

June 14, 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 June 14, 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 was absent. A copy of the posting notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Minutes for the May 25th, 2023 special 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 not present. The May Treasurer's Report was distributed prior to the meeting as well as expenses over \$3000.00. Comments provided by Blome included electric revenue is up 16% for the year and up over last year by 7%. Regarding Ambulance income, revenue has caught up a bit in May and is now down only 12% from last year. All cash accounts have been reconciled and all cash basis activity has been reported through May 31st. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the Treasurers Reports and to pay the claims, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. 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

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No one present.

LIBRARY REPORT – Director Melissa Juilfs present. Juilfs reported 160 kids are signed up for summer reading, there are 69 new members and circulation totals are up 800. The summer calendar is out for the Library. Activities include chess at the Library, a puzzle competition, story time with special guest therapy dog, and reading with preschool teachers. In July there will be a portrayal of Wilber Wright doing a presentation as well as a fishing tutorial with Hayden. Funds raised by the book sale and donations are being used to purchase board games for kids and adults and bracelet making kits. A puppet theatre was recently donated by Wes and Teri Janssen.

SHERIFF REPORT – Otoe County Sheriff Caudill present; the report has been distributed. There were 69 calls for service during the month of May, 57 were reportable. Caudill noted the majority of the disturbance calls were from one person. Traffic stops still rank high on the list; three arrest or search warrants served.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and update on Otoe County Sheriff Interlocal Agreement. City Attorney Jerry Stilmock explained the proposal the City submitted to County Attorney Jenniffer Panko-Rahe. The City asked what happens if the City wanted less than 40 hour

week? Caudill explained currently the City is paying for 80 hours. At what point does the Sheriff's department stop enforcing the City's ordinances? Historically the City is getting more hours than what it's paying for. He explained if the hours are taken down to 20, he is concerned ordinances will not be able to be enforced if the department is at that limit for the week. The hours are split up over a seven-day period. The proposal submitted to the City by the Otoe County Sheriff's Office is for 40 hours. Caudill also suggested additional coverage for school events or atv inspections may suffer if the hours are reduced. There have been no increases within the 3-year agreement term; the current agreement expires September 30th of this year. Stilmock asked Caudill to give an example of how coverage at an SDA school or Syracuse Sports Complex event differs than what the County provides to other towns within the County such as Palmyra. Caudill explained the department assists a lot with SDA prom and are more involved and check in to these types of events in Syracuse. These events also include the Otoe County Fair and Germanfest, both held within the City limits. Caudill explained he sends messages out to the deputies about what's going on in town as he may know more than what many of them do just from living in the area and being involved as a parent.

PARKS & REC REPORT – Director Sonni Graves present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-21 to approve Master Agreement Work Order for Sports Courts Final Design at Williams Park, authorizing Mayor's signature; Justin Stark of Olsson present to explain. Stark explained the design can be done in two phases including a basketball court and pickleball court with possible expansion to a tennis court. The work order includes final design of the courts; also included is layout for parking, a chain link fence and some lighting. Concrete is one of the main components. Question was brought up regarding possibly two pickleball courts; opportunity for this may be lost due to the sidewalk running along the west side. Stark explained the previous work order included through the bidding process. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-21 approving the final design, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Graves reported on the wells at the Sports Complex and explained the sprinklers work they are just on a slower rotation. Project Playground is still trying to raise funds but are at a stand still currently. There was past discussion to move the existing playground equipment at Williams Park to the dog park area when the new playground goes in. The swings will be staying at Williams Park. The shelter at the sports complex sand volleyball court is going up. A fundraiser is scheduled at the Sports Complex; many people are expected to attend.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-22 to approve JEO Change Order No. 6 and update on Water Supply Improvement Project, authorizing Mayor's signature; JEO not present. Van Kirk is asking for a 60-day extension to the current contract. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to adopt the change order approving the extension, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 23-23 to approve amendment to JEO Syracuse 2023 Electrical Distribution System Improvement Agreement, authorizing Mayor's signature; JEO not present. The amendment includes additional places in town where the red and purple phase can be replaced. The additional cost is \$10,000.00; Vogt explained he has money in the electrical budget for this. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to adopt the resolution to approve the amendment, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and resolution to approve the Waste Connections Agreement for Garbage Hauling and Disposal, authorizing Mayor's signature. Jerry Stilmock explained the City and Papillion Sanitation still have issues to resolve with the proposed agreements. One agreement is for manual service but there is a price increase and will require the garbage pick up to only be on the street and no longer in alleys. The City has 40 city blocks of alleys. The second agreement is for automatic pickup but with no price increase. Carts would be provided to customers as requested; they anticipate this process take possibly three months. Papillion Sanitation will allow the City to continue the current agreement while discussion is being had beyond July 1st. The item is tabled until a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on SDL request for youth wrestling event on Sunday August 6th, 2023 from 4 to 11 P.M. to be held on 5th Street from Midland to Mohawk; Tim Collin of The Beer Stein not present. This is the second year for this event at the same location and setup. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve the SDL request, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

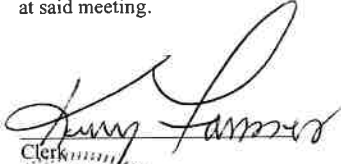
Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on street closure request for 2023 Otoe County Fair Parade Saturday July 29th at 1:00 P.M. to include 5th Street and side streets from Plum to Mohawk. The route for the parade will be the same as years past. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the street closure, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and on street closure request for Vacation Bible School June 26th thru June 30th, 2023 from 5:30 to 8:15 P.M. to include Mohawk Street from 11th to 12th Streets. Clerk Farmer explained the request is to ensure those attending our able to cross Midland safely while participating in VBS activities. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the street closure, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

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

Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M., Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, 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.


Clerk


Mayor

