

April 12, 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 April 12, 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 Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the March 8th, 2023 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.

The Girl Scouts presented on their Sunscreen Station. They are planning to install the sunscreen station at the Syracuse Aqua Center. The scouts discussed the donation of a dispenser as well as discounts on the sunscreen for the dispenser. The Mayor and Council Members commended the girls on the great idea.

Mayor Dettmer led the approval of claims and Treasurers Report; Todd Blome of BMG not present. The March Treasurer's Report was distributed prior to the meeting along with Blome's comments. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the Treasurers Reports and to pay the claims, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

AKRS - 251.43, 1097.89, ANDY BRACE - 200.00, BARAGARY CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 9860.00, BMG CPAS - 2750.00, BOHL PLUMBING & HEATING - 161.00, BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 610.07, BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC - 399.29, BRANDT, HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 3817.82, BURR FARMS MACHINERY, INC. - 2140.00, CANON FINANCIAL - 127.68, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 23.92, 202.19, CAPITAL CITY LOCK & KEY - 284.72, CAROL LINQUIST - 100.00, CHERRY ROAD MEDIA - 117.52, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 426.00, 383.40, CLINE WILLIAMS - 2700.00, CN ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION - 200.00, CUBBY'S INC. - 1931.59, CULLIGAN WATER - 39.99, DECK DYNASTY - 35.00, DEMCO, INC. - 1179.91, DTS TECHNOLOGY - 20.38, DUTTON LAINSON CO. - 987.85, ECHO GROUP INC. - 1678.32, ERIN BETH DESIGNS - 82.00, FIELD FORD, INC. - 146.36, FIREGUARD, INC. - 564.00, FIRSTBANK OF NEBRASKA - 25.00, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 20.00, 2912.56, GPM - 510.00, HAWKINS, INC. - 233.54, HILLARY WIEBUSCH - 160.00, HOA - 8044.50, HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR - 2509.00, INVOICE CLOUD INC - 455.55, JC DIRT WORK - 250.00, JEN STAACK - 120.00, JEN WALLMAN - 90.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 13580.00, 588.75, JERRY STILMOCK - 864.80, JESSICA MEYER - 166.25, JODY BRUNS - 80.00, JOE REISDORFF - 80.00, JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY - 5635.00, KODY CARDINAL - 90.00, LINCOLN WINWATER WORKS - 504188.01, MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT - 331.76, MARCIA SCHEINOST - 40.00, MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES - 718.62, MCLAUGHLIN MASONRY - 35.00, MELISSA JUILFS - 61.57, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC. - 112.00, 138.11, MIDWEST BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS - 814.42, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC. - 213.10, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY OF OMAHA - 9326.89, NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES - 1882.00, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS - 2726.50, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 64.00, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL - 1226.99, OLSSON ASSOCIATES - 6790.29, 6655.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 39.80, OPPD - 129162.08, OTOE COUNTY SHERIFF - 16250.00, PEPSI COLA OF LINCOLN - 1753.78, PETTY CASH PARK & REC. - 210.00, QUENTIN BAUMEISTER - 120.00, QUICK MED CLAIMS - 2578.77, SAMANTHA CORDRAY - 216.00, SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC. - 198.00, STRYKER SALES CORPORATION - 833.85, CITY OF SYRACUSE - 1638.35, SYRACUSE DO IT BEST - 43.93, 319.20, SYRACUSE IRON WORKS - 6.45, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 22.18, 179.55, SYRACUSE MARKET LLC - 85.33, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 261.83, SYRACUSE TOW & TIRE LLC - 1465.14, TAMI ANDERA - 60.00, TAYLOR DETTMER - 138.80, THE NEBRASKA MED CENTER - 2500.00, TIM WILSON - 550.00, TYLER COLLIN - 64.19, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2317.06, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 630174.91, VERIZON WIRELESS - 491.97, 766.42, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - 128.59, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 90.00, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION - 3365.29, WINDSTREAM - 53.89, JARED BICKFORD - 2590.32, TYLER COLLIN - 2665.94, KELLY FARMER - 4087.67, SONNI GRAVES - 4083.83, JESSICA MEYER - 5499.15, IAN MITCHELL - 2895.22, JULIE SLAFTER - 2288.89, CURTIS STANBERRY - 3584.08, BRENT TETEN - 3413.75, BRIAN VODICKA - 2818.25, JEFF VOGT - 4044.22, NICOLE VONDERSCHMIDT - 2618.93, TODD AKSAMIT - 2338.99, ADAM BADBERG - 2895.72, LEAH GANZEL - 777.66, KRISTINE GERKING - 156.99, ORV GIGSTAD - 207.78, WES HALVORSEN - 230.88, BRUCE NEEMANN - 1286.93, NATE PATTON - 230.88, SHARON VANHOUSEN - 697.89, JERRY WERNER - 230.88, MELISSA JUILFS - 3540.72, LILLY WINDHORST - 165.91, DEB DETTMER - 620.64, CODY PESTER - 301.21.

