

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 2019

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on April 10, 2019 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5th Street. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. Council President Orv Gigstad requested roll call. present were Mayor Ortiz and Council members Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the March 13th and March 27th. 2019 meetings 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.

Mayor Ortiz led the approval of claims and Treasurer's Reports, Todd Blome of BMG not present. BMG has sent the March financial report for the Mayor and Council to review. No discussion was had; the report and explanation had been distributed prior to the meeting. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the March Treasurer's Report and pay the claims, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Aflac	338.30
Ameritas	98.44
B&B Pump N Go	1548.67
BMG	2500.00
Baragary Construction Inc.	837.30
Border States	1622.88
Bound Tree Medical	646.61
Brenda Anderson	955.64
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom & Stilmock	3412.80
Capital Business Systems	166.06
Cardmember Service – Elan	4818.67
Creighton University	90.00
City of Nebraska City	407.43
City of Syracuse	1292.20
Culligan	9.00
Delta Dental	340.37
Demco	82.48
Dutton-Lainson	2062.76
Eakes Office Solutions	50.99
Echo	654.72
EMS Billing Services	1549.29
First Bank of NE	25.00
Five Nines	2686.26
First Wireless	29.50
Gatehouse Media	336.24
Good Housekeeping	7.00
Great America Financial Services	1572.82
Hank's Garage	563.16
Hawkins	148.61
Ingram Library Services	629.35
International Institute of Mun. Clerks	195.00
Iowa Pump Works	1044.91
John Palmtag	100.00
JEO	2207.50
Kay Bremer	181.70
Matheson	144.26
Martin Marietta	5283.11
Meyer's Body Shop	723.41
Midwest Labs	113.90
Mid America Books	22.95
Mike's Window Cleaning	107.83

Municipal Supply Inc.	3165.64
My-Lor, Inc.	11.76
NDEQ	150.00
Nebraska City Utilities	1611.92
NE Public Health Environmental Labs	48.00
NMC, Inc.	5.34
NMPP	1227.38
OPPD	132,431.19
One Call Concepts	32.72
Otoe County Sheriff	15,000.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	206.57
Petty Cash – Complex. Concess.	2700.00
Petty Cash – Pool – Daily Admiss. Bags	490.00
Petty Cash – Pool – Concessions	210.00
Rachel Zahn	12.00
Ron Ross	760.00
Rural Water Association	100.00
Secretary of State	20.00
Sporhase LLC	55.15
Security Equipment Inc.	174.00
Simple Solutions	25.00
Sue Antes	1677.20
Synchrony Amazon	326.43
Suez	6236.00
Stutheit Implement	247.36
Syracuse Lumber Co.	365.84
Syracuse Do It Best	546.95
Syracuse IronWorks	180.57
Syracuse Motor Supply	513.50
Syracuse Rescue Squad	535.98
Terry's Family Foods	4.38
The Pioneer Woman	15.00
TruGreen	980.00
United Healthcare	10,444.71
United Healthcare Medicare	395.30
Unite Private Networks	3725.05
U.S. Post Office	311.22
Verizon	231.98
Western Area Power Administration	2765.79
Windstream	1493.31
Todd Aksamit	2078.12
Kelly Farmer	2250.71
Derek Harms	2426.98
Mark Moerer	2171.67
Julie Slafter	2442.00
Jeffrey Vogt	1589.56
Brian Vodicka	1645.31
Brent Teten	1180.09
Nicole Vonderschmidt	1769.72
Jill Crook	3215.43
Cody Pester	1976.52
Tyler Collin	1798.54
Tim Wilson	200.00
Marcia Scheinost	125.00
Jody Bruns	125.00
Carol Linqvist	200.00
Susan Obermeyer	200.00
David Sabatka	150.00
Chris Lutjemeyer	150.00
Craig Boldt	150.00
Laramie Werner	181.70
Jerry Werner	181.70

Karen Kimpel	110.39
Tomas Ortiz	454.25
Deb Dettmer	181.70
Orv Gigstad	181.70
Leah Ganzel	497.40
Bruce Neemann	183.97
Tami Andera	150.00

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT – Otoe County Sheriff Department not present; no report distributed by department.

