

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

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Michele Boy, Matt Gould and Mayor Dustin Doze. City Administrator, Brian Bloyd, City Treasurer, Sarah Carter, City Clerk, Linda Dinkel, and Animal Control Officer, Joy Bezona were employees in attendance. In the audience were: Marcus Ashlock, Carol Roberts, Leslie Carlholm, Kent Schwieterman, Tina Schwieterman and Shay Schwieterman.

The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Doze asked if there were any public concerns. There were none.

Mayor Doze presented Shay Schwieterman with the Citizen of the Month Award. Shay was witnessed exhibiting compassion, consideration and respect for a passing funeral procession and was nominated by a member of that procession.

The agenda was adopted on motion from Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed with all Councilmembers voting aye.

The minutes of October 13, 2014 were approved on motion from Councilmember Boy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell and passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve appropriation ord. #904 in the amount of \$197,337.33. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Edith Majors dba Ramble-N-Restaurant. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and it passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Animal Control Officer, Joy Bezona asked for permission to order fencing for a new dog park that will be located in the current outdoor classroom. Funds that have been donated are being used for this project. Councilmember Schell made motion to have Bezona order the fencing, seconded by Councilmember Keller. All councilmembers voted aye.

Ordinance No. 681, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS AND REQUIRING ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF CERTAIN LICENSE AND OTHER FEES; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF DOGS IN THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, KANSAS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF: AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 598, was read section by section and as a whole and was adopted on motion from Councilmember Boy, seconded by Councilmember Gould. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance No. 681 will be published in the Syracuse Journal and become effective on November 19, 2014.

Carol Roberts addressed the city council and asked that an ordinance pertaining to the housing of chickens and poultry be considered by the City Council. Roberts gave the council a list of items that

could be addressed in the ordinance. There was some discussion on the issue. The issue was then referred to Rob Gale, City Attorney to draft an ordinance for consideration.

There was no action taken on the franchise agreement with Wheatland Electric Cooperative.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the Letters of Engagement form Kennedy McKee and Company to audit the City of Syracuse for the year of 2014 and prepare the budget for the year of 2016, for a sum of not more than \$6000 and \$900 respectively. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Keller made motion to purchase a new trash truck from Downing Sales and Service in the amount of 144,357.00 and trade in of \$35,000 for a total of \$109,357.00 to be paid for by lease purchase agreement. Motion passed with all councilmembers voting aye. City staff was instructed to look into a lease purchase agreements closer to the time of delivery which will be late in 2015.

Councilmember Schell made motion to purchase a 2015 F150 Supercab 4X2 from Davis Motors. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. All councilmembers voted aye. The City will pay \$16,700 and trade in the 2009 F-150 Supercab 4X2 pickup.

Payment for Councilmembers was discussed. No action was taken.

The vacant city council position was discussed. No action was taken.

Councilmember Keller made motion to give a onetime only pay raise to the employees for the amount of 50% of one paycheck. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. All councilmembers voted aye.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Carlholm informed the City Council that Pioneer Electric HUGS grant would give \$2000 to the playground equipment project and that Wheatland Electric would give at \$1000 and labor when the equipment is put together. Carlholm asked the Council if they would like to proceed with the Tax incentive program and IRB's for the Motel project. General consensus was to move forward. Gilmore & Bell will be doing paperwork. The public hearing would be published on November 26, 2014 and the public hearing will be on December 8th.

Sand Park: The last poker run of the season had a decent attendance. Park has been "winterized" and the water turned off. The office was broken into on October 31, 2014. Someone took the Ranger key, drove the Ranger, lost the tailgate, ruined the tires and then returned it to the park office.

City Administrator: Bloyd told the council that he had completed his certified manager's program. The beautification project at HWY 27 & 50 is almost done. Coleman Sprinkler and Lawn has donated 50% of the plants, mulch and labor. The crew will be working in the shop on several projects until the weather warms up. City Christmas Party will be December 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Cockpit. The Christmas Parade of Lights will be on December 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Keller made motion to spend up to \$500 on cookies, hot chocolate and cider for the parade. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously. Jerrin Phillips has reached is 90 day probationary period. Overwhelming consensus was to keep Phillips as an employee.

Mayor: Mayor Doze did not have anything to report but suggested that the Council contact Sarah in the office if they wanted to order shirts or jackets with the City's logo on it.

City Clerk: Dinkel told the Council that she had attended Master Clerk's Academy November 5th to the 7th in Wichita. Craig Norton has been with the City for 20 years and will receive his 20 year watch at the Christmas Party.

Rob Gale, City Attorney joined the meeting.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy asked if it would be possible to post/publish the agenda prior to the meeting. Dinkel said she would have an agenda ready to publish on Tuesdays before the regular meetings but with the notation that it was subject to change at any time.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor