

City Clerk's Office  
November 9, 2015  
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on November 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, 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, Marcus Ashlock and David Stimatze.

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

There were no public comments.

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

The minutes of October 12, 2015 were approved on motion made by Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Schell and all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Doze made motion to approve appropriation ord. #916 in the amount of \$143,980.04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. All councilmembers voted aye.

The governing body was reminded that \$2,500 had been approved in 2014 to upgrade the sound system at the theater for parades and events.

It was decided to have a special meeting on November 10, 2015 at 11:50 a.m. to review and enter into a lease purchase agreement for a new building at the Syracuse Sand Dunes Park.

Councilmember Keller made motion to allow the City Clerk to pay the monthly sales tax due to the State of Kansas and the quarterly employment security fund payment as electronic payments. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed unanimously.

At this time Rob Nahmansen and Rob Rawlings, representing the Hamilton County Hospital thanked the community for the support and help at the Health Fair that was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Rawlings and Nahmansen invited the governing body to a community meeting on December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of U.S.D. 494 to help keep the public informed about Hamilton County Hospital.

Councilmember Schell made motion to give a one-time only pay increase to employees in the amount of fifty percent of one month salary. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. All the councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Doze made motion to have the employee/council Christmas Party on December 18, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #582 concerning vicious animals and pit bull dogs was discussed.

The Kindergarten class will receive the Citizen of the Month award for helping others. They helped rake leaves for people in the community.

The transient guest tax was discussed.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Christmas Fair is November 14<sup>th</sup> in the High School. November 19<sup>th</sup> is Downtown Shopping; there will be 24 store fronts open that evening. Kid's Shopping will be December 12<sup>th</sup> in the old gymnasium.

Sand Park: We had the best year end poker run to date. We had 420 pounds of trout delivered last week. Roger Newman will no longer be working at the sand park because he has taken a different job.

City Administrator: We are getting ready to hang the Christmas lights. Jed DeVaughan and Jerrin Phillips have taken classes for small water systems and lagoon waste water systems.

City Clerk: Christmas parade is on December 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Kaiya Maas is learning quickly and the office is running smoothly.

Roundtable: Councilmember Boy has had citizens concerned with rental property in an elderly housing district that has recently changed owners. The Zoning Administrator, Kirsten Mitchell, has contacted the new owner with the regulations and information.

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

ATTEST:

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Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

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Blake Upson, Mayor