

City Clerk's Office
September 14, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on September 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Matt Gould, Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Dustin Doze and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Vicki Hubin, Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger, Marie Kohlhorst, Pat Friess, and Marcus Ashlock were also in attendance.

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

Councilmember Doze made motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion and it passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve appropriation ord. #914 in the amount of \$112,872.03 Motion was seconded by Councilmember Doze and passed unanimously.

Marie Kohlhorst presented a Constitution Day Proclamation to the governing body. Councilmember Boy made motion to proclaim September 17, 2015 as Constitution Day in the City of Syracuse. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Doze. All members voted aye and Mayor Upson signed the proclamation.

Pat Friess presented and discussed the audit report for the year 2014. The governing body had no questions or comments.

Vicki Hubin explained the function and purpose of Western Kansas Child Advocacy Centers. Hubin explained that much of the grant funding the WKCAC had received in prior years was no longer available and was requesting that the City of Syracuse consider helping with the funding in whatever amount the governing body thought appropriate. City Council instructed Linda Dinkel to go over the budget and determine if there were any funds available and report back next meeting.

Marcus Ashlock asked for permission for the Lions Club to park the mobile vision unit on the parking lot at the corner of Highways 27 and 50 on the dates of September 28th and 29th. The mobile unit is set up to give vision screening to the public at no cost. Councilmember Boy made motion to allow the mobile unit to use the parking lot. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gould all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger. Motion was seconded by Council Doze and passed with councilmembers voting aye.

Handicap parking across the street from the grade school was discussed.

Brian Bloyd will discuss signage for the school's loading and drop off area with school authorities.

Ordinance No. 687

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING LIMITED OPERATION ON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SYACUSE, KANSAS BY "WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES", "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES" AND "GOLF CARTS" AND PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE was read section by section and as a whole.

Councilmember Boy made motion to adopt Ordinance #687. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gould and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Schell made motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 6:13 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and all councilmembers voted aye.

The meeting was re-convened at 6:13 p.m. Councilmember Doze made motion to give Jed DeVaughan a \$0.50 per hour raise when DeVaughan begins taking weekend duty. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to allow Linda Dinkel to hire the applicant of her choice with starting pay at \$14.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and all councilmembers voted aye.

Auditor's Letter of Engagement will be added to October's agenda.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger reported that she is becoming familiar with the programs and files in her office since starting in the position of Economic Development Director. She is working on ribbon cuttings and other projects.

Sand Park: Labor Day weekend was good. High water levels in the river caused the dam between the 2 ponds to erode and now there is just one pond. Advertisements were discussed. Testing for zebra mussels is supposed to be on September 15th.

City Administrator: We are done sealing streets for the season. The Crew is working on fall projects and fixing the sand trucks. We are preparing to plant grass in Benchmark Park and John Armstrong Park. The south shop is also going to be insulated. Kansas Department of Transportation is holding an informational meeting on September 16th.

City Clerk: Joy Bezona has been helping in the office until a new assistant can be hired and trained. Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger will help train the new assistant.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy discussed signage that states that Syracuse was the home to the first all-female city council in the United States. Brian Bloyd stated he would research the cost of signs. Councilmember Keller said that he had received compliments for the crew on how well the street sealing had been done.

On motion from Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Schell, the meeting was adjourned with all councilmembers voting aye.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Blake Upson
Mayor