

May 11, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at Syracuse City Council Chambers located at 495 Midland Street Syracuse, Nebraska at 6:00 P.M. on May 11, 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 April 13, 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 present. The financial report for April was distributed prior to the meeting. Blome reported all accounts and bonds have been reconciled and tied out through April 30th. Overall cash is down \$140K compared to this time last year. Expenses are up for the year due to the various projects the City has going on this year. The year-to-date reports show overall utility receipts are down; this could be timing and weather impacts. Property tax collections are up a little as well as sales tax collections. Ambulance receipts are down 20% year-to-date. Blome provided additional reports this month specifically for capital outlay expenses. The reports listed projects and payments made for capital expenditure items. The General Fund capital outlay big item was a land purchase for a future fire/rescue building. Blome provided a report to show what draws the City has received from the State Revolving Fund to offset the water improvement project expenses. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay the claims except for the Olsson Pay Certificate No. 5 to Van Kirk claim as it will be discussed later in the meeting. Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

A TO Z CARPET CLEANING & DETAILING - 557.00, ALL ROADS BARRICADE, INC - 594.57, B & B PUMP-N-GO, INC. - 2189.59, BARAGARY CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 4770.00, BENEFIT PLANS INC. - 616.25, BMG CPA'S - 2750.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 967.78, BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC - 815.11, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 2280.50, BURR FARMSMACHINERY, INC. - 174.95, 275.00, CANON FINANCIAL - 127.68, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 85.13, 48.16, CHERRY ROAD MEDIA - 35.11, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 349.32, 306.72, CORE-MARK MIDCONTINENT, INC. - 2336.12, CULLIGAN WATER - 44.00, DEBORAH RAE YOUNG - 35.00, DEREK HARMS - 4625.00, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 10.94, EAKES OFFICE PLUS - 269.94, EASTER & ASSOCIATES - 1090.00, ECO-GREEN ENTERPRISES II LLC - 13000.00, ERIN BETH DESIGNS - 50.00, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 330.00, 2726.25, HAWKINS, INC. - 236.77, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES - 746.38, INT. INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS - 200.00, IRONHIDE CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 200.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 14603.50, 145.00, KANEQUIP, INC. - 178.19, LAMSON, DUGAN & MURRAY - 337.50, LOSEKE IRRIGATION - 2767.83, MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES - 615.98, MICRO MARKETING ASSOC. - 32.34, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC. - 93.00, MIDWEST FARMERS COOP - 150.00, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 116.15, MIKE'S WINDOW SERVICE, LLC - 60.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY OF OMAHA - 140.56, NATHANIAL CORDRAY - 175.00, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 1385.16, 187.36, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 759.00, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL - 500.00, OLSSON ASSOCIATES - 2660.69, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 44.68, OPPD - 112872.27, OTOE COUNTY SHERIFF - 16250.00, PEPSI COLA OF LINCOLN - 2012.72, PETTY CASH - 145.41, PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS - 3.00, QUICK MED CLAIMS - 1975.08, RAY SHANKS - 35.00, RTR DEVELOPMENT - 1017.31, SIMPLE SOLUTIONS COMPUTER GROUP, INC. - 45.00, SYRACUSE AREA HEALTH - 232.96, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 1327.01, 308.03, SYRACUSE DO IT BEST - 1106.25, 47.25, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 766.21, SYRACUSE MARKET LLC - 563.96, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 344.66, SYRACUSE TOW & TIRE LLC - 134.95, U.S. POST OFFICE - 265.00, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2319.94, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 332984.55, 35653.46, VERIZON WIRELESS - 182.14, 648.00, VICTORIA WARD - 1550.00, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - 85.20, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 2583.20, TODD AKSAMIT - 2263.09, ADAM BADGERG - 2716.28, JARED BICKFORD - 256659, TYLER COLLIN - 2572.59, JILL CROOK - 2729.58, KELLY FARMER - 3304.73, JESSICA MEYER - 5270.03, IAN MITCHELL - 2576.33, JULIE SLAFER - 2216.14, CURTIS STANBERRY - 3409.23, BRIAN VODICKA - 2536.49, BRENT TETEN - 3339.04, JEFF VOGT - 3535.13, NICOLE VONDERSCHMIDT - 2486.35, SUE ANTES - 2156.28, CAROLYN BREMER - 442.16, DEB DETTMER - 460.86, LEAH GANZEL - 268.74, ORV GIGSTAD - 161.62, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 161.62, BRUCE NEEMANN - 967.31, SHARON VANHOUSEN - 243.80, JERRY WERNER - 161.61, LARAMIE WERNER - 161.62.

