

City Clerk's Office
April 14, 2014
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, Michele Boy, Steve Schell and Mayor, Joe Stephens. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Marcus Ashlock, Leslie Carlholm and Marty Lehman were also in attendance. Councilmember, Matt Gould, was absent.

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

During the public concerns, Councilmember Boy mentioned that there were no benches near the toddlers' play area at Benchmark Park. Brian Bloyd, City Administrator state that a bench had been donated and would be placed in the near future.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Main Street Lighting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. #897 in the amount of \$134,004.07, seconded by Councilmember Doze. Motion was passed with all members voting aye.

A presentation explaining the bond issue being proposed by Hamilton County U.S.D. #494 was given by Marty Lehman. This bond issue is to build new athletic facilities and an Agriculture and Career Technical building. The bond issue will be voted on by the citizens on May 6, 2014

Girl Scout Leaders, Donna Blake and Connie Allen and Girl Scout Troup #36 joined the meeting.

The joint meeting with County Commissioners about a water study was not discussed and will be dropped from agenda until further notice.

Benchmark Playground Equipment was not discussed and was tabled to the next meeting.

Spring Clean Up is April 14th to April 18th this year. The crew has already started picking up items.

Councilmember Keller stated that citizens had mentioned that they would be glad to use the parking lot at the corner of Avenue B and Gates Street but the side walk is dark from the alley on Avenue B to Main Street. City Administrator Bloyd was asked to research some lighting alternatives and bring them to the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: The Revitalization Program was approved by the attorney General. Hamilton County is hosting the Goodland Travel Information Center for April and June. Sand Park flyers and Car Show flyers will be at the Travel Center. The Hotel Feasibility Study is moving forward. Carlholm attended the Wild West County Tourism Meeting and Rural Opportunity Conference in Dodge City.

Sand Park: We have two part time employees starting April 16th. They will start at the bathrooms and move on to fixing fence.

City Administrator: Brian Bloyd attended the KRWA conference the last week of March. Bloyd passed his Class II operator's test and is now certified as such. Comm Tronix will be here the week of April 21st to work on the automated water system. Crew is working on park cleanup.

Mayor: Joe Stephens said that after the initial concerns about the crew starting to tear out concrete for the beautification project on Main Street and Highway 50, there haven't been many questions or complaints. Stephens took a time management class he thought was beneficial.

City Clerk: The City Clerk's Office had some questions when the project on Main and Highway 50 started, but none since the newspaper ran an article explaining the project. The City's insurance cost went up 5.7% and the deductible went up to \$3000. The office is running smoothly.

ROUND TABLE:

The Girl Scout Troop #36 was introduced. Rob Gale, City Attorney mentioned that the alley in Block 1 has been crowded to one side over the years; Bloyd was instructed to talk to the property owner. Councilmember Steve Schell said he noticed that the dilapidated mobile home on Block 2 by Santa Fe Street was being removed but there are still some abandoned cars on that street. Bloyd and Dinkel mentioned that nuisance letters were being sent out as complaints were being received.

Councilmember Keller made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion Passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Joe Stephens
Mayor