

City Clerk's Office
October 13, 2014
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Dustin Doze, Vance Keller, Steve Schell, and Michele Boy. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk and Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger, City Treasurer, and Craig Norton, crew member. Leslie Carlholm, Hamilton County Economic Development Director was in attendance. Absent was councilmember, Matt Gould and Mayor Joe Stephens. Also present in the audience were: Marcus Ashlock, Alice Frazer, Sarah Ochs, Matt Haslett, Bryan Coffey, Kent Schwieterman, Alex Moser and Angie Moser.

The Meeting was opened with Dustin Doze, Council President leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public concerns.

Councilmember Schell made motion to add a Resolution of Intent for an economic development project and to move the Wheatland Franchise Agreement to the November agenda. Motion was seconded Councilmember Keller. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to accept the resignation, effective October 13, 2014 of Mayor Joe Stephens. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and was passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to accept the resignation of Rick Schmidt, effective September 10, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilmember Boy and was passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Angie Moser, County Clerk and County Elections Officer, administered the Oath of Office to Dustin Doze. Dustin Doze will complete the term of the office of Mayor of Syracuse.

Bryan Coffey spoke to the City Council about the employee turnover rate at the hospital and new hires. He spoke about the upcoming re-call election concerning hospital board members. Coffee informed the City Council about new equipment that is being used at the Hamilton County Hospital and Family Health Clinic including the medical robot and MRI.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014, seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve appropriation ord. #903 in the amount of \$103,333.73. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to elect Steve Schell as President of the City Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Councilmembers Keller and Boy voted aye, Councilmember Schell abstained.

Councilmember Schell made motion to allow up to \$2500 to repair and update the Chamber of Commerce's amplifier and sound system. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A resolution of intent and project exemption was discussed with Leslie Carlholm. Consensus was that the council would hold a special meeting for that purpose when more details were available.

Councilmember Keller made motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes at 5:28 p.m. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye. At 5:38 p.m. the council resumed open session. Councilmember Schell made motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel; motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and all voted aye. City Council resumed open session at 5:45 p.m.

Councilmember Keller made motion to continue the same rate of compensation to the Mayor and to split October 33% for Joe Stephens and 67% for Dustin Doze. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

Reports:

Economic Development: Leslie Carlholm presented a grant proposal for playground equipment that she has been working on. Councilmember Boy made motion to have Carlholm submit the grant, allowing the City's share be up to \$46,000. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and all voted aye. Carlholm was given permission to look for other grants that may supplement the original grant.

Sand Park: October 25th will be the final event for the Sand Park this season. It will be a poker run at dark. It is time to buy some trout to stock Sam's Pond.

City Administrator: Bloyd is going to research utility rate increases in the next few months. The crew is working hard to get ready for winter.

Mayor: There was no Mayor's report.

City Clerk: City Clerk's Training is November 3rd to the 7th in Wichita. We are ordering a new phone for the front desk. KPERS meeting is in Goodland on October 15th.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy would like to advertise the Citizen of the Month program for a couple of weeks in an effort to make people aware of our program. Councilmember Boy has received complaints of people using foul language and leaving cigarette butts around Benchmark Park during the times when young children are playing there.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.