

March 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 March 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, Laramie Werner; Jerry Werner absent. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the February 9, 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 February was distributed prior to the meeting; no discussion was had. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay the claims except for the Arbor Valley Animal Clinic claim, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the Arbor Valley Animal Clinic claim, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner. Nays: none. Abstain: Orv Gigstad. Agenda Items 5.A and B were tabled until a Special City Council meeting in March can happen when both Baumann and Blome can be present.

ADAM BADBERG - 100.00, ADKINS SIGNS - 430.00, AKRS - 23.00, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. - 3304.43, ARBOR VALLEY ANIMAL CLINIC - 66.50, B & B PUMP-N-GO, INC. - 1553.66, BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS - 989.35, BEACON ATHLETICS - 1790.34, BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS - 10.65, BEVERLY DEROE - 100.00, BMG CPA'S - 3310.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 2324.95, BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC - 374.64, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 753.50, BRUCE NEEMANN - 59.63, BSN SPORTS - 1150.76, BTE CORPORATION - 2650.00, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 13.39, 70.27, 55.54, CAPITAL CITY LOCK & KEY - 1356.10, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 261.99, 230.04, CONSUMER REPORTS - 31.95, CONTINENTAL FIRE SPRINKLER CO. - 250.00, COUNTRY LIVING - 29.97, CULLIGAN WATER - 44.00, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 10.94, EAKES OFFICE PLUS - 74.54, ECHO GROUP INC. - 18872.27, 426.00, ELECTRIC PUMP - 30513.00, ERIN BETH DESIGNS - 950.00, 225.00, ET'S LAWN & LEISURE - 21.45, 47.96, FIELD FORD, INC. - 1557.58, FIREGUARD, INC. - 299.00, FIRST WIRELESS, INC. - 66.00, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 2576.25, GATEHOUSE MEDIA NEBRASKA HOLDINGS, INC. - 91.16, GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL - 3319.00, HACO ELECTRIC - 40581.77, HAWKINS, INC. - 223.46, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES - 337.93, JACE STINSON - 175.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 27123.00, 792.50, JOHN CLARK - 35.00, KELLY MCINTOSH - 400.00, LANGFELDT OVERHEAD DOOR INC. - 1310.00, LON JENSEN - 500.00, MARY KLINGSICK - 100.00, MICRO MARKETING ASSOC. - 16.15, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC. - 93.00, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 395.62, MIKE'S WINDOW SERVICE, LLC - 123.80, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC. OF NE - 334.71, MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO. - 943.42, NE DEPT OF REVENUE - 100.00, NE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY - 40.00, 240.00, NEBRASKA CITY NEWSPRESS - 188.16, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 267.11, 2292.02, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 81.00, NICHOLAS CORDRAY - 120.00, OLSSON ASSOCIATES - 4625.38, 741.60, OMAHA INSURANCE CO. - 102.39, OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT - 122017.43, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 57.06, OPPD - 5688.00, 79263.00, OTOE COUNTY - 16250.00, PENNEY TRUEBLOOD - 12.00, PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS - 2.82, PRECISION WELL SERVICE - 150.00, QUICK MED CLAIMS - 1627.12, RTR DEVELOPMENT - 1017.31, SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, INC. - 887.95, SARGENT DRILLING - 600.00, SIMPLE SOLUTIONS COMPUTER GROUP, INC. - 46.10, SOUTHEAST NE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE - 200.00, 660.00, JH SPORHASE LLC - 814.89, STOCK SEED FARMS, INC. - 1080.00, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 1448.25, 311.37, SYRACUSE DO IT BEST - 270.22, 47.35, SYRACUSE IRON WORKS - 40.00, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 949.02, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 502.67, SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD - 29.99, SYRACUSE TOW & TIRE LLC - 768.36, TERRY'S FAMILY FOODS - 17.29, TRAFFIC SAFETY STORE - 1637.59, UHC - 204.15, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2319.94, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 263187.74, 123299.62, VERIZON WIRELESS - 275.23, 649.25, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - 747.36, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 2788.82, WOMAN'S DAY - 19.99, TODD AKSAMIT - 2263.10, ADAM BADGERG - 2902.66, JARED BICKFORD - 2762.07, TYLER COLLIN - 2572.60, JILL CROOK - 2729.56, KELLY FARMER - 3304.73, JESSICA MEYER - 5270.03, IAN MITCHELL - 2576.33, JULIE SLAFTER - 2166.14, CURTIS STANBERRY - 3244.49, BRIAN VODICKA - 2782.32, BRENT TETEN - 2975.97, JEFF VOGT - 3535.13, NICOLE VONDERSCHMIDT - 2486.36, SUE ANTES - 2004.38, CAROLYN BREMER - 442.16, DEB DETTMER - 460.86, LEAH GANZEL - 350.00, ORV GIGSTAD - 161.61, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 161.61, BRUCE NEEMANN - 903.03, SHARON VANHOUSEN - 193.01, JERRY WERNER - 161.61, LARAMIE WERNER - 161.61

