

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on February 12, 2014 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.

Council member Henke made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the following claims, second by Lutjemeyer. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

Adam Krecklow	80.00
AFLAC	565.70
Allied Refuse Services	411.82
Allure	10.00
American Legal Publishing Corp.	650.00
American Public Power Assoc.	1,048.81
Aramark Uniform Services	117.18
AW Direct, Inc.	48.92
Awards Unlimited, Inc.	111.40
B & B Pump N Go, Inc.	2,323.83
Ben Steele	100.00
Ben Steele	757.69
Ben Steele	80.00
Benefit Plans, Inc.	298.75
Brandon Essink	42.57
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	2,131.60
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	388.00
Cardmember Service	2,860.02
City of Syracuse	853.60
CMH Medical Center	108.00
Colin Electric	116.92
Combined Revenue Bonds Pri. & Int.	25,000.00
Creative Products Source, Inc.	80.80
D & D Communications, Inc.	99.00
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	151.29
David Partsch	100.00
Dearborn National Life Insurance	202.96
Dept. of Health & Human Services	40.00
Double Day	251.79
Dugan Business Forms	281.33
Dutton Lainson Co.	1,573.30
Electric Specialties Co.	400.00
EMS Billing Services, Inc.	2,575.54
Environmental Analysis South, Inc.	55.00
Farmers Cooperative	8.20
Feld Fire	64.00
Fireguard, Inc.	4,549.45
Fremont National Bank	500.00
Galls	142.99
Garry Carman	81.27
Gatehouse Media Nebraska Holdings, Inc.	282.63
GE Money Bank/amazon	551.97
Guy Brace II	225.00

Hach	92.62
Hank's Garage	197.33
Hawkins's, Inc.	215.11
Heath Sports & Tees	510.00
HGTV Magazine	24.00
Ingram Library Services	132.11
Interstate All Battery Center	42.54
Jason LaFollette	1,797.97
Jason LaFollette	80.00
Jeff Zoller	200.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	260.00
Joseph Reisdorff	6.72
Kenneth Halvorsen	120.91
Krista Sisco	200.00
Kriz-Davis Co.	154.43
Liberty National Life Ins. Company	24.00
Lillie Chambers	277.30
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	93.36
Micah Buller	180.00
Michelle Zoller	200.00
Micro Marketing Assoc.	62.95
Mitchell Stilmock	60.00
Moore Medical Corp.	173.70
Municipal Supply of NE	380.18
Nebraska City Basketball Club	240.00
Nebraska City Utilities	3,216.35
NE Department of Revenue	100.00
Nebraska Life	24.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab.	273.00
NEMSA	570.00
Northern Safety & Industrial	36.63
Omaha Public Power District	124,036.09
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.15
Otoe County	15,000.00
Park Department	60.00
Peggy Hobscheidt	104.79
Peggy Kuser, CPA	595.00
Percival Culligan Water	26.50
Petty Cash	94.40
Positive Promotions, Inc.	42.91
PPES	37.48
Ron Rosenthal	300.00
Roy Bretthorst	53.80
SE Area Clerk's Association	10.00
Smart Apple Media	126.10
JH Sporhase LLC	450.56
Stutheit Implement	30.40
Sue Antes	27.97
Syracuse Do It Best	36.06
Syracuse Do It Best	52.92
Syracuse Do It Best	61.60
Syracuse Foundation	850.00
Syracuse Lumber Co.	68.87
Syracuse Motor Supply	546.69
Syracuse Rescue Squad	150.00
Taste of Home	10.00
Terry's Family Foods	26.47
The Added Touch	32.50

Todd Aksamit	78.08
Tomas Ortiz	157.85
Tree City Tees	16.00
Tri-State Office Products	243.70
Trugreen	494.00
Turner Moore	80.00
United Healthcare	13,602.48
Verizon Wireless	156.06
Verizon Wireless	233.30
Windsteam	1,148.10
Western Area Power Administration	4,134.45
Western Sand & Gravel Co.	277.80
US Postal Service	98.00
US Postal Service	327.02
Todd Aksamit	1,608.23
Susan Antes	1,402.61
Carolyn Bremer	183.03
Roy Bretthorst	176.85
Garry Carman	2,533.53
Deborah Dettmer	92.35
Kelly Farmer	1,667.76
Carol Graham	92.35
Eldon Halm	115.44
Eldon Halm	1,991.38
Peggy Hobscheidt	1,911.86
Karen Kimpel	143.96
Jason LaFollette	1,930.34
Carol Linquist	115.44
Chris Lutjemeyer	92.35
Lynn Lyon	92.35
Cassandra Oestmann	270.72
Tomas Ortiz	369.40
Christopher Parde	115.44
Kenneth Parde	115.44
Julie Slafter	1,382.57
Richard Sitzman	115.44
Benjamin Steele	1,400.80
Mitchell Stubbendick	2,162.09
Jeffery Vogt	2,318.08
Timothy Wilson	115.44

