

March 22, 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 7:00 P.M. on March 22, 2022 for a special 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 March 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 discussion and approval to pay the claims. No discussion was had. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve to pay the claims, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

A-1 LOCKSMITH - 353.00, AHR'S CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 300.00, BERT CROOK DRYWALL - 550.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 7387.22, CANON FINANCIAL - 127.68, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 45.17, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 174.66, 153.36, CREIGHTON - 168.50, EAKES OFFICE PLUS - 120.11, ECHO GROUP INC. - 7418.23, GATEHOUSE MEDIA NEBRASKA HOLDINGS, INC. - 12.78, HILLMAN HOME MAINTENANCE - 35.00, IAN MITCHELL - 100.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 3037.50, LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT - 118.89, MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT - 1334.13, MICRO MARKETING ASSOC. - 51.27, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS - 2726.50, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 30.00, NMC EXCHANGE LLC - 1579.89, PANHANDLE EMS EDUCATION, LLC - 4400.00, PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS - 3.00, RON'S AUTO & TIRE REPAIR - 1185.72, SCHEELE-KAYTON - 400.00, SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC. - 186.00, TRAFFIC SAFETY STORE - 1488.83, TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL - 490.00, U.S. POST OFFICE - 368.90, VERIZON WIRELESS - 649.25, WILLIAM DUTTON - 35.00, TODD AKSAMIT - 1111.16, ADAM BADGERG - 1269.59, JARED BICKFORD - 1262.63, TYLER COLLIN - 1265.92, JILL CROOK - 1369.34, KELLY FARMER - 1632.15, JESSICA MEYER - 2641.47, IAN MITCHELL - 1266.85, JULIE SLAFTER - 1087.40, CURTIS STANBERRY - 1711.80, BRIAN VODICKA - 1203.59, BRENT TETEN - 1739.78, JEFF VOGT - 1773.95, NICOLE VONDERSCHMIDT - 1247.38, CODY PESTER - 27.70.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of 2021 City Financial Audit: Auditor Julie Baumann present. Baumann explained the audit process; Todd Blome of BMG also present. This year an additional category was added due to the City requiring a single audit due to the Water Improvement Project and City accepting Federal money. Governmental activities include departments except for the utility departments, these are known as Enterprise activities. Governmental activities are on a cash basis and Enterprise utilize an accrual basis. Governmental shows an increase in assets, total equity went down a little or flat-lined and revenue went down. Baumann explained Governmental can change on a daily basis, the numbers shown in the 2021 audit are as of September 31, 2021. Baumann suggested the City be cognizant of spending as to not strain the General Fund; the City has a lot going on and just go through the numbers before making any big decisions. Much of the activities in the General Fund are not big money makers. Baumann suggested having a discussion regarding transferring from additional funds to replenish some of that General Fund. Savings accounts can be helpful when budgeting for larger items. The single audit is required to ensure the City is in compliance from receiving Federal money for the Well Field and Transmission Main Water project as well as award money for the Aqua Center Bathhouse. The single audit will need to continue to be done as the City will be receiving federal dollars for at least a few years. Blome reiterated Baumann's comments and will work with the City on tightening up some of the areas in the Governmental Funds. Additional discussion was had on savings accounts, sales tax and when bonds are scheduled to be paid off. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the 2021 Audit, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the authorization for Mayor to sign Management Representation Letter for 2021 Audit from Julie Baumann CPAs. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve for the Mayor to sign the Representation Letter for the 2021 Audit, 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 Eagle Scout Project for building at Syracuse Sports Complex Legion Field; Robert Shanks present. This was a follow-up discussion from the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting where Tim Shanks presented the idea. Shanks explained he currently has \$2000.00 raised but still needs \$1000.00; he asked for the City's assistance with the additional funds needed by use of City Keno funds. Laramie Werner moved to approve the building at the Legion Field allowing Shanks to receive \$1000.00 from the City Keno funds, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 1122 to take action for 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: Lot 4 and the North 33' of Lot 5, all in Block 1 10<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of Syracuse, Otoe County, Nebraska; Cheryl Schell present. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit. Publication was shown as well as proof of sign posted at property. Schell explained the request to allow for construction of a new garage at her property at 1268 Mohawk Street. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Orv Gigstad introduced

Ordinance No. 1122 and moved the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Council Member Jerry Werner moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1122 allowing the setback at 4 feet 6 inches, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearings, discussions and consideration of Ordinance No. 1123 and No. 1124 to take action on the following-described real estate: Lot CC Bauer 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision Block 17 Syracuse Proper, Otoe County, Nebraska to amend the Future Land Use and Transportation Maps from Downtown Commercial (DC) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) and for Application for Change of Zoning designation from Downtown Commercial (C-2) to Medium Density Residential (R-2); Therese Juilfs present for Dave Juilfs. Publication was shown as well as proof of sign posted at property. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearings. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1123 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1123 by title. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1123, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1124 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner. Nays: none. Attorney Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1124 by title. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1124, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adjourn at 8:06 P.M., Laramie Werner seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, 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

