

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

November 13, 2019

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at 6:00 P.M. on November 13, 2019 for their regular meeting in the Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Notice of meeting was given by posting in three places. Mayor Ortiz requested roll call, present were Mayor Ortiz and Council members Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the October 9, 2019 meeting 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 October 2019 report for the Mayor and Council to review. No further discussion was had. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the October Treasurer's report and to pay the claims, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none. The claims approved are attached to these minutes.

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – no one present.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – Sheriff Caudill present. Caudill reported 51 total calls for Syracuse during the month of October. Calls consisted of 19 traffic stops, four civil matter, as well as multiple single incidents among the Nature of Incident categories. Mayor Ortiz discussed contract negotiations should start back up after a break during budget time. Council Members Laramie Werner and Deb Dettmer volunteered to participate in negotiation discussions. Commissioners are typically present during these discussions as well. Recently it was discovered juveniles had been spending time on the Library roof. Caudill reported the juvenile's parents have been spoken to. Sheriff Caudill announced a new deputy has been hired to the department; his name is William "Trew" Bushhausen.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Antes not present; her report was distributed prior to the meeting. The report for October 2019 showed circulation down compared to this time last year. The meeting room had nine reservations and 34 total children enrolled in Pre-School Storytime.

FIRE REPORT – Fire Chief Bruce Neemann present. Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval to purchase replacement SCBA bottles at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00. Council member Jerry Werner moved to approve purchase of the air bottles, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval to purchase replacement lockers for the fire station. Neemann presented two bids from WinnRack at \$5910.00 and Danko at \$6200.00 for metal lockers to replace the wooden ones currently used; these have been budgeted as a Capital Outlay purchase for the 19-20 Budget year. Council Member Orv Gigstad approved the bid from WinnRack, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval to purchase and install generator for the Fire/Rescue Complex. Neemann explained he recently found out the Landgraf Donation will be covering the entire cost of the generator which is estimated around \$25,000.00. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the purchase of materials/parts at \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 necessary for Syracuse Utilities portion, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

PARKS & REC REPORT – Parks and Rec Manager Jill Crook present. Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and approval to purchase final set of bleachers for Sports Complex. Crook explained the cost of a set of 10-row 33' bleachers is \$13,510.00. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve purchase of one set of bleachers, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion and approval on Park Hill Cemetery shed. Crook explained she spoke with Advanced Exteriors and Shawn Grundman Construction. The Cemetery Board has requested a couple of adjustments to the original bid as well as keeping the existing building including the toilets and build

the new building next to it. Crook asked if the old building needs to be kept. Building Inspector Bruce Neemann explained these types of toilets are not allowed as they are just holes dug in the ground. He had to leave for a fire call and was not able to discuss further. Cemetery Board Chairperson Bob Volker and other members present; the board would like to see the bathrooms stay and asked if they are grandfathered in? Mayor Ortiz asked where the additional funds would be pulled from in order to do the repairs to the old building. The new building does not include a bathroom in the bid; sewer would need to be ran as it is currently not available. The discussion was tabled. Crook was instructed to seek WJH for an additional bid; previously she asked Advanced Exteriors and Zahn Construction. Zahn Construction didn't have time and Advance Exteriors couldn't provide a bid within budget consisting of something similar to Grundman's bid.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Ortiz led discussion on bids for new Utilities/Street dump truck. Vogt explained bids were provided by Meyer-Earp, Brinkman and Feld Fire. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to approve the bid of \$36, 817.00 from Meyer-Earp of Auburn, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on lien for 979 Cherl Drive property; City Attorney Jerry Stilmock explained. The lien consists of water and sewer unpaid utilities. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve Resolution No. 19-27, ~~Laramie Werner~~ seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on advertising for bids for two Taurus City vehicles. Vogt explained one is a 2003 and the other a 2005. Attorney Stilmock will draft a resolution for the December City Council meeting to go out for sealed bids. The discussion will be continued at that time with the bid opening be at the January City Council meeting.