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT - No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT - Sheriff Caudill present. Caudill reported details from the February Incident Report distributed prior to the meeting. There were 43 calls for service, 31 were reportable incidents. Caudill explained an investigation was conducted at the school as well as one death investigation. One person has been arrested in recent theft occurrences; some property was recovered. Other incidents include but not limited to 13 traffic stops, two harassment/stalking/bullying calls and one trespassing call. Hours for February were typical.

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 not present yet due to another meeting. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of employee for Syracuse Aqua Center. City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained this is required when a family member applies for a position where their parent is the department head. Jayda Garris is the daughter of Parks and Rec

Director Jill Crook therefore City Council needs to approve her being employed as a pool employee. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve Jayda Garris as a Syracuse Aqua Center employee, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and action on Eagle Scout Project for building at Syracuse Sports Complex Legion Field. Robert Shanks not available due to illness so his father, Tim Shanks present to explain. Shanks explained Robert is working towards his Eagle Scout project and this would be his final act for that achievement. The shed would house equipment used at the Legion Field. Dettmer asked if there was concern it would be right along the fence line. Shanks explained the building is actually away from the fence line but the picture used as an example is not exactly how the legion field shed would be but yes there is a concern with that just as there would be with anything. The coaches are in favor of the placement of the shed. Clerk Farmer explained Building and Zoning Inspector, Bruce Neemann is concerned about the structure being in a flood plain and would need to abide by the codes required when building in a flood plain area. There was question as to the height of the concession stand and if that's the height the shed would need to be constructed at. A building permit will need to be issued prior to any construction being done. American Legion has committed to donating funds, Shanks is pursuing County Keno funds and would like to see if the City would donate City Keno funds. The project would like to be done prior to games starting this Spring. Jerry Stilmock suggested the concession stand building was built at the height necessary to meet the flood plain requirement. Stilmock brought up an example if someone runs into a steel door on a shed, the likelihood of that door working properly after that may be slim. He also suggested the building location could be looked at more closely. Shanks explained WJH Construction will oversee the project. Shanks asked if the shed be placed just outside of the fence if that would suffice to help protect the door. If someone would run into something it would be the fence rather than the door or the building. Parks and Rec Director Jill Crook now present. She explained storage is very much needed. It was suggested Robert come back to Special City Council scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00 P.M. Currently the building is priced at \$5,380.00. Approval to request City Keno Funds needs to be a separate agenda item.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and action on seeding bids for park. Crook explained grass seed prices have gone up tremendously. The alternative to using Tru-Green or Lawn One to seed the park would be our Parks workers renting the equipment overseeding and continue to irrigate but it's a risk since we don't have a sprinkler system. Sports Turf is a blend of fescue and blue grass seed or the other option is to use all fescue. The City uses the Sports Turf mix at the Sports Complex. Fescue is fairly drought resistant. We do not know if one type is better for shading. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the Tru-Green bid at \$2,950.00 and we tell them what kind of seed we want, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-04 to approve Master Agreement Work Order No. 5 for City Park Master Plan, authorizing Mayor's signature. Jessica Meyer explained Justin Stark of Olsson has distributed information including desired items and layout for potential growth and additions for Williams Park and Sports Complex. Stark suggested having a volunteer from the City Council to sit on the committee with Crook and Meyer. Wesley Halvorsen asked to add nature space to the plans. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-04, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Crook reported she recently met with the Syracuse Soccer Club Board. They would like to know what the future plans are for the soccer fields before they invest any additional money into the fields. The fields are located to the west of the Sports Complex baseball and softball fields.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Rescue Chief Tim Wilson present. Mayor Dettmer explained the discussion and Resolution to approve Customer Rebate Agreement regarding billing services, authorizing Mayor's signature. Wilson explained this agreement is actually in conjunction with the inventory management program. Regarding the billing services, Tim is no longer going to pursue a different contract for the billing services. He feels a lot of the issues the SRS has recently experienced are being worked out and would like to give the company six months to prove they are able to provide adequate billing services to the SRS.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-05 to approve Operative IQ Licensing Agreement regarding inventory management, authorizing Mayor's signature. Wilson explained this agreement is an inventory management system. Currently the members go down once a month to do inventory checks. This process takes the majority of the squad two hours. The new system will automate the inventory process, assist with ordering and also tracks narcotics. The contract will be with Bound Tree where they order 90% of their supplies from. The inventory management system is an approved vendor through Bound Tree therefore the SRS will receive additional benefits by having this agreement. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-05, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none. Jill Crook thanked Tim Wilson and the squad for their assistance at a recent Syracuse Mat Club wrestling tournament.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-06 for approval of Biller Agreement and Statement of Work for Invoice Cloud

