

City Clerk's Office
August 11, 2014
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Dustin Doze, Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Matt Gould and Mayor, Joe Stephens. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger, City Treasurer, and Joy Bezona, Animal Control. Also present were: Marcus Ashlock, Leslie Carlholm, Craig Norton, Juana Bustillos, Nick Thompson, Ryan Thompson and Brandon Thompson. Absent was councilmember, Vance Keller.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Rob Gale, City Attorney, arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Stephens declared the Budget hearing open. There had been no questions or concerns received in the clerk's office and there were no concerns or questions during the budget hearing.

The budget for the year 2015 was adopted on motion made by Councilmember Schell, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

The hearing for the Budget Amendment for the 2014 budget was declared open. There were no questions or concerns. Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilmember Dustin Doze seconded the motion and it passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

The public concerns section was opened by Mayor Stephens presenting Brandon Thompson with the "Citizen of the Month" award. Brandon was presented with this award because he was observed picking up trash along the hike/bike path and other children followed his example.

Juana Bustillos told the council about the Glo-Run that her sister, Yolanda Lankford, and she had hosted in Syracuse on July 25, 2014. They had wonderful participation with 138 entries. Bustillos presented Joy Bezona, Animal Control Officer, with a check for \$1700 as a donation for the animal shelter.

Craig Norton, representing the Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, asked the City Council if they would budget \$2,500 to upgrade the Chamber's sound system used for parades and other community events. Norton was instructed to get bids and present them to the council.

The agenda was adopted on motion from Councilmember Boy, seconded by Councilmember Doze and passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Gould made motion to approve appropriation ord. #901. Councilmember Doze seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The amount of appropriation ord. #901 is \$169,038.41.

Councilmember Doze made motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Hilltop Lanes, LLC. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed with all members voting aye. This license is for consumption on the premises only.

Matt Gould asked the City Council to allow guest seating for the Black Bison Pub on the sidewalk north of the building. Eventually Gould would like to fence approximately six feet of the sidewalk so that alcoholic beverages could be sold. Brian Bloyd and Linda Dinkel will do research on how other places handle outdoor seating. A trial period of 60 days was mentioned.

Paul Rosales has inquired about what the policy was concerning vending machines next to buildings on Main Street. Rob Gale, City Attorney, replied that there was a city ordinance that did not allow obstructions on the publicly owned sidewalks on Main Street. If the vending machine is placed on private property, the City has no concerns.

Reports:

Economic Development: Leslie Carlholm presented the Economic Development report to the City Council. Carlholm discussed the new pages being put on the web-site and Thanked Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger for uploading all the information to the web-site. Carlholm described several Community Development Block Grants and how the City of Syracuse may be able to make use of them.

Sand Park: Bloyd thanked Carlholm for getting advertisements placed in some of the travel magazines. Carl Schouten has asked permission to place a storage container at the sand park to use for a rental business there. City staff was instructed to go through the minutes to find the vendor fee schedule. If there is not one, one will be implemented.

City Administrator: KDOT is starting a project on south Highway 27 and suggested moving our water mains out of the highway at the same time the road is being rebuilt. The construction part of the project will not start until 2015. The crew replaced hydrants at the Syracuse Cemetery and has completed the street sealing for the summer. Bloyd will be looking for a new packer before summer of 2015.

Mayor: Mayor Stephens asked Carlholm how the feasibility study and interest for a new motel was progressing. Carlholm replied that things looked positive. Having the motel inside the City Limit's was discussed.

City Clerk: The League of Kansas Municipalities has the updated standard traffic ordinance published. Council instructed Dinkel to order copies so it can be adopted. The City Hall sign needs repainted. Dinkel discussed the traffic and children playing on Gates and Ave. D with Sheriff Garza. Garza recommends Children Playing signs on Gates and will have the officer on duty make driving in that area a part of the after-school routine.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy mentioned National Night Out scheduled for August 12, 2014. The City is providing backpacks for the event. Councilmember Boy had not been able to attend the KOMA/KORA class in Cimarron and thought one of the other council might attend in Wichita in October.

Councilmember Doze made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Boy and motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Joe Stephens
Mayor