carol Graham	92.35
Eldon Halm	115.44
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Peggy Hobscheidt	2,107.81
Karen Kimpel	20.08
Jason LaFollette	1,950.35
Carol Linqvist	115.44
Chris Lutjemeyer	92.35
Lynn Lyon	92.35
Katherine Mahar	13.51
Allison Mead	14.43
Cassandra Oestmann	20.08
Tomas Ortiz	369.40
Sydney Paden	14.43
Christopher Parde	115.44
Kenneth Parde	115.44
Julie Slafter	1,398.37
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Benjamin Steele	1,381.24
Mitchell Stubbendick	2,076.34
Jeffery Vogt	2,317.40
Timothy Wilson	115.44
H. Makayla Zahn	12.00
H. Michelle Zahn	35.65

SHERIFF REPORT – Report presented by Chief Deputy Mike Holland. There were 75 calls in November, 33 being Rescue calls. Chief Deputy Holland submitted a monthly report log showing the base coverage and manpower hours for the last three weeks of November and first month of December.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Coordinator Steele reported that tumbling will be held on January 11th and 18th and February 1st and 8th. There are currently 80 children enrolled in the program.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Report presented by Superintendent of Public Works Garry Carman. Superintendent Carman stated that he had obtained cost of installing poles and wire to keep vehicles off the soccer fields. The cost of the posts alone is \$3,500. Superintendent Carman will be complying a cost of the project and will bring information to next meeting.

Superintendent Carman stated that the current bucket truck needs to be replaced. He will be advertising for bids for a used bucket truck.

Discussion on cable television franchise fee and pole attachment agreement with Zito Midwest, LLC. was tabled until the January 15, 2014 meeting.

Holly Armagost appeared before Mayor and Council for an update on water problems on Ash Street in East View 1st Addition. Mrs. Armagost stated that she did receive the completed report from John Peterson of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. and did pass it along to the other residents affected by the water problems.

Mayor Ortiz explained to the residents of Ash Street that the City does not have the funds to complete a project of this nature. The cost of the plan design alone will be approximately \$78,000. The water problem does not just impact the four homes on Ash Street but extends on south to the Nemaha River. Mayor Ortiz stated that this project could possibly cost the City anywhere from \$250,000 to \$350,000 and he could not justify doing the project to the tax payers of Syracuse.

Mayor and Council thanks Mrs. Armagost and the residents for attending the meeting.

Mayor Ortiz requested nominations for Council President. Council member Henke made the motion to nominate Christ Lutjemeyer as Council President, second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: None. Council member Lutjemeyer abstained.

Mayor Ortiz made the following appointments: City Clerk – Peggy Hobscheidt, Superintendent Of Public Works – Garry Carman, City Treasurer – Peggy Kuser, City Physician – Dr. Zak Tempelmeyer, Building & Zoning Inspector – Roy Bretthorst, City Engineer – JEO Consulting Group, Inc., City Street Superintendent – Evan Wickersham and City Attorney – Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom, & Stilmock.

Council member Lyon made the motion to approve the appointments, second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke. Nays: None.

Olie Schavland appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss no parking of south side of 18th Street from Linden to Birch Street. Mr. Schavland stated that there is one pickup truck parking on the street that is causing problems with visibility and snow removal. Mayor Ortiz informed Mr. Schavland that the no parking on 18th Street has been discussed previously and the Mayor and Council decided not to erect no parking signs at that time.

Council member Lutjemeyer stated that he would speak with the resident who is parking on 18th Street and request that they park the vehicle in the driveway. Mr. Schavland thanked the Mayor and Council for their help.

City Attorney Stilmock reviewed with Mayor and Council the changes made in Nebraska State Statue regarding the duties of the Mayor and the adding of the Mayor as a voting member of the Governing Body when the additional vote required to attain the number of votes needed to complete necessary business of the City.

Council member Lyon made the motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO: 936: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND SECTION 1-101 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING CITY MAYOR; SELECTION AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE, 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: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. 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. 936 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer. 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.

Council member Lyon made the motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO: 937: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND SECTION 1-606 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES; PASSAGE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Dettmer seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call on the motion, the following Council members voted YEA: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon, Dettmer. 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 Dettmer. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 937 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Council members voted YEA: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer. 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 is continuing to work to update the City Codes and now has included the updating of the International Building and Electrical Code.

City Attorney Stilmock reported that he will be going to court on the Lucas Staack property on December 24, 2013 and taxes on the Larry Lawton property were purchased by a third party and Attorney Stilmock he trying to find the lender.

Council member Dettmer made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M., second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. 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