SHERIFF REPORT – Report presented by Chief Deputy Mike Holland. Deputy Holland presented the monthly report log and stated that the monthly tracking computer program was not working and he will submit report when problem has been resolved.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report presented by Recreation Coordinator Ben Steele. Director Steele reported that there are three weeks left of the basketball program and that he will be attending the Softball League meeting at 6:30 PM tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Superintendent of Public Works Garry Carman was ill and not able to attend meeting.

Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing on the One and Six Year Street Plan. Mayor Ortiz stated the Evan Wickersham of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. has included in the one year plan the alley replacement between Thorne and Plum Street.

The one year plan will consist of the 5th Street curb and gutter repair and alley replacement between Thorne and Plum Street. Included in the six year plan is Old Highway 2 from Park and Oak Street and Midland Street Overlay.

Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to adopt Resolution 14-02: One and Six Year Street Plan, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

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

Discussion on contract No. 13-UGPR-1020 between City and Western Area Power Administration was tabled until the March meeting.

Discussion on end of probation and salary increase for Mitch Stubbendick was tabled until the March meeting.

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

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 938 by title on its second reading. Ordinance No. 938: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE BY ANNEXING THERETO LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereupon, Council member Lyon moved that said ordinance be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: Lutjemeyer, Henke. Mayor Ortiz voted yea. The motion passed.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 938 approved on its second reading and its title agreed to.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 939 by title on its second reading. Ordinance No. 939: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE BY ANNEXING THERETO LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereupon, Council member Lyon moved that said ordinance be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: Lutjemeyer, Henke, Ortiz.

Ordinance No. 939 did not pass on second reading.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 940 by title on its second reading. Ordinance No. 940: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE BY ANNEXING THERETO LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE

COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereupon, Council member Lyon moved that said ordinance be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: Henke. Council member Lutjemeyer abstained. Mayor Ortiz voted yea. The motion passed.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 940 approved on its second reading and its title agreed to.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 941 by title on its second reading. Ordinance No. 941: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE BY ANNEXING THERETO LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereupon, Council member Lyon moved that said ordinance be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: Lutjemeyer, Henke. Mayor Ortiz voted yea. The motion passed.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 941 approved on its second reading and its title agreed to.

City Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 942 by title on its second reading. Ordinance No. 942: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE BY ANNEXING THERETO LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereupon, Council member Lyon moved that said ordinance be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to, second by Dettmer. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer. Nays: Lutjemeyer, Henke. Mayor Ortiz voted yea. The motion passed.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 942 approved on its second reading and its title agreed to.

Tim Christians of Complete Timing appeared before Mayor and Council to request permission to hold the endurance events of Bookin' it for the Library on August 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM, Forever a Husker 5K Charity Event on October 11, 2014 at 9:00 AM and Tannenbaum Trot on December 6, 2014 at 11:00 AM and Patriots' Day Run on September 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM .

Mr. Christains will use the same routes as last year and will bring a copy of liability insurance certificate into City Hall before each event.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to approve the endurance events of Bookin' it for the Library on August 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM, Forever a Husker 5K Charity Event on October 11, 2014 at 9:00 AM and Tannenbaum Trot on December 6, 2014 at 11:00 AM and Patriots' Day Run on September 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM, second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer. Nays: None.

Tim Shanks and Frank Leopold of Specified Systems, Inc. appeared before Mayor and Council to discuss the use of PEX pipes versus copper pipes for plumbing within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Syracuse.

