

City Clerk's Office
January 11, 2016
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on January 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, Matt Gould and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Kaiya Maas, Assistant City Clerk, and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also present were Sarah Schwerdfeger and Nyla Simon.

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

There were no public comments.

The agenda was adopted on motion from Councilwoman Boy, seconded by Councilman Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilman Keller made motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 with amendments. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Boy. All councilmembers voted aye.

David Stimatze arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Councilman Schell made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. No. 918 in the \$110,787.41; motion was seconded by Councilman Keller and passed unanimously.

The calendar for City Council meetings in the year 2016 was approved as presented on motion from Councilwoman Boy, seconded by Councilman Schell. Motion passed. October 10th is a holiday and the October meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2016.

David Stimatze presented the Annual Fire Chief Report for 2015. Stimatze informed the City Council that Blake Upson and Cameron Coleman had joined the fire department. The fire department has attained a Kawasaki Mule from the forest service. The Mule was free to the department but will require some repair.

Councilwoman Boy made motion to approve the Occupation Liquor License for Janet and Tommy Thomeczek to be active on the receipt of their liquor license from the State of Kansas. Motion was seconded by Councilman Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

The Syracuse-Hamilton County Planning Commission sent a recommendation to the City Council to approve a Conditional Use Permit allowing a camper/trailer park at property known as 408 and 500 S. Barber Street. The requirements to be met are:

1. Privacy fence on the east side of the property
2. The vehicles should enter and leave the property by a designated driveway, not from each parking spot.
3. Provide a storm shelter
4. Comply with Flood Plain regulations
5. Obtain any relevant licenses from the State of Kansas

Councilman Keller made motion to approve the recommendation from the planning commission. Councilwoman Boy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution no. 2016-01 was presented to the city council;

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF SYRACUSE PROVIDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SYRACUSE-HAMILTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The resolution was adopted on motion made by Councilman Schell, seconded by Councilman Keller and all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilwoman Boy made motion to transfer funds:

\$ 50,000 from Water-Sewer-Trash Utility Fund to General Fund
\$ 80,000 from Water-Sewer-Trash Utility Fund to Utility Depreciation Fund
\$ 30,000 from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund

Motion was seconded By Councilman Schell. All Councilmembers voted aye.

Councilman Schell made motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes, returning at 5:40 p.m. with Linda Dinkel, Rob Gale and Brian Bloyd attending. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion, all councilmembers voted aye.

The meeting resumed at 5:40 p.m.

Councilman Keller made motion to give a cost of living increase of 2% to Brian Bloyd, Kaiya Maas, Jerrin Phillips, Linda Dinkel, Glenn Hess, Gary Nielsen, Craig Norton, Rob Gale, Joy Bezona, David Stimatze, and Blake Upson. An additional 1% merit raise be given to Brian Bloyd, Kaiya Maas and Jerrin Phillips.

Councilwoman Boy made motion for Linda Dinkel to receive the zoning administrator's pay retroactive to January 1, 2016. Councilman Doze seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Sarah Schwerdfeger told the council that she is working on a grant to replace street signs, and a grant from the fish and game department for the fish feeders. She is also looking for funding to add an infant and adult combination swing to Benchmark Park.

Sand Park: Trout were delivered the first week of January. The Hub has leveled the new building site.

Rob Gale left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

City Administrator: The titles for equipment to be auctioned off through Purple Wave are ready. Bloyd has had a quote to repair the stand pipe for just under \$80,000. Bloyd informed the city council that since installing the variable frequency drive system, we have only had one major water main break.

City Clerk: we are working on getting the 1099's and W-2's out and finishing up the end of budget year 2015. Staff will be working on blighted property ordinances and enforcement.

Round Table: Councilwoman Boy asked how the informational signs about the first all-woman city council were progressing. The signs are being made.

Councilman Doze made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

Blake Upson, Mayor