LIBRARY REPORT – Sue Antes present; the report for March 2019 was circulated to the Mayor and Council prior to the meeting. Antes discussed her recommendation of Sharon Vanhousen as new part-time Library employee. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve Vanhousen as new Library employee at \$9.00 per hour, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Park Hill Cemetery Board Member Linda Sutton present. Sutton explained the Cemetery Board recently held a meeting and discussed possible candidates to take the board member available position recently held by Jim Pfeiffer. The discussion on the new member will be discussed at a future meeting. Sutton explained current board member, Bob Volker, has been named as Cemetery Board Chairperson. Mayor Ortiz led discussion on acquiring property adjacent to Park Hill Cemetery. Attorney Stilmock explained property owned by the Keim family has currently come up for sale; this property abuts the northwest side of Park Hill Cemetery. The Council asked Stilmock to move forward on researching this.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Tim Wilson not able to attend. Ambulance discussion to be tabled until future meeting.

FIRE REPORT – Bruce Neemann present. Mayor led discussion and approval of new member. Neemann presented Michael Hughes as a new member to the SVFD. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to approve Hughes as new member of SVFD, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval to send six members to State Fire School in Grand Island May 17- 19, 2019. Council Member Jerry Werner approved sending six members to Fire School, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Neemann explained to the Council he has been working on the roof at the Fire Barn replacing screws hopefully taking care of any leaks.

Mayor Ortiz would like to speak with Neemann regarding a couple of nuisance property complaints.

PARKS & REC REPORT – Parks and Rec Manager Jill Crook present. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 19-06 for Agreement for Professional Design Services for Aqua Center Bathhouse, authorizing Mayor's signature; Corey Broderson of JEO present along with Carolyn Gigstad. Gigstad explained a proposal and scope for design services for the bathhouse design. Broderson explained the proposal is divided into two phases. Stilmock reiterated the fees suggested in the proposal. Broderson explained JEO provides assistance with grants; Terry Meier of JEO assists with those. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-06, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Gigstad explained there will be a kickball tournament fundraiser for the Bathhouse. Carolyn Gigstad presented information on the Community Development Assistant Act. Any individual can give money to the Syracuse Foundation and can qualify for a 40% tax credit applied to their state income tax. The City needs to apply for this to be applicable. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve to apply to be accepted as a Community Development Assistant Project, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on Special Designated Liquor License at Germanfest Sand Volleyball Tournament to be held at Syracuse Sports Complex for the times of 6:00 P.M. July 12, 2019 to 12:30 A.M. July 13, 2019; Molly Hillman of Germanfest Committee present. Hillman explained there will be eight teams in the double elimination tournament. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed by “bring your own beverage” and only allowed inside the fence, not in the Sports Complex parking lot. Jerry Werner moved to approve the SDL for the sand volleyball tournament, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none. Leftover Diamond Pro from last year will be used at the elementary ballfield.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on Special Designated Liquor License at Germanfest to be held on downtown streets as designated on map provided for the times of 1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. July 13, 2019; Molly Hillman of Germanfest Committee present. Council Member Orv Gigstad approved request for SDL at Germanfest in downtown streets, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on approval to purchase pool lift. Crook discussed the importance of a pool lift at the Aqua Center and presented bids from AquaChem and a used lift from Lexington YMCA. The lift can be stabilized to the ground but can also be rolled to be put away when not being used. A cover is included in the AquaChem bid. Scott of AquaChem will train all the guards how to use the lift. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to approve the bid from Scott at AquaChem for \$5,801.00, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on approval of pool vacuum for the Aqua Center. The item is still being researched and was tabled until a future meeting.