Vogt added Utilities is still working on the 17<sup>th</sup> & Cherl Drive; the City's portion would be \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 after the assistance is given.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Mayor Ortiz led discussion on 2019-2020 Employee Health Insurance Plans; Wayne McDermott and Pam Palmasino of Diversified Benefits and Kyle Kohlmorgen and Marc Munford of Kohlmorgen Benefits present. Kohlmorgen Benefits gave an option of letting the employees choose between two options one including a Health Savings Plan; both from National General/Aetna. Pam of Diversified Benefits spoke of Kohlmorgen's proposal with National General as being the best option for the City and employees. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the United Healthcare renewal for the December renewal valid until December 31, 2019 working with Diversified Benefits, then moving to Kohlmorgen Benefits starting January 1, 2020 with the two-plan option, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none. Note: the percentage of HSA contribution to be figured by carrier.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing and discussion on Ordinance No. 1061 for Application for Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Syracuse Municipal Code Section 5.18.03 to allow campground at the following-described real estate: S 70' of W ½ Lot 4 and S 70' Lots 5 & 6 Block 2 Syracuse Proper and property N 53.75' of W ½ 4 N 53.75' of Lots 5 & 6 Block 2 Syracuse Proper, Otoe County Syracuse, Nebraska; Tom Compton and Travis Hogancamp present. Planning Commission recommended approval at their October monthly meeting. Attorney Stilmock explained provisions discussed by the Planning Commission were 1) allowing rock on the pads 2) no trailer houses 3) a dumpster would be provided by campground owner 4) maximum amount of time a camper would be allowed on the property. These provisions would be written into the ordinance as they are approved. Vogt and Compton have spoken about electrical hookups and how and where those would be installed in the future. One of the parcels is owned by Tom, the other by Travis. The current ordinance states a camper can stay 180 days (6 months). Compton recently asked a trailer to move as they had hay piled up around their camper and this is not allowed in his campground standards; this camper moved to the west side of the block to a separate campground. Mayor Ortiz would like to see an amended ordinance and enforce the ordinances for beautification. He doesn't want this part of town to start looking trashy. No further discussion was had; Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing. Council Member Laramie Werner moved the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none. Council approved the provisions as stated above. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1061 by title.

Council Member Deb Dettmer moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1061, Jerry Werner. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on request to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Plum to Mohawk Streets Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. for Tannenbaum to include side streets of Thorne and Midland north to 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Tannenbaum Chair for Chamber Melissa Juilfs not present. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to approve street closure request, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion on Syracuse Country Club Manager Application for Naomi Stall; Naomi Stall not present. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve manager application for Syracuse Country Club, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Deb Dettmer, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz explained the public hearings for current agenda items 13-D, 13-E and 13-F will be continued until the next City Council meeting to be held on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. These items are discussion and public hearing on Ordinance to amend Figure 23, Figure Land Use and Transportation Map of the Syracuse Comprehensive Development Plan, discussion and public hearing on ordinance to amend and adopt a new Zoning Map of the City of Syracuse, and public hearing and discussion on ordinance on amendment to Syracuse Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Subdivision Article 4 Design Standards to allow non-paved streets and onsite sanitary waste facilities.

Mayor Ortiz led discussion and Resolution No. 19-28 to amend City's Waiver and Fine Schedule; Attorney Stilmock and Building/Zoning Inspector Bruce Neemann explained. Previously the Council approved a Waiver and Fine Schedule; additions are on Page 3 from Appendix B for \$125 waiverable fine if they did not want to attend court. An example would be not current licensing on their vehicle. Jerry Werner would like to see 30-4 expanded to read no go-carts; Stilmock will make this adjustment. These additions expand the Waiver and Fine Schedule previously approved. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to adopt 19-28, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution No. 19-29 on agreement with Windstream. Attorney Stilmock explained there are actually two agreements needed for Windstream as they are proposing two separate projects one in relation Keim Farm Equipment and the other for Mainstreet Bank. These allow the City to oversee projects going through City ROW. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the City's agreement with Windstream, Deb Dettmer seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve Resolution No. 19-30 for a second City agreement with Windstream, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Deb Dettmer. Nays: none.

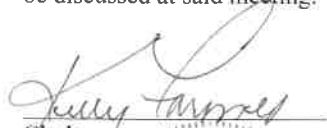
Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Resolution on agreement with Great Plains Communication; this item will be table until a future City Council meeting.


Mayor Ortiz led the discussion and Ordinance No. 1062 to amend Code of Syracuse Ordinances Section 30-91; Attorney Stilmock and Bruce Neemann explain. This discusses maximum parking time but does not include other items besides motorized vehicles. Mayor Ortiz would like to see pursuing individuals first before changing the entire ordinance and went on to explain how enforcement of these violations is difficult. Neemann explained how he handles these types of violations. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1062 and move that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1062 by title. Council Member Jerry Werner moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1062, seconded by Laramie Werner. Roll call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Ortiz asked a Council Member to motion to adjourn. Council Member Deb Dettmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M., Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Deb Dettmer, Jerry Werner, 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.

  
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Mayor