Mr. Leopold reviewed with Mayor and Council the Commercial Piping Engineer Reference Guide on polyethylene (Pex) pipes. Mr. Leopold informed Council that there are three kinds of pex piping; A, B & C. Mr. Leopold stated that all pex piping is not equal, Pex-a is the best and most highly used pex piping. Mr. Leopold outlined the merits of using pex over copper, including less costly for the developer or home owner to install, hot water to fixtures 45% faster than copper, hot water to fixtures with 33% less pressure loss and 65% fewer fitting and connections.

Mayor and Council agreed to table any action until Superintendent Garry Carman has an opportunity to review information received from Mr. Leopold. Item was tabled until the March meeting.

Mayor Ortiz thanked Mr. Shanks and Mr. Leopold for their input and information.

Mayor Ortiz instructed City Attorney Stilmock to read Resolution 14-03 that extends the City's thanks and appreciation to all the volunteer agencies that helped with the January 5, 2014 Methodist Church fire. Mayor Ortiz stated that he wanted to thank the volunteers for all their work and dedication and requested that all City Council members do the same.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to adopt Resolution 14-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO THANK THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FROM THE SYRACUSE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD; THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY'S UTILITIES DEPARTMENT; THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING TO THE MUTUAL AID CALL FROM THE NEARBY COMMUNITIES OF NEBRASKA CITY, DUNBAR, OTOE, UNADILLA AND PALMYRA; AND THE STAFF OF THE OTOE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR RELENTLESS EFFORTS IN FIGHTING THE JANUARY 5, 2014 FIRE AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN SYRACUSE, second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Dettmer, Lutjemeyer, Henke, Lyon. Nays: None.

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

Mayor Ortiz informed Council that in order to precede with owned occupied housing rehabilitation and demolition the City needs to go back and complete the Leadership application. SENDD is available to come in and help the City with completion of this application.

Mayor Ortiz reviewed with City Council the agreement between City and SENDD for preparation of Nebraska DED Leadership Community Application. Mayor Ortiz that the Leadership Community Application components to be assisted shall be to compile and provide in presentation appropriate format documentation to describe the City, compile and provide a Community profile and narrative of this development process, compile and provide documentation to describe Community Planning and Zoning activities, compile and provide documentation to describe Community Business Retention and Expansion programs, coordination and technical assistance supporting the City's web presence and compile and provide in presentation of City local Financing and Business Assistance programs and partnerships.

The total cost of service shall not exceed a maximum of \$5,000. Mayor Ortiz informed the Council that with the work he has already completed and that of the Clerks, he does not believe that it will cost the City \$5,000.

Mayor Ortiz explained to Council that not only is the Leadership application necessary to receive funds for housing rehabilitation and demolition, but also opens the door for the City to be eligible for many other grants and funding. Mayor Ortiz stated that he has already filed the pre-application to receive grant funds for new pool house at the City swimming pool.

Mayor Ortiz stated that along with housing rehabilitation and demolition, new pool house, he is also hoping to apply for grants funds for downtown revitalization; to repair sidewalks, street lighting, etc.

Mayor Ortiz reviewed with Council; the flyers and application that will be mailed to all City residents. The flyers outlines the rehab program including who is eligible and what repairs are eligible and not eligible.

Council member Lutjemeyer made the motion to adopt RESOLUTION 14-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE, RATIFY AND ACCEPT THE SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY APPLICATION PREPARATION SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SENDD) AND THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FOR SENDD TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF SYRACUSE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION FOR COMPONENTS OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY APPLICATION; AND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION THEREOF, second by Lyon. Roll Call: Yeas: Henke, Lyon, Dettmer, Lutjemeyer. Nays: None.

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

Mayor Ortiz stated that he would like to precede with the Step Program regards to salary increase for employees and he would also like to increase the salary of the City Council members from \$100 per month to \$150 per month. Mayor Ortiz would like to use this as a motivation tool to get some residents involved in City government and also as a payment for the time the present Council gives to the Community.

City Attorney Stilmock stated that he would need to prepare a resolution to change the salary of the City Council; therefore the salary increase for Council members was tabled until the March meeting.

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 stated that Lucas Staack has until March 3, 2014 to comply and abate all nuisances from his property. Stilmock stated that if Mr. Staack complies that charges should be dropped. The item will be discussed at March meeting and Mayor and Council can ascertain if Mr. Staack has complied with Court orders.

Council member Dettmer made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M., second by Henke. Roll Call: Yeas: Lyon, Dettmer, Henke. 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