FIRE REPORT- Interim Chief Keith McWilliams present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion, consideration and award of fire truck bid for the SVFD; City Attorney, Jerry Stilmoock explained. Stilmoock went over the process of bids being submitted to the City for a new fire truck; members of the SVFD as well as those participating on the truck committee were present. Stilmoock explained the Syracuse Rural Fire Board may be willing to contribute towards the new truck purchase in possibly one of two ways, by purchasing a truck from the SVFD to have for the rural department whereas that money would go toward the new SVFD truck or by contributing money towards the purchase of the new truck. Stilmoock has visited with Mike Ross of the rural board regarding both of these options and their participation.

Scott Keene of Piper Sandler is present to contribute to the discussion regarding bonding the new fire truck; Todd Blome still in attendance to contribute as well. Stilmock explained there is a limited amount of law when accepting bids and if the lowest bid is required to be awarded and regarding specifications. Stilmock explained a bid may not be able to be awarded at this time without knowing what the Rural District may contribute. Blome suggested waiting until we know what the Rural District is going to do. Public Safety Bonds could affectively cover the new truck up to a certain amount and if the City could use a ten-year bond that would be beneficial. If the bonds do not cover the entire cost of the truck where is the balance going to come from, Blome asked. Stilmock spoke with Mike Ross to have a joint meeting between the City Council and Rural Fire District. SVFD Truck Committee member Justin Apel gave a presentation on behalf of the truck committee. Apel gave the history on how discussion regarding a new fire truck began. He spoke of safety, configuration as well as a number of key items such a versatility and storage. During the process, the committee weighed must have items versus what could be pulled back to save money. The Council suggested proposing two meeting dates to Mike Ross to see what works best for he and the Rural District; these dates being Monday May 23rd or Monday June 3rd, 2022 with a suggested time of 7:30 P.M. to allow for farmers to attend.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and action on an ordinance to utilize a Public Safety Bond to finance purchase of new fire truck. Scott Keene of Piper Sandler provided \$550K and \$600K financing for terms at 15 ½ years and 17 ½ years. He explained the City's debt service cannot exceed 90% of whatever the five cents would generate on an annual basis on our current valuation. Under state statute the City could afford this but "useful life" has to be taken into consideration. Average life for 18 years financing is 11 years; Keene explained this is how the IRS limits in terms of financing. Keene will bring Jay Spearman up to speed in anticipation for Piper Sandler to attend one of the upcoming meetings. The discussion tabled until the City meets with the Rural Fire District to see what amount the City will be responsible for a new fire truck. The City will communicate with Piper Sandler to prepare the ordinance.

RESCUE REPORT – Chief Tim Wilson not present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of monthly pay increases for SRS Officers; City Administrator, Jessica Meyer explained for Tim Wilson. At their recent meeting the Rescue Squad officers discussed increasing the monthly pay stipends for the current officers. The increases were not budgeted. Wes Halvorsen was in on the vote during the Rescue meeting and he thought it was to take place in present tense and not wait for it to be effective when the new budget starts October 1st, 2022. Stilmock explained as volunteers they receive monthly stipends and are not considered salaries. The item was tabled until a future meeting.

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT – Sheriff Caudill present. Caudill reported details from the April Incident Report distributed prior to the meeting. There were 87 calls for service, 45 generating incident reports. The calls consisted of one traffic crash, 22 traffic stops, three vandalism/graffiti and one parking complaint to name a few.

