

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

October 13, 2021

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at Syracuse Public Library located at 480 5th Street Syracuse, Nebraska at 6:00 P.M. on October 13, 2021 for their regular meeting. Notice of meeting was given by posting in five places. Mayor Dettmer requested roll call; present were Mayor Dettmer and Council members Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the September 29th, 2021 special 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 Dettmer led the approval of claims and Treasurer's Reports, Todd Blome of BMG present. Blome explained this report contains information for the full fiscal year. Blome reported on reimbursement funds received for the SRF loan for the water improvement project and what is the forgiveness portion. For the year, the books show a loss but that isn't true as the loan proceeds offset the capital expenditures. Blome explained some reclassifications; these include adding the State Revolving Fund loan as a separate line item in the utilities section. This was previously included in income/grants. Blome asked when the City submits a draw for reimbursement from the SRF funds that he be included so they can track as well. Income/donations was also removed and placed into its own line item. Electric revenue is up compared to last year, this may be weather related. Regarding expenses, park expenses are up due to 6th Street project and sidewalk repairs and street expenses are up due to a variety of things. Blome and the Clerk Farmer have received to-do lists from City Auditor Julie Baumann to prepare for the annual audit. Baumann and her team are scheduled to perform their audit in person on December 3rd. The annual engagement letter for BMG services was distributed by Blome. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report to pay the claims, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

AKRS - 51.02, ALL ROADS BARRICADE, INC - 629.81, ANDY BRACE - 240.00, B & B PUMP-N-GO, INC. - 1594.54, BEACON ATHLETICS - 340.00, BEETHE CARPENTRY - 200.00, BELL BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE - 39216.72, BLACKBURN MFG. CO. - 579.79, BMG CPA'S - 2500.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 311.90, 27.90, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 2513.50, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 48.66, 62.05, CAROL LINQUIST - 100.00, CHRISTA REISDORFF - 150.00, CHRISTINE SILBERMAN - 141.20, CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY - 122.08, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 159.76, 138.46, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO. - 517.85, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 10.94, EASTER & ASSOCIATES - 1000.00, FIRST WIRELESS, INC. - 210.00, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 2570.25, 106.18, GATEHOUSE MEDIA NEBRASKA HOLDINGS, INC. - 8.00, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES - 438.03, INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER - 63.00, JEN STAACK - 160.00, JEN WALLMAN - 120.00, JODY BRUNS - 120.00, JOE REISDORFF - 40.00, JOSH MEDEIROS - 120.00, JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD - 652.00, KENNETH HALVORSEN - 40.00, LARAMIE WERNER - 40.00, MARCIA SCHEINOST - 120.00, MICRO MARKETING ASSOC. - 50.37, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 67.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY OF OMAHA - 1785.17, NEBRASKA CITY NEWSPRESS - 133.00, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 333.63, 49.49, NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION - 500.00, OLSSON ASSOCIATES - 9733.20, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 29.21, OTOE COUNTY - 16250.00, PENNEY TRUEBLOOD - 20.00, QUENTIN BAUMEISTER - 180.00, QUICK MED CLAIMS - 1327.97, RANDY FILLION - 90.00, ROB SHIPPS - RCS CONSTRUCTION - 35.00, STEPHENSON TRUCK REPAIR - 1912.50, SUE ANTES - 12.99, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 237.47, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 247.30, SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD - 29.99, SYRACUSE VETERINARY SERVICE - 175.00, TAMI ANDERA - 120.00, TERRY'S FAMILY FOODS - 194.77, TIM WILSON - 550.00, TRAFFIC SAFETY STORE - 1501.23, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2319.94, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 92711.74, VERIZON WIRELESS - 272.51, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 90.00, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 1623.22

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT – Sheriff Caudill present. Caudill spotlighted details from the September report distributed prior to the meeting. Hours were typical; total incidents were 64 calls for service. Major activity included traffic stops at 35 and traffic crash with damages at five. No significant impacts from harvest season.

LIBRARY REPORT – Librarian Sue Antes not present but her report was distributed prior to the meeting. No further discussion was had.

FIRE REPORT – Bruce Neemann present on behalf of Chief Eric Fass. Neemann discussed the approval of replacement of air packs. The department has received pricing from MSA and Scott for the air packs. The department is looking at purchasing 22 total with the City purchasing 11 and the Rural Department purchasing the remaining 11. Face pieces would also be needed, the City would purchase four and rural purchasing four as well. There was discussion on if the funds would be borrowed versus the City paying outright. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the purchase of the air packs up to \$82,000.00 dependent on what the department decides to purchase and to pursue financing. Laramie Werner seconded. The department meets on October 25th. Roll call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 21-36 for approval of purchase agreement for 1579 Midland Street, authorizing Mayor's signature. City Attorney Jerry Stilmock explained the purchase agreement and that it is ready for signature; Stilmock noted the agreement includes Phase I: Hazardous Review of Materials. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve to Resolution No. 21-36, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

BUILDING & ZONING REPORT – Inspector Bruce Neemann present. Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 1113 to amend Zoning Code Section 5.08.05.01 to increase side and front yard setbacks in High Density Residential Zoning District. Jerry Stilmock explained this ordinance would move the setbacks back to what the originally were prior to the change a few years ago. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing and noted publication had been posted and published. Council Member Orv Gigstad introduced Ordinance No. 1113 and moved 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. Stilmock read Ordinance 1113 by title, Jerry Werner moved for final passage of Ordinance 1113, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

