

January 11, 2023

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 January 11, 2023 for a 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, Nate Patton. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the December 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 of BMG present. The December Treasurer's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. Blome reported December was a lighter month as far as financials go. Larger expenses and disbursements included payments to Julie Baumann for auditing services, Derek Harms for lawn and leaf pile cleanup, and Otoe County Sheriff for the monthly payment per the Interlocal Agreement. Blome noted two bonds have been paid off in the last two months. A reimbursement request has been sent to SRF for the last few months of project claims going out totaling around \$695,000.00. Blome explained he may not be present at the next couple of meetings with the busy tax season approaching but that he will send over any comments he has on the monthly financials. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the Treasurers Reports and to pay the claims, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

A-1 LOCKSMITH - 235.00, ABC TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, INC. - 90.00, AKRS - 133.20, ANDY BRACE - 120.00, ASCAP - 420.00, BEETHE CARPENTRY - 200.00, BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS - 10.00, BIBLIONIX LLC - 1650.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 1775.67, BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC - 367.05, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 2732.50, BRENT TETEN - 58.00, BURR FARMS MACHINERY, INC. - 215.00, CANON FINANCIAL - 101.06, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 298.26, CAROL LINQUIST - 450.00, CHERRY ROAD MEDIA - 424.84, CHRISTA REISDORFF - 50.00, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 349.32, 306.72, COUNTRY LIVING - 34.97, CREATIVE SITES - 1130.00, CUBBY'S INC. - 1809.61, CULLIGAN WATER - 39.99, DAN'S TIRE & REPAIR - 66.96, 25.00, DANNER CONSTRUCTION - 235.00, DELISH - 10.00, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 21.88, EAKES OFFICE PLUS - 305.94, ECHO GROUP INC. - 2879.78, FIELD FORD, INC. - 78.80, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 2855.05, 2915.50, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING - 29.97, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICE, INC. - 316.00, HAWKINS, INC. - 276.84, HILLARY WIEBUSCH - 200.00, HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR - 664.00, JC DIRT WORK - 650.00, JEN STAACK - 320.00, JEN WALLMAN - 120.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 3231.25, 4634.00, JODY BRUNS - 280.00, JOE REISDORFF - 160.00, KAREN DRIEVER - 565.69, KIM BELLINDER - 35.00, 35.00, KODY CARDINAL - 240.00, MANLEY SOLUTIONS, INC. - 960.00, MARCIA SCHEINOST - 80.00, MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC - 222.36, MATT WALLEN - 35.00, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC. - 304.00, 114.51, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 61.49, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY OF OMAHA - 493.29, NE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC. - 350.00, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 3031.40, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 80.00, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL - 5911.00, OLSSON ASSOCIATES - 1089.25, 4355.34, OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT - 137821.93, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 27.92, OTOE COUNTY - 300.00, OTOE COUNTY SHERIFF - 16250.00, QUICK MED CLAIMS - 240.16, QUINTIN BAUMEISTER - 280.00, READER'S DIGEST - 30.00, RON ROSENTHAL - 375.00, SCHEELE-KAYTON - 100.00, SE AREA CLERKS ASSOCIATION - 10.00, SE NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DIST. - 8563.75, SIMPLE SOLUTIONS COMPUTER GROUP, INC. - 55.60, JH SPORHASE LLC - 3.75, 115.00, 50.00, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 1673.00, 325.00, SYRACUSE DO IT BEST - 933.92, SYRACUSE IRON WORKS - 263.33, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 1233.45, SYRACUSE MARKET LLC - 115.13, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 468.52, SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD - 18050.00, SYRACUSE TOW & TIRE LLC - 162.95, SYRACUSE VOL. FIRE DEPT. - 119.88, TAMI ANDERA - 60.00, TCA OUTDOOR POWER - 1284.30, TIM WILSON - 450.00, TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL - 980.00, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2317.06, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 24148.36, VERIZON WIRELESS - 246.35, 723.73, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - 1127.69, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 60.00, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 3284.48, WESTERN SAND & GRAVEL CO. - 293.55, WINDSTREAM - 53.24, JARED BICKFORD - 1231.45, TYLER COLLIN - 1317.29, KELLY FARMER - 2138.30, SONNI GRAVES - 2036.80, JESSICA MEYER - 2730.92, IAN MITCHELL - 1424.94, JULIE SLAFTER - 1128.35, CURTIS STANBERRY - 1703.91, BRENT TETEN - 1765.42, BRIAN VODICKA - 1279.75, JEFF VOGT - 1846.66, NICOLE VONDERSCHMIDT - 1295.88, TODD AKSAMIT - 1154.82, ADAM BADBERG - 1400.23.

