REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 2024

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 January 10, 2024 for a regular meeting. 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 was shown. Mayor Dettmer was present and requested roll call; present were Council members Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, 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 advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. Minutes for the December 13, 2023 meeting were approved as written with the exception Clerk Farmer will revise the minutes to reflect the Cemetery department will be purchasing a fertilizer spreader not just fertilizer as previously stated.

Mayor Dettmer led the approval of claims and Treasurers Report; Todd Blome of BMG not present the report for December has been distributed. Mayor Dettmer read comments provided by Blome with the report. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the Treasurers Reports and to pay the claims, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none.

AKRS - 1406.10, ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. - 595.81, ANDY BRACE - 600.00, ANTES FAMILY

HARDWARE LLC - 993.33, ASCAP - 434.00, BIBLIONIX LLC - 1540.00, BMG CPA'S - 2800.00,

BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC. - 1192.35, BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC - 1965.05, BRANDT,

HORAN, HALLSTROM & STILMOCK - 3903.78, BRUCE NEEMANN - 90.00, CANON FINANCIAL -

127.68, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 116.69, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. - 67.40,

CAROL LINQUIST - 550.00, CHRISTIANSEN TREE SVC. INC. - 7680.00, CITY OF SYRACUSE -

1328.91, CLEANING AUTHORITY - 261.99, 230.04, CLINE WILLIAMS - 7195.50, COLUMN SOFTWARE

PBC - 38.06, CONSUMER REPORTS - 31.95, CUBBY'S INC. - 1521.95, CULLIGAN WATER - 40.99,

CURTIS STANBERRY - 204.00, DEMCO, INC. - 73.83, DEREK HARMS - 5250.00, DON COLBERT -

350.00, ET'S LAWN & LEISURE - 567.00, FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP - 3060.56, HEMJE

PLBG., HTG. AND AIR COND - 420.00, HILLARY WIEBUSCH - 400.00, HOA - 6650.93, INVOICE

CLOUD INC - 455.30, JEN STAACK - 40.00, JEN WALLMAN - 100.00, JODY BRUNS - 160.00, JOE

REISDORFF - 40.00, KODY CARDINAL - 150.00, LARRY GRUNDMAN - 200.00, LEE ENTERPRISES -

37.31, SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY - PETTY CASH - 73.12, MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC - 321.97,

MEYER'S BODY SHOP - 153.95, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC. - 144.00, MIDWEST

LABORATORIES, INC. - 72.90, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC. OF NE - 2618.10, NEBRASKA CITY

UTILITIES - 1921.26, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 134.00, NEXT-GEN

CLEANING - 400.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - 31.42, OPPD - 140160.98, PAPILLION

SANITATION - 30.00, POWERMANAGER - 390.00, QUINTIN BAUMEISTER - 160.00, RON'S AUTO &

TIRE REPAIR - 1039.90, SKARSHAUG TEST LAB. INC. - 291.98, STAACK FURNITURE & CARPET -

24.00, SYRACUSE IRON WORKS - 31.63, SYRACUSE LUMBER CO. - 565.09, SYRACUSE MARKET

LLC - 82.12, SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY - 445.31, SYRACUSE RESCUE SQUAD - 18150.00, TAMI

ANDERA - 60.00, TIM WILSON - 650.00, TONI CARROLL - 120.00, TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL -

980.00, UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - 2332.78, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION - 16729.77,

VERIZON - 779.37, VERIZON WIRELESS - 740.91, WESLEY HALVORSEN - 280.00, WESTERN AREA

POWER ADMINISTRATION - 3819.03, WINDSTREAM - 54.67, YONG CONSTRUCTION - 17100.00,

iWorQ - 3400.00

Claims paid out prior to the January 10th meeting date included: ADAM BADBERG -3264.02, JARED BICKFORD – 2673.82, MAX BRAMMIER – 379.22, TYLER COLLIN – 2810.39, TERA EDEN – 2992.02, KELLY FARMER – 4850.72, LEAH GANZEL – 727.49, SONNI GRAVES – 3949.05, MELISSA JUILFS – 3310.75, JESSICA MEYER – 5453.41, IAN MITCHELL – 3019.30, JULIE SLAFTER – 2352.80, CURTIS STANBERRY – 3731.17, BRENT TETEN – 3782.79, SHARON VANHOUSEN – 642.31, BRIAN VODICKA – 3389.22, JEFF VOGT – 4130.72, OPPD – 126,397.00, MEDICA – 15744.90, MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS – 144.00, PRINCIPAL – 1433.13, DEB DETTMER – 620.63, KRISTINE GERKING – 157.00, ORV GIGSTAD – 207.79, WESLEY HALVORSEN – 207.79, BRUCE NEEMANN – 2058.46, NATE PATTON – 207.79, JERRY WERNER – 207.79, DAVID SABATKA -150.00, SCHUYLAR ARGO – 150.00, SCOTT WIEBUSCH – 450.00, HILLARY WIEBUSCH – 200.00, JEN STAACK – 250.00, KODY CARDINAL – 300.00, MARCIA SCHEINOST – 350.00, TAMI ANDERA – 300.00, TIM WILSON – 400.00.

