

City Clerk's Office  
February 13, 2017  
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on February 13, 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, Daliz Oquendo, City Treasurer, David Stimatze, Fire Chief and Rob Gale, City Attorney.

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

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of January 9, 2017 were approved on motion made by Councilwoman Boy, seconded by Councilman Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Doze made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. #931 in the amount of \$173,577.26; motion was seconded by Councilman Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Upson presented Daliz Oquendo as his appointment for City Treasurer. Councilwoman Boy made motion to approve the appointment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schell. Motion passed unanimously. Linda Dinkel administered the oath of office.

There was a motion from Councilman Doze to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Andreina Gonzales dba U-Pump-it. Second was made by Councilwoman Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

Occupation Liquor Tax/License for the Black Bison Pub was approved on motion from Councilman Doze, seconded by Councilman Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

The Valley State Bank and the First National Bank each presented proposals for lease purchase agreements for a 2017 PipeHunter 7834 with 700 gallon tank and EnviroSight Jetscan and 2 nozzles.

Valley State Bank's proposal was: Interest rate of 3.283% for 7 year term.  
First National Bank's proposal was: Interest rate of 4.75% for 7 year term.

Councilman Doze made motion to approve the lease purchase agreement with Valley State Bank. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. Motion passed with four councilmembers voting aye and Councilman Schell abstaining.

The Sewer Lagoon Project was discussed. The Preliminary Engineering Plan has been submitted to the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Utility rates were discussed. Water rates will automatically increase by 3% in April. Increasing the sewer and trash rates were discussed but no action was taken.

The Fire Department would like to put concrete on the north side of the building and asked if the city employees would pour it. Administrator Bloyd said they would help run the concrete.

Feral cats were a topic of discussion.

Reports:

Sand Park: We have sold about 80 permits for off road vehicles. All the speed limit signs in the park now say 10 mph. The engineering plan to update the water supply to the sand park is complete. People have been catching trout.

City Administrator: We have been doing general maintenance. We have had some main breaks because of the changing temperatures. The sewer main collapsed south of the railroad tracks on Barton Street. Repairs took a couple of days but went smoothly. The crew will be changing some water meters in the next few weeks in locations that are more difficult than normal.

Dog Report: We average 5 to 9 dogs on a daily basis. The Dog Park is being used and is appreciated by the public.

City Clerk: We are working on the water use report and will have it completed soon. We are looking into credit card companies and updating some of the accounting software.

Round Table: The land purchased at auction in November is not finalized. The funds are still in escrow. Attorney Gale is hopeful the transaction will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Councilman Doze made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Boy. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel

Blake Upson

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Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

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Blake Upson, Mayor