

February 9, 2022

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 February 9, 2022 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 Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, 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 January 12, 2022 regular 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 not present. The financial report for January was distributed prior to the meeting; no discussion was had. Blome and Auditor Julie Bauman will be present at the February Council meeting. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay the claims, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Agenda Items 5.A and B were tabled until the February meeting when the City's annual audit is presented.

A-1 LOCKSMITH - 113.00, AFLAC - 183.60, AKRS - 468.22, ALEX NIELSON - 130.00, AQUA-CHEM, INC. - 175.00, ASHLEY CAMPBELL - 40.00, B & B PUMP-N-GO, INC. - 1520.50, BARAGARY CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 3960.00, BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS - 1034.66, BC MEYER CONSTRUCTION - 200.00, BEACON ATHLETICS - 403.06, BENEFIT PLANS INC. - 306.25, BMG CPA'S - 2750.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 3040.05, BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC - 1465.43, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 2198.00, BRENT TETEN - 100.00, CANON FINANCIAL - 127.68, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 15.61, 14.67, 31.22, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 364.22, 300.32, COUNTRY - 10.00, COUNTRY WOMAN - 10.00, CULLIGAN WATER - 28.90, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 10.94, ECHO GROUP INC. - 1888.50, ET'S LAWN & LEISURE - 569.99, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 2570.25, GARAGE FORCE - 6350.00, GATEHOUSE MEDIA NEBRASKA HOLDINGS, INC. - 120.45, HANK'S GARAGE - 801.60, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES - 410.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 29401.25, JESSICA MEYER - 85.00, 105.30, LAMSON, DUGAN & MURRAY - 375.00, 973.50, MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES - 301.09, 305.75, MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC. - 156.46, MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL INC. - 797.25, MID AMERICA BOOKS - 35.90, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC. - 336.00, MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES - 744.00, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 287.95, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY OF OMAHA - 4112.56, MY-LOR, INC. - 14.33, NEBRASKA CITY NEWSPRESS - 59.00, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 304.87, 2557.20, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 367.00, NMC EXCHANGE LLC - 139.05, OLSSON ASSOCIATES - 2152.42, 2918.86, OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT - 134971.63, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 56.68, OTOE COUNTY - 16250.00, OTOE COUNTY SHERIFF - 40.14, PREVENTION A - 90.00, REMINISCE - 8.00, RODNEY NINCEHELSE - 312.50, RON ROSENTHAL - 625.00, RTR DEVELOPMENT - 12819.17, S & R AUTO DETAILING - 250.00, SCOTT HILLMAN - 35.00, SIMPLE SOLUTIONS COMPUTER GROUP, INC. - 45.00, JH SPORHASE LLC - 116.52, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 1150.80, 303.03, SYRACUSE DO IT BEST - 350.63, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 91.73, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 224.06, SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD - 62.00, 29.99, SYRACUSE VOL. FIRE DEPT. - 656.11, TCA OUTDOOR POWER - 2548.68, TERRY'S FAMILY FOODS - 200.71, 7.98, THE NEBRASKA MED CENTER - 1250.00, THIELE GEOTECH, INC. - 1032.00, TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL - 490.00, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2319.94, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 185375.68, 46361.88, VERIZON WIRELESS - 275.23, 649.25, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - 5174.35, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 3108.91, WESTERN SAND & GRAVEL CO. - 260.02, TODD AKSAMIT - 2372.50, ADAM BADGERG - 2934.81, JARED BICKFORD - 2856.09, TYLER COLLIN - 2572.59, JILL CROOK - 2729.58, KELLY FARMER - 3304.73, JESSICA MEYER - 5270.03, IAN MITCHELL - 2576.34, JULIE SLAFER - 2166.15, CURTIS STANBERRY - 3573.97, BRIAN VODICKA - 2782.32, JEFF VOGT - 3535.14, NICOLE VONDERSCHMIDT - 2492.19, SUE ANTES - 2201.85, CAROLYN BREMER - 442.16, DEB DETTMER - 460.86, LEAH GANZEL - 217.95, ORV GIGSTAD - 161.61, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 161.61, BRUCE NEEMANN - 800.15, SHARON VANHOUSEN - 121.91, JERRY WERNER - 161.61, LARAMIE WERNER - 161.61

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT - No one present.

