

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

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Matt Gould and Mayor, Joe Stephens. Employees present were: Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Sarah Carter, City Treasurer and Rob Gale, City Attorney arrived at 5:07 p.m. Also present were Rick Shirley of Kennedy and McKee, Marcus Ashlock, Leslie Carlholm and Angel Gonzalez.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mayor Stephens.

Councilmember Boy asked to add Citizen of the Month and Linda Dinkel asked to move the request for outside water near the front of the agenda. Councilmember Doze made motion to adopt the agenda with those two changes. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and it passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2014 with a correction to the motion in paragraph ten. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

The minutes of the special meeting on June 25, 2014 were approved on motion from Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Boy and all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve appropriation ord. #900 in the amount of \$100,840.83. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and all voted aye.

Councilmember Doze made motion to grant water service to Angel Gonzalez outside of the City Limits (in section 8-24-40). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell and passed with all councilmembers voting aye. The meter will be set by city crew at the end of the City's line and it will be Mr. Gonzalez's responsibility to connect at the meter.

Rick Shirley presented the audit report for the year of 2013. The budget for the year of 2015 was proposed with mill levy of 41.090 resulting in revenue from property taxes of \$311,719. A budget amendment to move the tourism budget out of the general fund to a separate tourism fund was proposed. There was much discussion about the mill levy and the increased cost of providing services to the public. Councilmember Keller made motion to publish the budget hearing notice as presented. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all councilmembers voting aye. The budget amendment hearing notice will also be published.

Leslie Carlholm presented a change in wording of the Economic Development Incentive Policy. In the "Application Required" section, the wording that describes the membership of the Community Development Board would be removed. Councilmember Keller made motion to remove the wording, seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

A request for stop signs at the intersection of Gates Street and Avenue D from Mrs. Tevelde was discussed. The council requested Linda Dinkel to visit with Hamilton County Law Enforcement to explore other options to the problem of children in the street and traffic congestion when school is over for the day during the school year.

Carlos Contreras has requested a street light at the corner of the Santé Fe Railway easement and South Durffee Street. Dinkel, City Clerk, stated that she had driven in the area after dark and felt the residents would be better served with a yard/security light than a street light, and recommended to not place a street light at the north end of the block. Councilmember Schell made motion to follow staff recommendations. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and passed with all members voting aye.

Next item on the agenda was to elect a council president. Mayor Stephens announced that he had taken a permanent position with the First Baptist Church in Holcomb, Kansas and may be moving in the fall. There was discussion of filling a vacancy and terms of office if the Mayor resigned. Councilmember Schell made motion to elect Dustin Doze as council president. Councilmember Vance Keller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Boy requested that the City of Syracuse participate in the National Night Out being promoted by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Councilmember Schell made motion to allow up to \$250, seconded by Councilmember Dustin Doze. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Boy related to the city council that she had witnessed some acts of good citizenship and thought it might promote such acts if the City would reward one citizen a month. The reward may be gift certificates or merchandise from local businesses and a certificate. Nominations will be taken from the general public. General consensus of the council was to try this program and see how it turns out.

Reports:

Economic Development: Leslie Carlholm discussed the 2010 Census data concerning the percentage of the residents in the community that are at the low to moderate income level. The percentages are higher than hoped for, this give the City the opportunity to apply for CDBG funds.

Sand Park: July 4th week end turned out well. Community Fireworks went well at Sam's Pond.

City Administrator: There was no report. Brian Bloyd was attending the professional managers program sponsored by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

City Clerk: Dinkel informed the council that the total health insurance bill had gone down \$171 per month and should stay that way until January 2015. City Council and Employees' family picnic will be August 16, 2014 in the John Armstrong Park. Craig Norton will have his 20th anniversary as a city employee on August 29, 2014.

City Treasurer/Assistant City Clerk: Sarah Carter-Schwerdfeger reported that the update to make the syracuseks.gov webpage more usable on mobile devices was complete.

Round Table:

There was no discussion at this time.

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

Attest:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Joe Stephens
Mayor