

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on September 24, 2013, at 6:27 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Brian Duncan
Craig A. Johnson
Karianne Lisonbee
Douglas Peterson
Larry D. Shingleton (participated via telephone)

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Steve Marshall
Mayor Jamie Nagle
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:
Police Chief Garret Atkin
Fire Chief Eric Froerer
City Attorney Clint Drake

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Nagle called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember.

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COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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2. Proposed Proclamation declaring September 2013 as attendance awareness month in Syracuse City

A staff memo included an email that was sent to the City by Chris Williams, Community Relations Director of the Davis School District.

Dear mayor, city manager and council,

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Davis School District. As you are keenly aware, all of our schools are now in session and students are again getting into the flow of school. One of the expectations we always have for our students is that they progress and do their very best. And one of the efforts we have begun to reemphasize is the need for students to attend school. Yes, school attendance sounds pretty basic. But we began - in late spring and summer - to look into individual student situations and understand why some drop out of school and do not graduate. We found one very common problem. That problem was the vast majority of dropouts had established patterns of chronic absenteeism in junior high and even elementary school. Of course, if you are a student who is regularly not in class, grades will drop, attitudes will slip and before one realizes it, school will become very challenging, and a setting some avoid. For that reason, I have attached a PDF to this email. We ask that you and your council consider passing a proclamation supporting our efforts to remind students and their parents about the critical need to establish good attendance patterns that will help students be successful now and in the future.

Thank you,
Christopher Williams
Community Relations Director
Davis School District
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COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2013 AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH IN SYRACUSE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION

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Council discussion regarding the proclamation ensued.

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Mayor Nagle stated there has been a motion and second to adopt the proclamation and she called for a vote; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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At 6:29 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN MADE A MOTION ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: October 8, 2013