

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL

August 10, 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 August 10, 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 was absent. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the July 27, 2022 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 Treasurers Report; Todd Blome present. The June and July Treasurers Reports were distributed prior to the meeting. Blome included a list of significant expenses for July as a reminder of some of the bigger items the City is spending money on. All accounts have been reconciled. Blome spoke about the State Revolving Fund and the reimbursement process; this is for Well Field and Transmission Main water project. Electric revenue collections are up for July, which is typical for the summer months. Water capital outlay included a payment to Van Kirk as well as some engineering fees. Swimming Pool expenses are up but the pool did not open until later in the year last year. Gross income as well as purchase power are up a couple percent. Sewer expenses are up primarily from the Gravity Sewer Extension project. Blome spoke of staff changes at his office in Lincoln. The budget meeting will need to be on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Bret from BMG has been helping with the budget process. City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained the Downtown Revitalization grant and what that would do for the downtown area. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the Treasurers Reports and to pay the claims, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

B & B PUMP-N-GO, INC. - 3174.17, BEATRICE CONCRETE - 1700.00, BENEFIT PLANS INC. - 306.25, BMG CPA'S - 2750.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 7518.28, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 2544.89, BURR FARMS MACHINERY, INC. - 365.00, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 120.96, CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS - 73.32, CHERRY ROAD MEDIA - 47.19, CIVIC PLUS LLC - 3014.12, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 76.68, 87.33, CLINE WILLIAMS - 487.50, CORE-MARK MIDCONTINENT, INC. - 1750.53, CULLIGAN WATER - 47.00, DANA ANDERSON - 150.00, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 10.94, DUTEAU CHEVROLET - 500.00, EAKES OFFICE PLUS - 1186.19, ECHO GROUP INC. - 12527.24, ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY - 620.00, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 130.00, 2734.05, FRONTIER COOPERATIVE - 1019.83, GABE MEINTS - 35.00, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICE, INC. - 1045.00, GREG HERNANDEZ - 35.00, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES - 489.59, INVOICE CLOUD INC - 142.65, JENSEN CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION - 100.00, JUDSON IRRIGATION INC. - 570.78, 334.14, KRISTIN THROCKMORTON - 13.00, LOSEKE IRRIGATION - 810.00, MICRO MARKETING ASSOC. - 34.18, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 138.65, MIDWEST WALLS & LANDSCAPES, INC. - 915.20, MIKE'S WINDOW SERVICE, LLC - 50.06, 76.68, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY OF OMAHA - 96.41, NE TURF PRODUCTS - 826.00, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 1472.18, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 72.26, OTOE COUNTY - 16250.00, PORT-A-JOHNS - 120.00, PRECEPTOR TAU - 17.00, QUICK MED CLAIMS - 1506.51, SDA CHEERLEADERS - 38.00, SDA STARLETTES DANCE TEAM - 16.00, SE NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DIST. - 2230.00, SHARON WELLENSIEK - 35.00, JH SPORHASE LLC - 214.00, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 2651.18, SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT - 109.05, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 3056.46, SYRACUSE MARKET LLC - 373.42, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 72.70, SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD - 17850.00, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2317.06, VERIZON WIRELESS - 187.00, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - 404.70, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 2769.14

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of 2022-2023 Budgets. The City used a Budget Committee this year and met twice to review and discuss the individual department budgets. The committee was comprised of the Mayor, Council Members Jerry Werner and Wesley Halvorsen, The City Clerk and City Administrator. No further discussion was had. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the department budgets, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT - Ann Buellstorff of the Otoe County Wind Forum present to discuss wind turbines possibly moving into Otoe County. The proposed site currently includes fifty-six 650-foot tall wind turbines in the western part of Otoe County. Regulations are being reviewed currently. The group is asking for a one-mile setback from the nearest property line. Some counties have two, some have five. Wind turbines currently could be allowed within a half-mile of the city limits. Jefferson county currently as 32 and there are 90 total projected. If Otoe County allows the placement of the turbines, the concern is they will continue across the remainder of the county. Buellstorff left information which will be available for viewing at City Hall.

SHERIFF REPORT - Otoe County Sheriff Colin Caudill present. Caudill reported 74 calls for service during the month of July. Three property damages, one injury crash as well as one

hit and run crash were among the calls. Traffic stops are up, Caudill explained this is typical for this time of year. Complaints have come in for speeding in the construction area on Highway 50 south of town. Deputies will be in the area for the beginning of school in the next week. Dettmer inquired on active-shooter training involving the schools. Caudill explained the deputies participate in training for different situations and as the schools grow the departments work to stay up to date with these changes. The department will keep an eye on the Library as there have been complaints of people being on the roof after hours. He advised the City post No Trespassing signs at the site.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Keith McWilliams present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of two new members to the SVFD. McWilliams announce Josh Medeiros who has previous experience with Auburn and Nebraska City’s fire departments. The second is Micah Braunsroth who works for Duncan Aviation and is new to Syracuse. He is firefighter One certified and is a licensed EMT. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the two new members to the SVFD, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

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

PARKS AND REC REPORT – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval to replace broken water fountain at Sports Complex; City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained. The proposal from Bohl Plumbing and Htg. Gave a price of \$3135.00 for an Elkay Bi-Level Outdoor Cooler. Additional bids received were not for outdoor use. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the bid from Bohl, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval to fix one field at the Sports Complex; Jessica Meyer explained. Meyer explained three bids were received for the work. B & D Diamond Pro was the first explained; they have assisted the City with it’s fields at the Sports Complex for years. They use a product called Diamond Pro. Odeys was an additional bid; they have come up with their own product that helps with moisture better than what the competitors offer. Mid-America Sports and Construction out of Kansas City was the third bid discussed; they do not specify any sort of product used for moisture control. Odeys and Mid-America both recommend surveying the fields to get a better assessment of what is needed before starting any work. B & D and Mid-America uses laser leveling and Odeys uses GPS Grading as this process gives a more accurate picture of the field. Having a survey done does not lock the City into going with one company versus another when it comes to the actual field work. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the Odeys survey bid of \$1700.00 to see their assessment, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and Resolution No. 22-24 on 2022/2023 One & Six-Year Street Improvement Plan, authorizing Mayor to sign; Justin Stark present to explain. Stark spoke about the project on the one-year plan including the 11<sup>th</sup> Street low-water crossing and Swanson Drive crossing. There are five projects on the six-year plan. Discussion was had regarding old Highway 2; Stark mentioned the accessibility to the north entrance to the cemetery as well as industrial buildings. It could also be used in future development accessibility. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-24, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

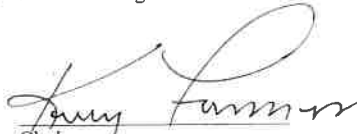
Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and consideration of truck bids; Jeff Vogt explained. Vogt provided bids from Duteau and Copple. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the low bid with Duteau for a 2022 Chevy 2500 HD Silverado at \$50,055.00 with \$500.00 down. Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Sargent estimate for piping upgrades. Vogt explained the piping is needed to fit with the new meter at Well #68-1. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the estimate of \$12,082.00, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adjourn at 7:07 P.M., Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, 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.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor

