

City Clerk's Office
Syracuse, Kansas
May 12, 2014
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 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, Sarah Carter, City Treasurer and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also in attendance were Leslie Carlholm, Mark Ringer, and Stacey Addison. Councilmember, Matt Gould, was absent.

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

There were no public concerns.

Councilmember Schell made motion to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2014. It was seconded by Councilmember Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Boy presented appropriation ordinance #898 in the amount of \$101,674.80 and made motion to approve it. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

Chris Lund for City on a Hill was not present so the item was passed over.

Sarah Carter, City Treasurer, asked the City Council to approve an upgrade to the City's website that would make the website more usable on mobile devices. The upgrade is a onetime cost of \$750. Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the upgrade. Councilmember Doze seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Mayor Stephens presented his appointments to the City Council (see attached). Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the appointments. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Doze made motion to hold an executive session for 6 minutes. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye. City Attorney Gale stayed for the executive session.

The meeting was reconvened after 6 minutes. Councilmember Doze made motion to give a merit increase to Brian Bloyd of \$1050 annually. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Reports:

Economic Development: Leslie Carlholm showed the City Council the banners for the Economic Development displays. She had organized and attended to the booth for Syracuse and Hamilton County at the Kansas Sampler in Wamego. There were over 7000 people in attendance. The magnets and free passes for the Sand Park were big hits. Hamilton County/Syracuse will be hosting the travel information booth in Goodland in June. The hotel feasibility study is almost done.

Sand Park: April was a good month. The new employees, Roger Newman and Carl Schouten, are doing a good job on the fence and keeping the park clean. We are looking into adding two camping spots with water and electricity.

Administrator: Things are going well, the beautification project on Main Street and Highway 27 has been enjoyable for the crew. We are pumping a lot of water during the warm weather. The water rights transfer has been finalized. Wheatland Electric can add 2 more street lights on the corner of Main and Avenue B so that Avenue B from Barber to Gates Street will not be so dark. Councilmembers instructed Bloyd to proceed with the lighting plan. The sewer ponds were discussed briefly.

Mayor: Kansas Legislature has not changed election dates for cities. Concerning the gun laws, Kansas will be an open carry state as of July 1, 2014. League of Kansas Municipalities is going to have a new director. The sign for Main Street that is the Senior Class Community Service project will be done by Wednesday.

City Clerk: Pioneer Communications is going to run the Sand Park advertisement again for a month. The City Office is running smoothly.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy was involved in a discussion on rural life in Southwest Kansas that aired on KCUR's show Central Standard. Councilmember Doze asked about tagging some of the fish in Sam's Pond. A fishing contest might create interest in the pond.

Councilmember Keller made motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Councilmember Schell. The motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Joe Stephens
Mayor

May 12, 2014
City Council

Mayor's Appointments
May 2014

Administrator	Brian Bloyd
City Clerk	Linda Dinkel
Treasurer	Sarah Carter
Fire Chief	David Stimatze
Attorney	Rob Gale
City Judge	Donna Blake
Newspapers	The Syracuse Journal
Depository Banks	The Valley State Bank The First National Bank

Committee Appointments
May 2014

Committee	Chairman	Member	Member
Streets & Alleys	Steve Schell	Dustin Doze	Brian Bloyd
Water-Sewer-Trash	Matt Gould	Michele Boy	Craig Norton
Fire & Police	Vance Keller	Matt Gould	Rick Schmidt
Finance	Vance Keller	Dustin Doze	Linda Dinkel
Ordinances	Dustin Doze	Vance Keller	Sarah Carter
Parks	Michele Boy	Steve Schell	Gary Nielsen
Animal Control	Michele Boy	Steve Schell	Kerstin Mitchell

Committee	Member	Member	Member
Health Insurance	Dustin Doze Rick Schmidt	Brian Boyd	Linda Dinkel
Multi Media	Vance Keller Marcus Ashlock	Sarah Carter	Tim Nichols
Sand Park	Crae Barr Charles Stimatze Brian Boyd	Brian Grilliot Garland Smith	David Stimatze Steve Schell
Sam's Pond	Kenny Bay Harold Urie	Todd Huser Brian Boyd	Stan Englert Dustin Doze
Future Leaders	Steve McAllister	Class	
Community Econ. Dev.	Steve Schell – May 2013 (2 year term) up in 2015 Michele Boy – May 2014 (2 year term) up in 2016		
Planning Commission	Rebekah Platt – May 2012 (3 year term) up in 2015 Park Hawkins – May 2014 (3 year term) up in 2017		
Board of Zoning Appeals	Don K. Lee – May 2012 (3 year term) up in 2015		
Zoning Administrator	Kerstin Mitchell		