

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

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Matt Gould and Mayor, Joe Stephens. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk. Marcus Ashlock was also in attendance.

During public concerns, Linda Dinkel stated that the City Council had been invited to participate in MARCH FOR MEALS by the Hamilton County VIP Director, Janice Hammond, on March 18, 2014 at noon. There were no other public concerns.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

The minutes of February 10, 2014 were approved on motion from Councilmember Boy, seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Gould made motion to approve appropriation ord. #896 in the amount of \$79,675.03, Councilmember Keller seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Adding some new trash receptacles for Main Street was discussed. The style we currently have in place cost \$725 each and weigh over 300 pounds. Councilmember Doze made motion to order 4 more trash receptacles. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

Robe Gale arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Ordinance No. 678, an ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, KANSAS, was read section by section and as a whole and approved on motion by Councilmember Schell, seconded by Councilmember Doze and all councilmembers voting aye.

The handicap parking spot requested by the First Christian Church was tabled until next so research on signage could be done.

Councilmember Keller made motion to allow Animal Control Officer, Joy Bezona, attend a seminar in Salina on March 29, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. All councilmembers voted aye.

Utility Rebate Consultants, Inc. had offered to audit the City of Syracuse utility bills, to find ways to save on utility costs for 50% of savings they found for the City. The general feeling was that this was not necessary. No action was taken.

Benchmark Park's playground equipment was the next topic on the agenda. The Park Committee presented a plan for new equipment to replace the wooden equipment that is showing its age. The Park Committee stated that the total project as shown in the plan would cost over \$135,000. Grants can be found for about 50%. Part of the City's share can be "in kind" labor, materials, and concrete. This topic was tabled to the next meeting.

A joint meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss a water quality/quantity study was tabled until the next meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Economic Development:** There was no report.

**Sand Park:** We are in need of a sand park attendant for the upcoming season. Park attendance is picking up as the weather warms up. Steps have been placed on east side toward the south end of Sam's Pond.

**City Administrator:** Public Managers Course was interesting and the weather was good. A major water leak in Highway 50 was fixed. The KRWA conference is March 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. There has been some vandalism to the park and graffiti on some dumpsters.

**Mayor:** The legislature is looking at moving local elections to the fall of odd years and making them partisan. There is also new gun legislation being discussed which would limit ordinances a city could pass concerning guns. Mayor's conference is in May in Wichita.

**City Clerk:** Day to day business is going well. Water use report is done and sent in to the Division of Water Resources.

**Round Table:** no discussion

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

ATTEST:

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Linda Dinkel  
City Clerk

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Joe Stephens  
Mayor