Included in the Parks and Rec report, Crook explained the electrical to the batting cages has been completed, the drainage tile at the complex playground and between fields B & C is half done and an additional employee has been hired at the pool to help with swim lessons. Crook also reported on some issues with the gates at the sports complex. Crook is allowing soccer coaches to check out a key; they are responsible for unlocking gates as needed but are responsible for locking it back up. The east gates are typically unlocked and locked back up by softball and baseball coaches.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Ortiz led discussion and update on USDA funding for well field project; Ken Shaw of USDA and Dane Simonsen of JEO present. Shaw explained the funding breakdown provided by USDA, documents requiring signature as well as a timeline for the Public Hearing and application deadline. Shaw reported the application will need to go the national level still because of the amount of the USDA loan. USDA would like to have the project application completed before May 10th, 2019. Attorney Stilmock will need to look over any agreements and documents presented for signature. Simonsen explained Mayor Ortiz and Clerk Farmer need to be registered with a Level 2 eAuthorization on RD Apply; Terry Meier of JEO will assist with the RD Apply and USDA funding application.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on water drainage concern at northwest corner of County Roads J & 28, Russel Moss, Tom Royal, Dean Speath, and Jonathon Brinkman. Moss is concerned about the water that drains on the 50+ acres owned by Royal, farmed by Moss. Brinkman, Highway Superintendent for Otoe County, explained he would like to inquire on bridges located on county roads around the complex. Russel would like to see if there’s anything the City would be able to do regarding the drainage issue. He would like the City to provide him of plans for the complex including any grading done showing how the water was handled as well as anything from before the City purchased the ground to construct the Sports Complex. Stilmock explained the request needs to be put in writing. Stilmock reiterated a comment Royal made earlier in the discussion that after Royal obtained the land in 1960 the County Commissioner and the land owner at the time filled in the area thus causing the water to keep from running south as it previously had. Gigstad asked Brinkman if the county is looking at changing the culvert. He said if City wants to do to the east then the county could focus on the wood bridge going out to water plant and concrete bridge on J Road. Mayor Ortiz is concerned what they are looking for from the City. He explained it’s hard for the City to put money towards a county road and farm ground which isn’t owned by the City when there’s multiple projects within the City limits.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on bids for 1st Street culvert replacement project from Midwest and Kerns. Council Member Orv Gigstad approved the bid from Midwest for \$15,875.00, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the opening, discussion and consideration of bids for Lawn and Leaf Pile Cleanup Agreement. Attorney Stilmock opened the one bid and announced the bidder Derek Harms for \$9,300.00. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to approve Harms' bid for \$9,300.00, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock will prepare the agreement to be approved at a near-future meeting.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on electrical at Sports Complex. Vogt had been approached regarding running power out to the concert site at the Sports Complex. OPPD would run power to the site for roughly \$6000.00. Vogt prepared a map of other areas across the Sports Complex that could use electrical ran for future items such as restrooms and parking lot lights. Vogt reported a rough estimate for Syracuse Utilities to do this is \$10,000.00. Mayor Ortiz explained the City is already assuming a lot of time and accumulating financial cost to the Germanfest activities; therefore, he would like to see the Germanfest Committee contribute something for the electrical at the concert site. Werner would like to see a future plan for the Sports Complex; Dettmer suggested table the conversation for the May 1st Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for the City Council.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on bids for new roof at fluoride building. Vogt presented bids from Stanberry as well as Zahn Construction. Council Member Jerry Werner approved the bid from Stanberry for \$3,264.71, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing for Old Business on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Ortiz led discussion and request for Special Designated Liquor License and beer garden from 4:00 P.M. to Midnight on July 13th, 2019 to be located in the enclosed area already approved for Germanfest Concert; Tim Collin of The Beer Stein not present. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the SDL for the Germanfest concert and beer garden, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none.

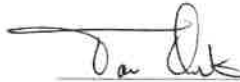
Vogt reported the roads around 6th and Walnut Streets received rock.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval of electrician and plumber licenses; Clerk Farmer has distributed a list. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to approve the electrician and plumber licenses as presented, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M., Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner. 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.

Clerk



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