PARKS AND REC REPORT – Parks and Rec Director Jill Crook not present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of TruGreen services at Williams Park. This item will be tabled until a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion, consideration, and award of bid for 17th Street Lift Station Removal and Gravity Sewer Extension Project; Justin Stark of Olsson present. Stark explained three bids were presented and opened at the bid opening the week before. Low bid came from Van Kirk Bros. Construction at \$297,588.80. Stark explained the area of the project covers two property owners covering multiple parcels of land; Jerry Stilmock will do lien searches for these easements. Stark explained the project will start right away. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to accept the bid from Van Kirk Bros., Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and Resolution No. 21-37 on 2021-2022 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan; Justin Stark of Olsson explained. He explained changes made to the plan from previous years. Discussion was had on City versus State jurisdiction. Mayor Dettmer moved to close the public hearing. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-37, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 21-38 to approve Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance, authorizing Mayor's signature; Justin Stark of Olsson explained. Stark explained this is a certification form that is required annually with the One & Six Year Plan. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-38, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 21-39 to approve Change Order #1 for rock and fencing at Water Improvement Project, Tim Adams of JEO present. Adams explained the need for the rock while the project is being done on Highway 50. The fence will be erected when they get to that property. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-39 approving the change order cost at \$6,915.50, Wesley Halvorsen. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval to proceed with Letter of Intent for NMPP Energy AMI Project. The project had previously been discussed at the last meeting; the letter would not lock the City into anything but rather give NMPP an idea of what communities have interest to better be able to plan the project and forecast costs. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve signing the Letter of Intent, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 1114 for Application for Small Tract Subdivision of the following-described real estate: Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17 located in the West ½ of the S.W. ¼ of Section 15, Tract .8 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska; property owners Jen and Zach Hansen present. Publication had been posted and published and a sign was posted at the property site. City Engineer, Justin Stark explained both preliminary and final plats were presented. Stark noted property along the south, west and north boundaries will have dedicated right of way for future streets; the Hansen's dedicated this property to the City for this right of way. There is a water main extending up existing Ash Street, these will extend up into two single services for the two parcels to be on the Hansen property. Sanitary sewer will need to be extended north from Oak Street. Stark explained there is a variance request by the Hansen's to not have to pave Ash Street to be extended for access to both parcels. Planning Commission recently recommended approval of the plat and variance request for aggregate Ash Street. Jerry Stilmock explained TIF financing may be a way for possible future streets; this may require some buy-in by the property owners. Stilmock discussed Hansen's would hold the authority to grant an easement for future development of additional sewer line(s). The Hansen's are only intending to do a private sewer line. Stark explained he does not feel there is a requirement for the Hansen's to dedicate an easement for additional sewer lines; if they only have a private line it would be their responsibility and the Hansen's understand this. Discussion was had on future development and who would be responsible for future infrastructure items that would be on property not owned by the Hansen's such as a possible street. On the final plat, Elm and Ash Streets need to be named and the two

separate water services need to noted. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen introduced Ordinance No. 1114 including the approval of variance request for aggregate to be used on Ash Street instead of concrete, two private water and sewer services, Elm and Ash Streets to be named noting the City will not be bound to pay for future streets 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. Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance 1114 by title. Council Member Laramie Werner moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1114, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and ordinance extending the Franchise Agreement between Zito and City of Syracuse. This item tabled until a future Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and resolution extending the Pole Attachment Agreement between Zito and City of Syracuse. The item tabled until a future Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 21-40 between Pinpoint Communications and City of Syracuse, authorizing Mayor's signature after execution by all other parties to approve: Assignment and assumption of Pole Attachment Agreement and assignment and assumption of Franchise Agreement. Jerry Stilmock explained both items to be approved with one resolution. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-40, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 1115 to approve Application for Conditional Use permit for consideration of a directional wall sign to be located on the east wall of the MRI addition; Mike Harvey of Syracuse Area Health present. Harvey explained the reason for the signage. Publication and posting of the public hearing noted and signage had been placed at the property. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Orv Gigstad introduced Ordinance No. 1115 and moved the statutory rule requiring reading on the three different days be suspended, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance 1115 by title. Council Member Jerry Werner moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1115, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and request to close 5th Street from Plum to Mohawk Streets on Friday October 29th, 2021 for Halloween Parade. Jenny Janssen of SDA Elementary not present; City Administrator Jessica Meyer spoke on her behalf. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the street closing from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 21-41 to approve SENDD admin documents for 2021 OOR Contract. Jim Warrelmann of SENDD not present; City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained the documents. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-41, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and resolution to accept dedication of infrastructure improvements to Zahn Meadows Subdivision, authorizing Mayor's signature. This item tabled until a future Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and request for Special Designated Liquor License for use at the Fair Center for the dates of January 15th and 16th, 2022 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.; Darren Allen of Triple D Saloon present. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the SDL request, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

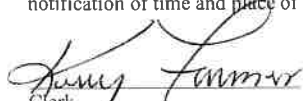
Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and resolution on eIRA Agreement between Benefit Plans Inc. and City of Syracuse. This item to be tabled until a future Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of electricians and plumbers licenses; list had been distributed by Clerk Farmer. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the licenses, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, 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


Mayor