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT - No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT - Otoe County Sheriff Caudill present; the report has been distributed. Calls for service for December with 35 reported calls for service. Caudill explained the calls included two arrest warrants, 10 traffic stops and two traffic crashes with damages.

PARKS & REC REPORT - Director Sonni Graves present.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-01 to approve Master Agreement Work Order for Trail & Basketball Court Design at Williams Park and Sports Complex, authorizing Mayor's signature; Justin Stark of Olsson present. Stark explained this is coming back to the conversation had a couple months ago laying out the two main components of the Master Plan of the proposed trail and basketball court. The t-ball field outfield would allow room for the basketball court and possibly a pickleball court. The City is pursuing a grant for the trail; the application is in the fall. This is an 80/20 match and is up to \$250,000.00. One of the big items concerning the trail is drainage. The grant does allow the applicant to count work done prior to the application up to 18 months prior. Putting these efforts in help show commitment on the grant application. The scope and costs presented previously stay the same. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the work order up to \$22,680.00, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of bid for sprinkler work at the Sports Complex. Graves explained the bids from Judson and Odeys for fields D and C; these are the two south fields of the complex Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the Judson Irrigation bid of \$7400.00 each, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of bid for Williams Park Shelter Siding. Bids were received from Advanced Exteriors and Roof Guard. The shelter has had 17 rentals since September 5th, 2022. The new siding will include new trim; this will help with some of the gaps between the doors and the concrete. Nate Patton recommended doing some landscaping or something along the base of the building to help protect from damage by trimmers and mowers. Council Member Nate Patton moved to approve the bid from Advanced Exteriors of \$4910.00, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Chief Tim Wilson present.

Mayor Dettmer led discussion on equipment purchase for replacement of equipment. Wilson explained he is pursuing quotes and has started on a grant opportunity with the state for up to \$50,000.00 for use towards cots. The squad is looking at replacing two. Wilson proposed a couple of scenarios. The total purchase price would be \$61,376.00; the SRS currently has \$20,000.00 budgeted, hoping the rest would come from the grant. Wilson noted the prices of these will go up February 1st. Wilson proposed to wait to sign the quote until prior to February 1st to see if they receive the grant; Wilson is hoping to hear about the grant before the end of January but there are a substantial number of applicants compared to available funding. If they do not get the funding, they can sign the purchase order and delay the order in order to pay the amount between two budgets. The Council recently approved \$25,000.00 allocated to the SRS from ARPA funds which could be designated for this if needed. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve Wilson to move forward with signing the purchase order but delay as explained and to split between two budgets therefore if no grant is received then funds would come from \$20,000.00 current budget, \$25,000.00 from ARPA funds and the final \$20,000.00 from the next budget year, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and consideration of ordinance for Application for approval of Zahn Meadows Phase II Final Plat of the following-described real estate: A tract of land located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Otoe County Nebraska; Ron and Barb Zahn present. Publication noted and proof of signage posted present. Ron explained the plat has gone in front of the Planning Commission and discussed the out-lots and proposed detention pond, the allowance of a septic system versus a grinder pump and the extension of 14th Street east. Zahn will maintain the out-lot (A) property and detention pond for five years then it would be turned over to the City. Jerry Stilmock suggested the ordinance and resolution will go in front of the City Council in February with the Escrow and Subdivision Agreement. Out-lot A dedication will be included with the subdivision agreement. He explained the escrow agreement is a three-party agreement between Ron and Barb Zahn's company, the City of Syracuse and the financial institution Zahn's choose. It is Ron's responsibility to get the cost estimate from his engineers, E&A, for the escrow piece and give to Justin Stark to review also. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. The item will be on a future agenda as explained above.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 1134 to approve Application for Conditional Use Permit for consideration to allow dry camping or boondocking for up to three years at the property located at 17-8-11 Lot 3 less

