

City of Omaha
Council Meeting
April 6, 2015

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All council members present: Laura King, Lisa Heston, Emmett Fickes, Orville Lippe and Lorene Roberts. Also present: Robb Hulsey/Police Officer Dalton Larson/Water Supervisor

Guests: Delbert Chapel/Police Dept. job
Robert Mansfield/Fire Dept.
Johnny Crabtree/Fire Dept.
Boyd Smith/Fire Dept./arrived at 7 p.m.

*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed along with the two special meetings. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and the two special meetings. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Laura mentioned the loan for the College St. repair. Gina mentioned that it was around \$22,000.00. Lorene mentioned the electric bills. Gina mentioned that William had not paid the one from the month before. Orville mentioned that he did not feel like William could be using that much electricity. Gina mentioned that the ac/heater has been turned down. Lisa mentioned check number 6263 and the amount appeared to be wrong. Gina mentioned that it was suppose to be \$587.87 not \$17.73 and that she would correct it. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to accept the financial reports with correction. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned the lease agreement and that Boyd and John were not at the meeting. Lisa mentioned that the lease agreement was approved has read by Boyd, but it was typed up just like it was before. The reviewed the lease agreement. Lorene mentioned Leslie needing to talk to the fire board. Lorene also mentioned that #19 needed to be removed. Lorene mentioned that #12 would need to be approved by the council before locks were changed. Lisa mentioned that she agreed with Lorene about removing #19 and approval for #12.

New Business:

*Robert Mansfield took the floor. Robert mentioned that there needed to be another light put in the fire bay. Robert also mentioned that the concrete needed to be replaced. Lisa mentioned the wiring existing already. Robert mentioned that he did not know and that he would need to talk to the fire board. Lorene mentioned that weight on the ceiling. Robert mentioned that there was no weight on the ceiling. Robert mentioned that the concrete was in the middle of the floor. Orville mentioned cutting and replacing it. Robert mentioned rebar and new concrete would need to be put in. Lorene mentioned how large the area was. Orville mentioned that the area described was thinly poured. Robert mentioned that it was not 4" deep. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Emmett to get another light and let the fire dept. repair a portion of the floor where the concrete was bad. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned the theft of water from the hydrant on the fire dept. side of building. Robert mentioned that the lock had been changed and that there was only one key. Leslie mentioned that Gina

needed a key. Robert mentioned that key would have to be gotten from Chad. Leslie mentioned the stealing of water was not to happen any more. Robert mentioned that it would not unless they cut off lock.

Leslie mentioned Delbert Chapel. Delbert took the floor. Lorene mentioned set amount of wages he would need to make or was he over the age limit. Delbert mentioned that he was over the age limit and that he wants to work. Laura mentioned the hours that he wanted to work. Delbert mentioned that he could come out about 11p.m. and that he could also work during the day as well. There was a lengthy discussion. Delbert mentioned working for \$10.00 an hour or less as long as he did not make over \$5500.00 so he would not have to do paperwork. The council will look over his information.

*Leslie mentioned purchasing lawn equipment. Lorene mentioned the council would need to vote with draw the vote for lawn mowing bid. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded Orville to cancel the lawn mowing bid. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*Lorene mentioned getting a trailer for hauling the lawn equipment and using the local trailer shop. Leslie mentioned that there needed to be a weed eater purchased. Emmett mentioned that he had a trailer it is 6 foot wide. Orville mentioned the lawn mower. Lorene mentioned getting gas cans. Leslie mentioned the budget for the lawn equipment. Orville mentioned if you opened a new account at Lowe's you can get 10% off. Lorene mentioned getting a sprayer for weeds. Orville mentioned that 42" was big enough. Leslie mentioned that the trailer would be around \$600.00. Lorene mentioned \$3,000.00 budget. Robert mentioned that Lowe's would match competitors prices. There was a lengthy discussion on the types of mowers to get. Orville mentioned that there were mowers for \$1,800.00 at Lowe's. Dalton mentioned that 46" deck Cubcadet for \$1,799.00. Emmett mentioned that he had seen one in a sale bill for \$1,699.00. Lisa mentioned that her son worked for Larson and that they had a sale going buy a mower and get a weed eater. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa for a budget of \$3,000.00 for lawn equipment. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Delbert left meeting.

*Gina mentioned the options and resolution for the MacDonald property. Gina had included copy of resolution and email with the minutes. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to go with option 3. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to pass resolution as read. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Lorene mentioned that the shelter had been unlocked during the last bad storm. Gina mentioned that the Emergency Shelter is not a tornado shelter, it is for use after the event of loss of housing, power and fires. Lorene mentioned that the key needed to be returned and that a letter would need to be sent. Lisa mentioned that she did not feel that a letter was necessary. Leslie mentioned that he would talk to Jake. Gina mentioned that several of the local churches had basements which they were opening during storms.

Lorene mentioned that there was water standing where the walnuts had been hulled. Lorene mentioned to Robb if he had seen it. Lisa mentioned that they should be given thirty days and then write a citation. Lorene mentioned second warning or action will be taken. Robb mentioned that mosquitoes should be able to live there any way, because the walnut shells in water kills fish. Johnny mentioned that there was a swamp off of Washington St. by Ted and Judy's. Lorene mentioned getting the county up here to fix it. Johnny mentioned putting chat in it. Robb mentioned that there had been chat put in

there before and that it did not do any good. Leslie mentioned that he could talk to Robert Hathaway.

Leslie mentioned the water dept. Dalton mentioned that he had read meters with Bill and that he would like to do so several more times so he can learn where everything is. Dalton mentioned that there are no accurate maps. Dalton also mentioned that he has turned the old well down to 5%. Leslie mentioned that there had not be any unbalanced trips. Dalton mentioned that he was going to talk to Entergy and try and things straightened out. Dalton also mentioned that Rick showed where the master meters were and about the paperwork. Gina mentioned that she had called Tim from ESI(Engineer) about getting some accurate maps. Lorene mentioned that Dalton taking care of the customers will help take things off Gina and that Dalton is doing well.

Lorene mentioned the backhoe. Orville mentioned that the backhoe needed new batteries. Dalton mentioned that he is trying to get some inventory built up and that he would get a little at a time. Dalton also mentioned fixing water without turning water off and that he would need a pump. Johnny mentioned that the fire dept. had one the he could use. Dalton mentioned that he needed a leak detector and allot of other things. Lisa mentioned want list and things that are a necessity. Dalton mentioned metal detector for finding shut off valves so he can put risers on them so they can be found easily. Lisa mentioned their depth. Orville mentioned no more than 6”.

Leslie mentioned that Boyd was here and that lease agreement was not right. Leslie also mentioned that #12 and #19 were wrong. There was a lengthy discussion about lease agreement. Gina mentioned that she thought the mistakes were just some type of error, like typing error or that the wrong file was opened and printed. Boyd mentioned that this had gone on to long. Boyd also mentioned that he would check on changes.

Leslie mentioned Roger Mullis proposal. The council thought that the proposal was to high.

*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to go into executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to return to the council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa for the immediate termination of employment for Arlis Rick Gross. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*No further business before the council. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 5/Ayes

Leslie King/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
