

SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

August 28, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Syracuse, Nebraska met at Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers at 495 Midland Street at 5:00 P.M. on August 28, 2024 for a special meeting. The meeting was open to the public and notice of meeting was given by posting in four places: Syracuse City Hall lobby, First Bank of Nebraska lobby, U.S. Post Office lobby and Syracuse Market window and is attached to these minutes. Mayor Dettmer was present and requested roll call; present were Council members Wesley Halvorsen, Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton; no one absent. Mayor Deb Dettmer read the following: We will work collaboratively to achieve consensus while valuing differences of opinion both within our Council and when considering the input of others. We will gather the necessary data; seek expertise from city staff; provide questions to staff prior to meetings and hear from citizens to make wise decisions that achieve the greatest good for the greatest number of citizens. We will each individually support the collective decisions of Council. 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 August 14, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and Resolution No. 24-35 to approve proposed playground project at Williams Park located in a floodplain and application for Nebraska Game & Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, authorizing Mayor's signature. Julie Beach of Project Playground present along with other committee members. The Project Playground Committee started this project in March of 2022. Beach announced they have raised \$179,334.50 in addition to Otoe County Commissioners pledged \$30,000.00 from County Keno funds pending grant approval and the City of Syracuse pledged \$50,000.00 from City Keno funds. Beach explained there are a few pending pledges they will continue to pursue and continue to keep fundraising as well. The grant application is due September 6th, 2024 and the City agrees to match grant funds. Grant awards are to be announced at the beginning of 2025. Total project cost is \$507,689.00; BCI Burke Company is the contractor. Council Member Wesley Halvorsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-35, Orv Gigstad seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Orv Gigstad, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Orv Gigstad, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton. Nays: none.

I the undersigned City Administrator 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.

City Clerk

Mayor