FIRE REPORT - Fire Interim Chief Keith McWilliams present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of fire truck specs and to approve advertising for bids. Mayor Dettmer recommended approving the specs as presented and explained the fire truck committee has spent a significant amount of time researching and discussing specs to propose a safe truck that fills the departments needs. McWilliams explained why some of the specs are as requested as well as how some items were removed in order to keep necessary items the committee feels are pertinent. McWilliams will make any necessary changes in the specs per Council's recommendation before sending out. Council Member Laramie Werner approved the fire truck specs and to move forward with advertising for bids, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. The bids will be due six weeks from date of this meeting by 4:00 P.M. at City Hall and the bids will be good for 60 days. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

SHERIFF REPORT - Sheriff Caudill present. Caudill reported details from the January Incident Report distributed prior to the meeting. There were 61 calls for service, 37 were reportable incidents. Caudill had discussed at a previous meeting that vehicle accidents by Love's Truck Stop had increased. At the time, Caudill suggested reflective paint be used in this area to illustrate the turn lanes better. Nebraska Department of Transportation has been out and painted striping at the turn lanes to allow for better visibility. Caudill spoke about thefts from vehicles in the area and is pushing people to take valuable items inside and lock your vehicles. Hours for January were typical.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Rescue Chief Tim Wilson not able to be present. Mayor Dettmer explained the discussions on Customer Rebate Agreement regarding billing services and Operative IQ Licensing Agreement regarding inventory management will be tabled to a future Council meeting.

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

PARKS AND REC REPORT – Parks and Rec Director Jill Crook present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval to purchase water fountain for dog park. This item was a tabled item to allow for Crook to research winterization of the fountain. Crook explained a freeze proof fountain is available but the fine print says the warranty is void if it freezes. Council Member Jerry Werner had spoken with people at the dog park and their opinion was that water at the dog park would not be a necessity during the winter months. A fountain capable of the winterizing averages \$9000.00 and power would need to be ran to the location as well. Three bids were presented; this item is in the Parks budget. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the bid from Global Industries for \$3,319.00, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-03 to approve Master Agreement Work Order for 11th Street Low-Water Crossing, authorizing Mayor's signature; Justin Stark present. Stark explained the work order outlines the project and what options are available; the cost estimate will be based on this information. City Attorney Jerry Stilmock inquired on the Core of Engineers and when they would need to get involved; Stark confirmed they will need to at some point. JEO will need to be contacted to see if they have records of past studies. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-03, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and action on Ordinance on Syracuse Municipal Code Sections 4-1(b)(2), 4-32(a)(2)(b), 4-72(a)(2)(b). The item was tabled to a future meeting to allow for more time on the matter.

Mayor Dettmer led the continued public hearing discussion and action on Ordinance to approve Application for Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Syracuse Municipal Zoning Code Section 4.16 to reduce set-back requirement on the following-described real estate: Lots 10 and 11 Block One Prairie View CO Addition to Syracuse, Otoe County, Nebraska. Jerry Stilmock explained the item has been withdrawn by property owner Chris Cramer. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing; no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Knights of Columbus fish-fry events to be held at St. Paulinus Church on the dates of March 4th, March 18th, and April 1st 2022 for the times of 4:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.; Adam Holz present. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the SDL requests, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and request to address parking issues on Mohawk Street; Robert Carman present. Carman explained he cannot move larger items in and out of his driveway due to vehicles being parked on the street directly across from his driveway. Carman has reached out to the City and the Otoe County Sheriff's Office a number of times. Carman would like the City Council to consider making the area temporarily "no parking" to allow for him to move things in and out. Dettmer explained the administration is trying to get something accomplished; Jerry Stilmock will reach out to Sheriff Caudill. Other issues were brought up regarding unlicensed vehicles and if the vehicles were towed during snow emergencies. Dettmer explained the City gave a little grace during the snow as the snow route was new and the City wanted to allow residents to make alternative plans for the vehicle parked on the street. Stilmock suggested speaking with a tow company to iron out details pertaining cars being towed within the City limits. On a side note, Carman would like to do some volunteer work for the City as he had in the past per his employer's policy.

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of update and action items for Water Improvement Project and for the purpose of potential litigation at 6:38 P.M., Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none. Invited to stay for Closed Session were City Administrator Jessica Meyer, City Clerk Kelly Farmer and City Attorney Jerry Stilmock.

Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adjourn Closed Session at 7:13 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adjourn at 7:14 P.M., Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. 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

