BUDGET HEARING

CITY COUNCIL

September 13, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 Midland Street at 6:00 P.M. on September 13, 2023 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 Budget Statement. The meeting was open to the public and notice of meeting was given by posting in five places: Syracuse City Hall lobby, First Bank of Nebraska lobby, Countryside Bank, U.S. Post Office lobby and Syracuse Market window. Proof of publication in Syracuse Journal Democrat September 8, 2023 Edition was shown. Mayor Dettmer was present and requested roll call; present were Council members Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, and Nate Patton. A copy of the publication notice and acknowledgement of notice to the Council is attached to these minutes. Dettmer noted the Open Meetings Act was posted. 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 opened the budget public hearing and discussion on 2023-2024 Budget and approval of additional 1.0% increase in restricted funds. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were present and available to the public; Todd Blome of BMG CPA’s present to explain. Blome explained the proposed budget and where the amounts and numbers come from based on the City’s financial reports as well as key provisions answering questions from the Mayor and City Council. Blome provided a worksheet he created explaining how the City’s valuation and tax request coincide currently and historically; the City’s valuation increased by 21%. Comparisons and contrasts were reviewed between the 23-24 proposed budget and current and past budgets. Mayor Dettmer asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No further discussion was had. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the additional 1.0 % increase in restricted funds and the 2023-2024 Budget, Orv Gigstad second. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing and Ordinance No. 1146 on hearing, support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to proposed 2023-2024 Budget. Mayor Dettmer asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition or criticism. No further discussion was had. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Jerry Werner introduced Ordinance No. 1146 and moved the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner. Nays: none. Attorney Stilmock read Ordinance No. 1146 by title. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1146, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Mayor Dettmer stated the question, “Shall Ordinance No. 1146 be passed and adopted” and requested roll call vote. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing on hearing, support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Mayor Dettmer asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the property tax levy. No opposition of the levy. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. No motion needed. The resolution will be voted on at the October 11th, 2023 City Council meeting.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adjourn at 6:30 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton. 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.