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT - No one present.

SHERIFF REPORT - Otoe County Sheriff Caudill present; the report has been distributed. There were 46 calls for service during the month of March, 37 were reportable. The department assisted a task force with an arrest of a fugitive from a different area. The majority of the incidents were traffic stops with 13 total. Caudill explained the department wrapped up the vandalism case at the St. Paulinus Catholic Church very quickly. With summer months approaching and school dismissing soon, the department will be ramping up coverage.

LIBRARY REPORT – Director Melissa Juilfs present. Juilfs reported it has been an eventful first few months at the Syracuse Public Library. She expresses she's still learning but gaining traction in many areas. Juilfs reported on unofficial programming, needs moving forward and updating our technology systems, the roles of the board. Circulation numbers is up, computer usage is up but the Library is definitely growing. Lots of new books are becoming available as well as activities and programs.

PARKS & REC REPORT – Director Sonni Graves not present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion for request for Keno Funds; Boy Scout Kaden Knake present to explain. Knake is working towards his Eagle Scout project and would like to replace the flagpole holders at the Park Hill Cemetery. This will enable the areas to be located more efficiently as the concrete is beneath the surface and covered with grass and dirt; many of the caps get damaged by mowers. Knake is asking for \$150.00 in Keno Funds; the remaining \$600.00 has been donated to Knake towards his project. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the request for funds, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt not present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-09 to approve Amendment #3 Phase II Water Main Improvements, authorizing Mayor's signature; Tim Adams of JEO present. Adams explained the amendment is for additional water main improvements to utilize additional SRF funds. Three proposed projects include replacement on Mohawk, the north loop up to the hospital and a few additional blocks on Park Street. If additional funds are left, Jeff Vogt and Dane Simonsen have discussed a few smaller projects. Adams explained there is an existing utility easement up by the hospital and may be a need for some temporary easements. JEO will prepare any documentation needed for any temporary easements. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-09, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