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

PARKS & REC REPORT – Director Jill Crook not present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-11 to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Syracuse and Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca Public School District regarding the division of survey services to be performed by JEO Consulting Group, authorizing Mayor's signature: Jerry Stilmock explained. The survey was proposed at \$10,500.00 to be split half and half. The City can go ahead and sign the agreement; the agreement isn't binding until the SDA School District approves and signs also. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-11, Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led discussion and resolution to approve the Scope of Services for Replating City Property and Syracuse Public School Property by JEO Consulting Group, authorizing Mayor's signature. The item was tabled until a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present, Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-12 to approve Change Order #2 for adjustments to quantities at the Gravity Sewer Extension project, authorizing Mayor's signature; Justin Stark of Olsson not present but his comments were distributed prior to start of meeting. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-12, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Pay Certificate No. 5 to Van Kirk for services a Gravity Sewer Extension project; Justin Stark of Olsson not present but his comments were distributed prior to start of meeting. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the Pay Certificate, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of roof bids for WWTP facilities. Vogt explained pictures had been taken from the top of the roof showing repairs needed. Vogt explained any extra cost not budgeted can be taken from left over funds from the Gravity Sewer Extension Project; he also explained \$13,000.00 is needed up front for 50% down. Council Member Laramie Werner moved to approve the bid from Eco-Green and for \$13,000.00 be paid up front as well as for the project to be completed in the 21-22 Budget year, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and concerns regarding dirt work behind Walnut Street; Melissa Schwartman of 1155 Walnut Street present. Schwartman explained the Gravity Sewer Extension Project goes behind her property as well as her neighbors: many of those present in the audience. She said she no longer has access to the back of her property. There was question as to an abandoned alleyway and who owned what; she and her neighbors have maintained this in the past. The project has caused an inconvenience to not only her but as well as to her neighbors and not having the easy access to the golf course as they did before. There is concern of being ticketed if they cross the area and she explained she spoke with the Otoe County Sheriff Department regarding signage. Schwartman said they did not have any notice but the golf course did. The property owners are very frustrated and they have lots of questions. Wesley Halvorsen explained the property is not an alley but it is the golf course's property. He asked if the mud is the issue or what is the issue with the berm? Schwartman said because of the slope they cannot pull campers or trailers over the area they used to be able to access their backyards. The area has been seeded therefore no one is to drive on it until grass is established. Jerry Werner explained there is 12-foot that is an easement for utility services to the west of these property lines. Schwartman claimed there was an abandoned street in this area behind these properties. Jerry Werner explained it is not an abandoned street; Schwartman said her information came from the County Attorney. Werner explained there was a street at one time further south of where Schwartman is referring to. Schwartman explained they would just like access and to still be able to drive on the golf course. Mayor Dettmer explained the City doesn't have any say as to what the golf course allows on their property. Jerry Werner explained they could have access to their backyards by utilizing 14th Street temporarily. There was question as to who is responsible to maintain this now; Schwartman explained there was rock between the properties before and that has now been removed due to the project. Halvorsen explained the grass just needs to get established. Jerry Stilmock was given the direction to look into the abandoned street claim.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 22-13 to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Syracuse and Otoe County regarding the Walnut Street Bridge, authorizing Mayor's signature; Jerry Stilmock explained he has prepared an agreement to address the plans regarding the Walnut Street Bridge. Three options were presented from Mainelli, Wagner & Associates in regards to the planning only. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-13 Option 2 concrete box culvert at \$13, 660.00, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on no parking at corner of 17th and Cheryl Drive. City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained the issues of having parking allowed on the curve off of 17th Street has posed problems for drivers by narrowing the driving area and causing visibility issues. Stilmock explained the item can be tabled to allow for more specifics as to how far the no parking should be in place. Mayor Dettmer directed the item to be tabled to a future Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of electrician and plumber license applications; a list has been provided and is attached to these minutes. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the applications for plumbers and electricians, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to go into Closed Session at 7: 36 P.M. for the purpose of update and action items for Water Improvement Project as well as update and action items on Aqua Center Bathhouse. Laramie Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Laramie Werner, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. 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 8:39 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Laramie Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Laramie Werner moved to adjourn at 8:40 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, 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.


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Mayor