HEARING OF THOSE PRESENT – No one present.

LIBRARY REPORT – Director Melissa Juilfs not present; no report distributed.

PARKS & REC REPORT – Director Sonni Graves present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-01 to approve bidding documents, to advertise for bids, and to accept Engineer’s Cost of Estimate for Williams Park Courts; Justin Stark of Olsson present. Stark introduced Shayne Huxoll as part of the engineering team working on the courts project as well as the ballpark trail project. Stark explained there is a base bid section for the basketball court and then there are add alternates which can be added based on where those come in on the bids. A couple of the alternates including a sidewalk and surfacing of the basketball and pickle courts. Time of completion is October 31st according to the documents but can be updated easily based upon which bids and add-ons are approved. Huxoll noted the completion date could change based on the contractors and what they

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suggest in their bids. The main objective with the date is planting grass seed before winter hits. There are no concerns with the projects interfering with t-ball activities during the summer as a temporary fence can be placed and the area for the courts is in the far outfield; typically balls are not being hit that distance in t-ball. Funding for the project come from ARPA funds as well as possible reallocation of other ARPA funds Jessica Meyer explained. $100,000 of ARPA has been allocated for just this project. ARPA funds are required to be fully allocated by the end of 2024. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the bid documents, advertising and to accept Engineer’s Cost of Estimate, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Jeff Vogt present.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-02 approving the farm lease agreement, authorizing Mayor’s signature. Jerry Stilmock explained this agreement will go through February of 2026. Payments will be split into two payments a year and is based on past years’ farm lease agreements. Barry Janssen was awarded the bid for the contract; Mark Luetchens had been the lease tenant in the past. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve Resolution No. 24-02, Nate Patton seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-03 approving Olsson Work Order for downtown infrastructure and street improvements, authorizing Mayor’s signature. Justin Stark explained this will be a significant project; he has put together first steps and a high level including a project kickoff due to the work on the infrastructure. Items include lighting, corner bump-outs; the kick-out meeting will focus on a lot of those aspects. There will be geo-technical work needed. Huxholl explained this looks at if soils underneath are okay to use for a project such as this or if other means are necessary. Stark also explained studio work by Olsson will also be utilized. Four progress review meetings are included. The area includes 5th Street for three blocks and then merges north and/or south on a couple of the side streets of these three blocks. Engaging the public to keep them informed will be important; Olsson can address this and work with the City. A timeline will be important as well accessibility to businesses being impacted by the construction. Funding by use of a bond will be looked into. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to approve the work order, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-04 approving Change Order No. 6 for the 2020 Water Supply Improvements project, authorizing Mayor’s signature. Jessica Meyer explained this is in regards to a time extension of 30 days for the substantial completion and then another for final completion. Council Member Jerry Werner moved to approve Resolution No. 24-04, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-05 approving Certificate of Substantial Completion, Groups A, C, D, E, F, G and H. Jeff Vogt explained A thru G have to do with the operating well that has been going since November and H includes the addition of the Scada system to the operation of the new wells. Council Member Nate Patton moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-05, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval of Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Knights of Columbus fish-fry events to be held at St. Paulinus Church on the dates of February 16th, March 1st and March 15th from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to approve the SDL requests, Nate Patton seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion on renewal of Senior Center Lease Agreement including request to reduce monthly rental fee; City Administrator Jessica Meyer explained. Carla Frese of Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging has been working with the City on this request. Currently they pay the City $600.00 a month and is requesting to reduce this amount to $300 to $400 a month. Carla provided information on how their agreements are written including any rent for other cities such as Beatrice. The City pays the buildings utility bills, property insurance and any maintenance needed to the building. Blue Rivers provides equipment such as kitchen appliances and the maintenance on any of this equipment. The City also gives an annual contribution to Blue Rivers averaging around $1600.00 a year. Previous to the last agreement renewal, the monthly rent was $500.00. Council Member Orv Gigstad moved to leave the rent at $600.00 and renew the agreement for another year, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Orv Gigstad. Nays: none. Nate Patton asked if there is a possible additional income source for the City to participate in to help offset their rent going forward. Any rental income (around $1000.00 a year) goes to Blue Rivers. The City could help advertise the rental space to allow for more rentals to be held allowing Blue Rivers to increase this income.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-06 to approve the Agreement for Development of Infrastructure and Cost-Recovery and authorizing the Mayor to sign documents

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required as part of the agreement. Jerry Stilmock explained the agreement allows for cost-recovery between Community Memorial Hospital and the City of Syracuse related to the installation of a water main line and sanitary sewer line constructed along with the construction of the Syracuse Area Health facility in 2018. Council Member Nate Patton with the removal of 1.4 and leaving at 10 years, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 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.

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