RESCUE REPORT – Chief Tim Wilson present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and update of billing services. Wilson explained he and Jerry Stilmock have been in discussions with Quick Med Claims, the squad's current billing service. Quick Med Claims said they are working to correct the issues and that it was an internal issue. Wilson has negotiated a lower rate and answering any questions they have regarding any of the squad's paperwork; some of these questions go back to 2020 and Wilson was not notified of any issues or questions Quick Med Claims say they had. Wilson and Stilmock have another meeting scheduled with them. Revenue from the billings has increased since Wilson reached out to them. Wilson requested a quote from One Billing Solutions; Wilson has worked with the rep from One Billing Solutions as she was with EMS Billing prior to them being bought out by Quick Med Claims. Software is available to learn how to do the billing as well as some training; Nebraska City has moved their billing in-house. It may be possible to have a contract with Nebraska City to have their services provided to Syracuse Rescue as well. Stilmock explained what the current contract says. Wilson would not be offended if the City Council recommends the SRS move another direction. He explained the process to change is not an easy one though. Wilson explained bringing the billing services in house is a lot of work and their time would need to be compensated from the Ambulance budget, which is currently not in the budget. Protection would be provided if the SRS continues to go with a third-party vendor plus their expertise.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and resolution to approve Subdivision Agreement and Escrow Agreement between City of Syracuse and Zahn Meadows, LLC, authorizing Mayor's signature. The item is tabled until a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and consideration of ordinance of 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. The item is tabled until a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-10 to approve Olsson Work Order for Storm Water Detention Cell Preliminary Design, authorizing Mayor's signature; Justin Stark of Olsson present. Stark referenced the Streambank Stability Project and previous discussions on the different projects assessed in the study. Stark explained the intention is to control storm water peak flows. Coordination with the Department of Natural Resources is written into the work order. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt 23-10, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-11 to remove 4-hour parking on Midland Street, authorizing Mayor's signature; City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained. This item was discussed at the March City Council meeting and tabled for more discussion.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-11 removing the 4-hour parking on the west side of Midland Street, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. for Application for Conditional Use Permit for consideration of a free-standing sign at the following-described real estate: 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: Ryan Rutar and Devlin Limbach present. The sign will be on the side of the road by the entrance going into the campground. The two-sided sign will be far enough back and some of their trees may need to be removed to ensure no line of site issues for traffic on County Road J. Planning Commission recommended approval by the City Council. Publication was had and signage posted at site noted. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen introduced Ordinance No. 1138 and moved the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1138 by title. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved for final passage of the ordinance, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-12 authorizing Mayor to sign Proclamation announcing Week of the Young Child for April 8th thru April 14th, 2023. The Mayor read the proclamation. Dan Mauk thanked the Mayor and Council for the support they have shown towards the childcare within Otoe County and the City of Syracuse. Council Member Nate Patton moved to adopt the resolution and proclamation, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Tia Taylor's Application for Syracuse Childcare Incentive Plan; Jessica Meyer explained. Taylor explained the bids for a fence. The Childcare Incentive Plan Committee approved the application for Tia's daycare. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the application, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of fireworks show to be held during the Otoe County Fair on Saturday July 29th, 2023 following the rodeo on Frontier Cooperative property; Mike Rudolph of Otoe County Ag Society present. Rudolph explained the show will be approximately five to seven minutes. The company is from Iowa and is insured. This is the 150th Year of the Otoe County Fair. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the fireworks show, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on SDL request for 2023 Otoe County Fair beer garden for the dates and times of 12:00 P.M. Thursday July 27th to 1:00 A.M. Monday July 30th; Mike Rudolph of the Otoe County Ag Society present. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the SDL request, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing, discussion and consideration of ordinance for approval of Rocket Subdivision Final Plat of the following-described real estate: All of Lot B, Grotian Subdivision, Part of Lot 23, Swanson Heights, Part of Williams Addition, and Part of Blocks 6, 8 and All of Lots 2 & 3, Block 9, 14th Addition, All in the City of Syracuse. Otoe County, Nebraska. Further work is needed for the final plat. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to continue the public hearing to Wednesday May 10th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Council meeting, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Ordinance No. 1139 to repeal Syracuse Municipal Code Section 6-73, Plumbing Permit. Jessica Meyer explained this is not a permit the City uses as the building permit takes care of any plumbing work done. Building and Zoning Inspector Bruce Neemann agreed with the explanation. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1139 and move the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Jerry Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1139 by title. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1139, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of waiver for building permit fees for Downtown Revitalization applicants and appointment of Downtown Revitalization Committee. Jessica Meyer explained an Open House was held for businesses to attend and hear about opportunities provided by Downtown Revitalization Grant the City is receiving. Currently the deadline for applicants is May 1st, 2023. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the waiver of the permit fees as well as the appointments of Jessica Meyer, Wesley Halvorsen and Jerry Werner for the DTR Committee, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Electricians and Plumbers licenses; Clerk Farmer distributed a list. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the list of contractors, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

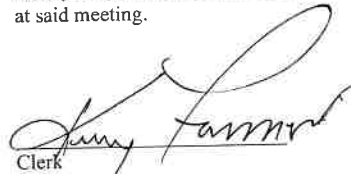
Mayor Dettmer asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of potential litigation inviting Jessica Meyer, Kelly Farmer, Jerry Stilmock and Bruce Neemann to stay. Council Member Nate Patton moved to go into Closed Session, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none. Clerk Farmer confirmed the motion was passed; time of Closed Session is 7:13 P.M.

Mayor Dettmer asked for a motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:00 P.M. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to come out of Closed Session, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval for authority to file lawsuit according to Syracuse Municipal Code Section 1-7 for daily violations of Section 6-70 for failure to file Application for Building Permit at 912 Mohawk Street. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to authorize to move forward with filing a civil suit, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, 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

