SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2024 @7:00 P.M.

Town Council President Nathan Scherer called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were William Musser, Paul Stoelting, Cindy Kaiser, Larry Siegel, Clerk-Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Town Attorney Jay Rigdon.

Nathan Scherer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Discussion from the floor (agenda items only) 2 minutes per speaker 10 minutes total.

The minutes from the June 18, 2024, regular meeting presented for approval. Cindy Kaiser moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Claim #'s 745-865 for $579,095.19 presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Pearl Street Parking Lot Bid Review and Consideration for Approval Received three bids: Beer & Slabaugh $391,891.23, Niblock Excavating $423,965.00, and R. Yoder Construction $446,768.00. These were reviewed by AZ Engineering, and they recommend Beer & Slabaugh for $391,891.23, will be completed in November. Bill Musser made a motion to accept the bid for Pearl Street Parking Lot from Beer & Slabaugh not to exceed $391,891.23; Paul Stoelting seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

Trash Contract Bid Approval Five-year contract term with bi-weekly recycling pick-up-seasonal. Larry Siegel made a motion to accept the bid and directed the Town Attorney to review the bid, once satisfactory we will send it back to Borden Waste-Away; Paul Stoelting seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

BZA Appointment-Kim Ruthenbeck, 714 S. Harkless Nathan Scherer, Council President, has appointed Kim Ruthenbeck as a member to the BZA.

RDC Appointment-Mark Madinger, 1406 S. Harkless Nathan Scherer, Council President, has appointed Mark Madinger as a member to the RDC.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Chris Harrison brought Ronda Matthews, Project Manager, to oversee the projects in Syracuse. Update on projects: North Tower & Oakwood Force Main are completed. We had some comments from IDEM on the Kern Road Project, looking for the residential wells. Task Order No. 2024-06, 9 projects associated with the task order, total estimated cost of $710,000.00. Seventy-five percent CCMG, Twenty-five percent Town, this does not include the engineering charges of $117,600. Larry Siege made a motion to approve the Task Order No. 2024-06; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if there were any questions in his report. David met with two different consultants about rewiring the Council Chambers for the requirement in 2025, quotes have not come back yet.

A new seal was put up in the Council Chambers on the wall.

A new app for the Town is being reviewed, currently the Town of Bristol is using it and is very satisfied. The name of the app is GoGov. The price is $3,900 per year and would be split between departments.

Shore Capital LLC is asking to waive the tap fees at 300 E. Chicago. Larry Siegel made a motion to waive the tap fees; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Jim brought a policy change to the Council on the ride along take home vehicles. Bill Musser mentioned the 30-mile radius, he does not want the vehicles to go out of state. There are some changes that need to be made to the policy, the final policy will be presented at the next Council meeting.

No ADA complaint.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions in his report. Still unable to find a new Water Superintendent, expanded search to different sites. Mark asked if we could extend the contract for services from Justin Stouder for the water department for 6 months, and the price did not go up. Paul Stoelting made a motion to approve the contract; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Currently working on the Fire Territory Budget, meeting coming up with the Fire Territory Board next week.

Mickey asked for approval for two (2) RDC, Rapid Deployment Craft, from Atlas Outfitters for $4,900.00 each plus shipping. Paul Stoelting made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed $4,900.00 each plus shipping; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer asked if there were any questions in her report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jay Rigdon, Town Attorney has a couple miscellaneous ordinance violations from the Building Inspector/Code Enforcer.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Musser talked about changing the hours of the Council Board meetings to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday instead of 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Town Attorney could change his hours in October if the Council decides to change the time. Larry Siegel was concerned about the public being able to make it to the 10:00 a.m. meeting, also when elections come up, who other than retired people are going to be able to run for the board. Larry also stated, it is not about us but the people we serve. Town Attorney stated it can always be changed. The council will think it over and discuss at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Paul Stoelting moved to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Cindy Kaiser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer

President

Nathan Scherer, Council President