

SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 2025

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 March 4, 2025 for a special 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. Mayor Dettmer was present and requested roll call; present were Council members Wesley Halvorsen, Jerry Werner, Nate Patton; Robert Johnson 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. A copy of the 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 shown hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

PARKS AND REC – Director Sonni Graves present. Mayor Dettmer led the discussion and approval to proceed with door replacement quotes. Graves explained there are two City buildings she is looking to replace doors at, the Williams Park Shelter at Williams Park and the Aqua Center Mechanical Building. The door quotes came from Midwest Door and Hardware. The Williams Park quotes include two restroom doors, each at \$3244.00 and the shelter walk-in door quoted at \$3244.00 also. The Aqua Center Mechanical Room included a walk-in door for the PH Room at \$6081.00, the Chlorine Room at \$6102.00, and the Mechanical Room main door at \$8290.00. Pictures were provided by Graves showing the condition of the current doors and the rust and erosion on the current Mechanical Room doors. The chemicals are very hard on the material the existing doors are made out of and adequate ventilation was not placed originally; the replacement doors are fiberglass. The new filtration system recently placed in the mechanical room will also help. These doors will use up what is budgeted for the pool; there is potentially around \$20,000.00 cushion from bond funds. The Council would like Graves to receive quotes on replacing the hardware and maybe a new threshold for the Williams Park Shelter doors. The Williams Park Shelter doors were tabled to see what quotes for only repairs will be. Council Member Nate Patton moved to approve the three doors at the Aqua Center Mechanical Room as quoted and potentially use bond funds, Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Mayor Dettmer asked to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion and authorization for the acquisition of real property by purchase within the City of Syracuse, Otoe County, Nebraska inviting Jessica Meyer, Kelly Farmer and Jerry Stilmock to stay. Council Member Nate Patton moved to go into Closed Session at 5:15 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Jerry Werner moved to come out of Closed Session and back into Open Session at 5:38 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Nate Patton, Jerry Werner, Wesley Halvorsen. Nays: none.

Council Member Nate Patton motioned to proceed as discussed during Closed Session, Jerry Werner seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Wesley Halvorsen, Nate Patton, Jerry Werner. Nays: none.

Council Member Nate Patton moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M., Wesley Halvorsen seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Jerry Werner, Nate Patton, Wesley Halvorsen. 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