

SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

September 29, 2021

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President Gigstad led the approval of claims and Treasurer's Reports, Todd Blome of BMG not present. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay the claims, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

President Gigstad opened the public hearing to discuss and approve the acquisition of real property by purchase within the City of Syracuse, Otoe County, Nebraska. Questions from the audience included: where is the property, for what would the property be used for and how does the City plan to pay for the property. The Council explained the property is the previous location of Community Memorial Hospital on Midland Street, the purpose would be a for a fire/rescue building. In regards on how to pay for the property, the Council is discussing the options of borrowing via a loan, a bond and available City funds. There was also the question of if there will be in-house housing. Bruce Neemann of SVFD explained the housing will be provided for future needs; more so for the Rescue Squad. Regarding the use of the existing fire/rescue building the City has no intentions as of now as it's in stage one of the process. This particular property was pursued for the location as the east side of Highway 50 is not preferred due to difficulty crossing in a personal vehicle to get to the station timely, plus the old hospital property is available now.

Wesley Halvorsen moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion on the strategy for real estate purchase and discussion on Water Supply Improvement contract with legal counsel, Jerry Werner seconded. Council President Gigstad announced a motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion on the strategy for real estate purchase and discussion on Water Supply Improvement contract with legal counsel. Invited were City Administrator Jessica Meyer, City Clerk Kelly Farmer, SVFD Member Bruce Neemann and Rescue Chief Tim Wilson. No further discussion was had. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Clerk Farmer stated at 6:57 P.M. the entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. For the record, during closed session Bruce Neemann and Tim Wilson exited and Craig Martin and Dane Simonsen were invited to join closed session.

Wesley Halvorsen moved to come out of Closed Session at 7:27 P.M., Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve to authorize City Administrator to sign documents for offer to purchase real property as discussed during closed session, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, 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.

Kerry James  
Clerk

The seal is circular with a dotted border. Inside the border, the text "CITY OF DODGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA" is written in a circular path. In the center of the seal, the word "SEAL" is printed in a bold, serif font. There are two small stars on either side of the word "SEAL".

W. J. Gystad  
Mayor

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*Dele Dettmer*  
Mayor