

City Clerk's Office  
May 9, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on May 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Dustin Doze, Matt Gould, Vance Keller, Steve Schell and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel City Clerk, Kaiya Maas, City Treasurer, Rob Gale, City Attorney and David Stimatze, Fire Chief. Kelly McQueary, Linda Shapland and Vicki Hubin were also in attendance. Absent was Councilwoman, Michele Boy.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Marco Medina-Jacobo was not able to attend to receive the Citizen of the Month Award for returning lost property to the owner.

Councilman Keller made motion to amend the amount of Appropriation Ord. #921 to \$150,857.65. The motion was seconded by Councilman Doze. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Minutes of April 11, 2016 were unanimously approved on motion from Councilman Keller and seconded by councilman Schell.

Councilman Doze made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. #922 in the amount of \$140,532.71; motion was seconded by Councilman Keller. Motion passed with all councilmen voting aye.

Vicki Hubin, representing Southwest Kansas Child Advocacy Center, requested funding from the City of Syracuse. Dinkel was instructed to check on the financial status of the general fund and report back next month.

Councilman Keller made motion to approve the Syracuse-Hamilton County Planning Commission's recommendation to change lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 31 to Limited Commercial. Councilman Doze seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Regulations concerning housing chickens and miniature horses were discussed.

Councilman Keller made motion to approve the GAAP Waiver Resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

**"That the governing body found that financial statements and financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are not of significant value to the governing body or members of the general public of this municipality."**

Councilman Keller made motion to approve the purchase of project tracking software. Councilman Doze seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

Transplanting a tree from the walking path to Jackson Park and moving the evergreen tree to the walking path was discussed. Consensus was that the original tree in Jackson Park is not developing as well as hoped and we should pursue transplanting the trees if there is no objection.

Mayor Upson presented his appointment for the ensuing year. Councilman Schell made motion to approve the appointments. Councilman Doze seconded the motion. Appointments were approved unanimously.

Reports:

Economic Development: There was no report. Discussion was concerning the City's share of the Economic Development budget having already been paid with no economic development director being hired. Dinkel will bill Hamilton County a percentage of budget that matches the time there is no economic development director.

Sand Park: Finishing the inside of the new building is going well. Grant for the fish feeders and boat has been submitted.

City Administrator: Crew is working on the new building. Bloyd has called the state in reference to Fullmer cattle discharging lagoon water near the aquifer. We are going to do more research on what entity has control over livestock facility lagoons.

City Clerk: Susan Howell of Keller-Leopold Insurance brought a dividend check for \$6057.91 from the Kansas Municipal Utility Safety Group insurance program for the previous year to the City of Syracuse. Council needs to be aware of new budget restrictions that will take effect in 2017.

Round Table: Councilman Gould re-iterated the need to make an effort to find out more about the lagoon discharge. Steve Schell asked about the web-site maintenance. Sarah Schwerdfeger is maintaining the website free of charge. We hope to have her start teaching the basics to the office staff.

Councilman Doze made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Keller. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

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Blake Upson, Mayor