

City Clerk's Office  
February 10, 2014  
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Matt Gould and Mayor, Joe Stephens. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Rob Gale, City Attorney, and Sarah Carter, City Treasurer. Steve McAllister, Skyler Carter and Carlos Calderon were in attendance for the High School Community Project presentation. Absent were councilmembers: Dustin Doze and Vance Keller.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Councilmember Schell made motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Agenda was adopted unanimously.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. #895 in the amount of \$173,786.87. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Skyler Carter presented the High School Community Project. This year the Senior Class would like to build a new downtown message board to be placed on Main Street. Skyler gave details on how the message board would be constructed. Councilmember Schell made motion to allow up to \$500 for the Senior Class Community Project. Councilmember Gould seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Opening bids for the wooden playground equipment was next on the agenda. No bids had been received. Councilmember Boy made motion to leave the bid taking open until the City was ready to remove the play equipment. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve a truck parking permit for John Swisher at 508 N. Elizabeth for one year with stipulations:

1. No livestock trailers
2. No parking south of his south property line.
3. Accommodate activities on school grounds.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gould and passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to allow Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, to place signage on West Grant Street to control tractor-trailer traffic. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Boy made motion to spend up to \$250 for magnets to promote the Syracuse Sand Dunes Park at the Kansas Sampler. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed with all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 and authorize the Mayor, Joe Stephens, to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2014-01

A resolution to approve the participation of the City of Syracuse in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. A program to promote the revitalization and development of the County of Hamilton, State of Kansas, by stimulating new construction of agricultural, commercial and industrial, and residential properties within the area by offering certain incentives which include tax rebates.

**REPORTS:**

**Economic Development:** Leslie Carlholm has been working on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program steadily through the month. She attended the tourism committee meeting in January.

**Sand Park:** We had a good January for daily passes. The T-Shirts are in and for sale at \$10 for youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. The event calendar will be posted and is similar to 2013.

**City Administrator:** The public manager's course was canceled for February and rescheduled for June. The crew has been rodding sewers and doing shop work. Comm-Tronix has installed the variable frequency drives on all the wells. We are hoping to save enough on power bills to pay for the drives in 3 to 4 years. We need to consider replacing the trash truck that services the City.

**Mayor:** Mayor Stephens is happy that he has received very few complaints. He is still hoping to get more people to put addresses on their houses.

**City Clerk:** The office is running smoothly and things are going well.

**Round Table:** Nothing was presented.

Councilmember Schell made motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Linda Dinkel  
City Clerk

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Joe Stephens  
Mayor