

SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

June 28, 2021

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met via teleconference at 6:00 P.M. on June 28, 2021 for a special meeting. Notice of meeting was given by posting in five places. Mayor Dettmer was present and requested roll call; present were Council members Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen and Laramie Werner. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Dettmer noted the Open Meetings Act was posted. 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 Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Employee Handbook revisions. City Administrator explained she has been working with Cline Williams, City Attorney Jerry Stilmock, and Council Members Jerry Werner and Wesley Halvorsen to go over the entire handbook and implement needed changes for the City Council to vote on. Ideally the revised handbook would go into effect August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. After finalized each employee will be required to read and sign the acknowledgement. No further discussion was had. Council Member Jerry Werner motioned to approve the revised handbook, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 21-24 to accept or decline funding allocation for American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Fund, authorizing Mayor's signature. City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained the application will allow the City to move forward and accept or deny the funding being provided to cities through the Rescue Plan Act Recovery Fund. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-24 to sign the application to accept the funding, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Ordinance No. 1104 to amend Code Section 6-191 Exterior Hose Bibs and to add Section 6-192 to authorize polyethylene for main water service line. Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Vogt explained this would be an additional pipe allowed for construction along with copper. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to introduce the ordinance and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none. Clerk Farmer read the ordinance by title. Council Member Jerry Werner moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1104, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on employee wages and salaries for 21-22 Budget Year. City Administrator Jessica Meyer distributed salary/hourly wage proposals as previously discussed with Mayor Dettmer. She also mentioned the thought of bringing the department heads on as salary paid employees; they are hourly paid currently. She mentioned during employee evaluations there was discussion on personal cell phones being utilized for work purposes. Currently Jeff Vogt, Jill Crook, Mayor Dettmer and Jessica Meyer each have City cell phones but she suggests possibly looking at implementing a phone stipend for those applicable. The distributed information is for the Council to absorb and think about until the budget meeting in July.

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. 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

  
Mayor

