AMENDED BUDGET HEARING

CITY COUNCIL

October 11, 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 October 11, 2023 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the amended 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 October 6, 2023 Edition was shown. Mayor Dettmer was present and requested roll call; present were Council members Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton and Wesley Halvorsen. 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.

Minutes for the September 13, 2023 meetings were approved as written.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing and approval of amended 2023-2024; Todd Blome of BMG CPA’s present to explain. Blome explained he has spoken with the State Auditor to help understand how the change is going to affect the budget and how the amended budget should look. The change has to do with a tax request on the income side of things; no change was made on the expenses side. This is due to the County not moving forward with participating in the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Otoe County Sheriff’s Department. The City could levy up to .5 because of the interlocal agreement. The City also has an interlocal agreement with County for county roads for $79,000.00 but the difference is significant enough to bring down the City’s overall levy to .481278. The overall tax request is being reduced by roughly $30,000.00. The notice of publication shows the before and after numbers for the proposed amended budget. Because the tax request went down the restricted funds changed. No further discussion was had. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Dettmer opened the public hearing and Resolution No. 23-36 on 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. Blome explained this shows the tax request now set at .481278. Mayor Dettmer closed the public hearing. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-36, Orv Gigstad second. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adjourn at 6:08 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, 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.