Lintner Subdivision and Lot 4 E ½ SW ¼ and W ½ SE ¼ S~W of river and North of public road access to McKees Replat less tract ~ 14.04 Acres; property owners Ryan Rutar and Devlin Limbach present. Publication noted and proof of signage posted present. They explained a conditional use to approve the campground was approved by Ordinance No. 1119. This ordinance required electrical hookups to be present at each pad. Rutar and Limbach explained while developing the campground they were notified by Nebraska City Utilities that the transformer they ordered could take up to two years to receive. They have been receiving calls by interested parties regarding usage of the campground but due to the stipulations placed in the original ordinance they cannot allow people to utilize the campground. Rutar and Limbach asked for the condition of electrical pads to be revised in order for camping to be allowed; when the transformer arrives they will install electrical hookups at the camping pads. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit application and to remove Section 3, Item C from Ordinance No. 1119 regarding electrical hookups being present. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Orv Gistaad moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1134 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none. Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1134 by title. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved for final passage, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 1135 to amend Syracuse Municipal Zoning Code Section 5.17 FF/FW Floodplain Districts (Overlay District). Building and Zoning Inspector Bruce Neemann explained he has been working on this for some time; the last update was in 2004. The proposed ordinance is an updated version of what the City already has; this does not change the flood plain. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1135 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton. Nays: none. Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1135 by title. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved for final passage, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on amendments to Application for Food or Non-Alcoholic Beverage Vendor Permit; Jessica Meyer explained. Recently there has been discussion on if there should be exceptions for vendors regarding the \$50.00 per year fee. Currently the City requires an application to be completed and payment of \$50.00 but this is hard to manage when there is an event in town such as the fair or Germanfest where multiple vendors are coming to town. Other municipalities do have an exception for food trucks providing for charitable organizations or non-profits. Consideration needs to be had if the vendor is utilizing City's power such as at the Sports Complex or on a pole. There was also discussion on if a vendor is serving the same type of item as what's being sold at the Sports Complex concessions stand. The Saturday morning Farmers Market was brought up as well as who will be in charge of making sure all of these vendors have completed the app and paid the fee. The application currently requires written approval by a property owner if the vendor is parking on private property, a copy of their State of Nebraska Food Vendor Permit as well as proof of insurance. It was suggested to require the vendors to continue to complete the application and submit the necessary documentation but no longer requiring a fee so vendors are not discouraged to come to town. The Mayor and Council recommended table the discussion to allow to revise the application and come back for further discussion.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion to authorize City Attorney to release Nebraska Deed of Trust filed against the W ½ of Lot 5 and all of Lots 6 & 7, Block 7, Burr Village, and recorded as Instrument No. 201800050 by filing Deed of Reconveyance. Stilmock explained this property took part in a housing rehab program for Otoe County; the note time limit of five years has passed therefore the release can be done. Council Member Nate Patton moved to approve the release the Deed of Trust for the Betty Messer estate, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Special Designated Liquor Licenses for St. Paulinus Gala on February 25th from 5:00 P.M. to Midnight and Knights of Columbus fish-fry events to be held at St. Paulinus Church on the dates of March 3rd, March 17th, March 31st from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.; Adam Holz not present. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the SDL requests, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on land south of proposed 15th Avenue extension. Austin Landwehr, property owner, present to explain he owns the property south of the old hospital property currently owned by the City. Landwehr would like to pursue to purchase a tract of land between the City's property and his property for residential use. The Council and Mayor

would like to wait until the City has a better plan of how future structure(s) and development is going to happen therefore they will not entertain Landwehr's proposal at this time.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to go into Closed Session at 7:37 P.M. for the purpose of potential litigation inviting Jessica Meyer, Kelly Farmer, Jerry Stilmock, and Sonni Graves to stay, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Council member Orv Gigstad moved to come out of Closed Session at 7:52 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led discussion on well field and transmission main. Stilmock explained an agreement between City of Syracuse, Van Kirk Bros. Construction and Lincoln Winwater Company has been presented as the City being responsible for one-third of price and can be terminated if not all of the pipe has been delivered by the date stated in the agreement. Dane Simonsen of JEO will prepare a change order with authorization for Mayor Dettmer to sign. No motion needed.

Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adjourn at 7:57 P.M., Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, 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.


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Mayor

