

City Clerk's Office  
January 9, 2017  
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on January 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office. Councilmembers present were: Steve Schell, Michele Boy, Matt Gould, Vance Keller, Dustin Doze and Mayor, Blake Upson. Employees present were Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, David Stimatze, Fire Chief and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also present was Marcus Ashlock, Madison Stilau and Joy Bezona, Animal Control Officer.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Madison Stilau was presented the Citizen of The Month. Madison helped clean and feed at the animal shelter, stayed and exercised the dogs and played with them. Madison was nominated by Joy Bezona.

Councilman Keller made motion to adopt the agenda. Councilman Schell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Boy made motion to approve minutes of December 12, 2016. Councilman Schell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilman Gould made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. #930 in the amount of \$265,029.64, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Boy. Motion was passed unanimously.

There was discussion on how to handle buildings that have become dilapidated, unusable or unsightly and what actions can be taken to have the owners rehabilitate or repair them.

David Stimatze, Fire Chief, presented the Fire Department Annual Report for 2016.

Councilman Schell made motion to make the following transfers:

Transfer from Water Fund to General \$25,000  
Transfer from Water to Utility Depreciation \$90,000  
Transfer from General to Capital Improvement \$15,000  
Transfer from General to Street Machinery \$5,000;

Councilman Keller seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

At 5:24 p.m.; Councilman Keller made motion to have an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 5:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Doze and all councilmembers voted aye. Bloyd, Dinkel, and Gale were invited to stay in the executive session.

Meeting resumed at 5:35 p.m. Councilman Keller made motion to raise the pay of Brian Bloyd, Jerrin Phillips and Jed DeVaughan by 4%; all other full time employees will receive a 2% raise; Carl Schouten

will receive \$0.70 per hour raise. Part time hourly employees will receive no raise. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Dinkel informed the council that Daliz Oquendo would be starting on January 16, 2017 as the Assistant City Clerk.

New machinery for sewer maintenance was discussed. Brian Bloyd will set up a demonstration for the first week of February. Bloyd was instructed check on Lease purchase agreements to cover the cost of the machine and tools that accompany it.

Councilwoman Boy made motion to amend the agenda; adding an executive session for attorney/client privilege. Motion was seconded by Councilman Doze and passed with all members voting aye.

Councilman Doze made motion to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege for 10 minutes and return to open meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Boy and all voted aye. Dinkel and Bloyd stayed for the executive session.

The meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m.

#### REPORTS:

Sand Park: We are working on the quarterly reports. There is a Sand Park Committee meeting on January 11, 2017 in City Hall.

Administrator: We are doing equipment maintenance. WE lost communication between the wells and the pump during a recent cold snap. We replaced 15 meters that had frozen during the cold weather. We are treating the streets and intersections for ice and snow. The men are working on the parking area by the new Gymnasium.

Dog Report: We housed between 5 and 9 dogs on a daily basis for the month of December.

City Clerk: Daliz Oquendo will be starting on January 16, 2017. We are doing end of year reports.

Round Table: Bladimir Bustillos would like to build a bigger BBQ pit in the John Armstrong Park. Bloyd will talk to Bustillos and finalize the plans.

Cake was served in celebration of Linda Dinkel working for the City of Syracuse for 30 years.

Councilman Doze made motion to adjourn. Councilman Keller seconded and all voted aye.

#### ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel

Blake Upson

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Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

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Blake Upson, Mayor