services between Invoice Cloud and City of Syracuse, authorizing Mayor's signature: Jessica Meyer explained. The issue came about mainly from a recent problem with the monthly utility bills being lost after they were sent to Omaha from the Syracuse Post Office. This would give customers various options for paperless billing, electronic account access and history as well as electronic payments. The system will also send out auto-reminders when a bill has not been paid. Customers will still have the option of paying in person, night deposit or by mail if they prefer. The program will take 90 to 120 days to implement and fees will be charged to the City until the program is completely up and running. This program will work with the City's billing software, PowerManager. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-06, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and request for partial street closure for the area directly across from the drive entrance of 1020 Mohawk Street, 30 feet wide, from March 15th, 2022 through May 15th, 2022 to allow for vehicles or equipment with trailers to access the drive/property at 1020 Mohawk Street: Robert Carman present. Carman commented the deputies have been working on the parking situation better. Weather could hinder any plans during a scheduled closure. There was question on how this would be marked. Mayor Dettmer doesn't feel the request at this time justifies a street closure.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Class C Liquor License application for Roe Hopper Brewing Co.; Owner Ben Biehl present. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the Class C License, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

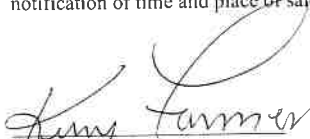
Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval for use of Williams Park for the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th, 2022; Chamber of Commerce not present. Clerk Farmer explained the event will be very similar to the egg hunts held at Williams Park in the past. Crook made note so the grass isn't mowed to allow for better egg hiding. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the use of Williams Park for the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to go into Closed Session at 7: 22 P.M. for the purpose of update and action items for Water Improvement Project and for the purpose of potential litigation at 6:38 P.M., Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Invited to stay for Closed Session were City Administrator Jessica Meyer, City Clerk Kelly Farmer, City Attorney Jerry Stilmock and Craig Martin.

Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adjourn Closed Session at 7:47 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adjourn at 7:50 P.M., Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll call: Yeas: 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.


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