

City Clerk's Office
December 8, 2014
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on December 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Those present were councilmembers: Steve Schell, Michele Boy, Vance Keller and Mayor, Dustin Doze. City Staff present were: Brian Bloyd, Linda Dinkel, Rob Gale and Sarah Carter. Also present were Leslie Carlholm, Mark Davis and Marcus Ashlock. Absent was councilmember Matt Gould.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sarah Steele of Gilmore & Bell joined the meeting by telephone.

Mayor Doze declared the Public Hearing relating to the proposed issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, (Syracuse Hotel, LLC) in the approximate principal amount of \$2,500,000 (the "Bonds") and regarding an exemption from ad valorem taxation of property constructed or purchased with the proceeds of such Bonds open.

Mayor Doze asked for comments or questions from the audience. Sarah Steele answered questions from the City Council. One question was: is the City of Syracuse liable if the hotel company fails to make bond payments? The City is not liable and is prohibited from making the bond payments. Financial failure of the hotel company would basically be handled in the same manner as a company that is not funded by IRB's. There being no other questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Doze opened the regular meeting of the governing body.

There were no public concerns.

Alan Stimatze and Mike Schmidt joined the audience.

The agenda was amended to move Resolution 2014-02 directly after adopting the agenda on motion from Councilmember Schell. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and passed with all members voting aye.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, KANSAS DETERMINING THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A COMMERCIAL HOTEL FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN THE ENVIRONS OF SAID CITY; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

was introduced to the council.

Thereupon, Councilmember Schell moved that said Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Said Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of said Resolution was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Schell, Boy, Keller.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2014-02 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Minutes of November 10, 2014 were approved on motion from Councilmember Boy and seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve appropriation ord. #905 in the amount of \$128,060.64. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

There was no action taken on the Wheatland Electric Franchise agreement.

The United Wireless/Westlink Tower contract was discussed and no action was taken.

Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for:

Edith Majors dba Ramble-N-Restaurant
Mary Burroughs dba U-Pump-It Corner Store
Loves Country Store
Carmen Baeza dba KC's Restaurant
Colorado Retail Ventures dba Eagle Travel
Don Fellers dba Hill Top Lanes
Stan Englert dba The Ole Cook Shack

were approved on motion from Councilmember Keller and seconded by Councilmember Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

Occupation Liquor Tax Licenses for :

The Liquor Shack
Dink's Windbreak

were approved on motion from Councilmember Keller and seconded by Councilmember Boy. All councilmembers voted aye.

A request for handicap parking on Main Street toward the north end of the 400 block near the crosswalk was discussed. Councilmember Boy made motion for Administrator Bloyd to determine where to temporarily place the handicap parking spot until the school construction project is over. Motion was seconded by councilmember Keller and passed unanimously.

A city wide cleanup program was discussed. How to proceed, making sure that all areas of the city received the same level of attention, and informing the public of the City's efforts and of the help the City Staff can give to individual properties were all a part of the discussion. This topic was tabled until the January meeting.

Councilmember Keller made motion to disconnect the telephone line designated for anonymous complaints. Motion was seconded Councilmember Boy and passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve Joe Stephens' request for a City Flag. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve fund transfers at the end of the year contingent on availability of funds and budget. Transfers would be up to:

From Water-Sewer-Trash to General \$50,000
From Water-Sewer-Trash to Utility Depreciation \$100,000
From General to Capital Improvements \$30,000

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell and passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Carlholm presented a sample survey to the council that could be customized for use in our community in conjunction with Hamilton County and Economic Development Board. Legislature may make changes to the ROZ program and project tax exemption program. Wild West Country is offering advertising in the travel guide to local business in the area. Councilman Schell made motion to pay up to \$1000 a page for a total of 2 pages from the tourism fund with local business contributing the balance for their advertisements. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Sand Park: Everything is winterized. Pre-emergent was sprayed to help with weeds and stickers next spring. Will have a meeting on December 11, 2014 and involve the youth representatives.

City Administrator: Christmas decorations are requiring some new wiring. Crew is doing this as needed. The new playground equipment has arrived and is stored until spring. City crew is going to put a valve in the water main just above the dead end of Lester Street in order to be able to isolate the school line during the construction. City Council and Staff Christmas party is Friday the 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor: The Christmas parade and tree lighting went very well.

City Clerk: Dinkel asked if the Council wanted to sponsor a Classic Christmas movie this year. Consensus was that the Library and the Chamber sponsored the Christmas movies. Sarah Carter has posted Bloyd's graduation picture from the KU Public Managers Program on the City's page. Everything in the office is going well.

Round Table: There was no discussion.

At this time, the council asked the audience if there were any concerns they would like addressed. Alan Stimatz said he was interested in what had happened with the Hotel Project. He was informed that the governing body has adopted resolution 2014-02.

Councilmember Keller made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

Dustin Doze, Mayor