

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
January 2, 2017

Mayor Leslie King swore in the council members Orville Lippe, Emmett Fickes, William Atchison, Laura King and Lorene Roberts at 5:53 P.M. before the monthly council meeting.

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All council members present: Orville Lippe, William Atchison, Laura King, Emmett Fickes and Lorene Roberts. Also present: Robb Hulsey/Police Chief.

Guests: Troy Burleson/police position

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by William and seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*Leslie mentioned the proposed budget for 2017. A motion was made by Emmett and seconded by Orville to approve the proposed budget for 2017. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*The financial reports were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the insurance paying for the repairs and the water purchased for the south well. Gina mentioned that the insurance did pay for the repairs and the water purchase for the south well. Lorene mentioned the \$1,000.00 for Midco. Gina mentioned that the water dept. did not have the money after paying the loan payments and that it would be put back in the general fund as soon as the water dept. got the money. Lorene mentioned the cost of the park being \$1,000.00 for the month. Leslie mentioned that not all of that was for the park but that it was almost finished just a little bit of the fence left to finish and the horse shoe pits. A motion was made by Laura and seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie turned the floor over to Mr. Troy Burleson. Troy mentioned that he had heard that there was a position open. Troy also mentioned that he would like to ask the council some questions and answer any question the council might have. Lorene mentioned what he was looking for. Troy mentioned something part time. Lorene mentioned the least amount of hours that he could have and keep his certification. Troy mentioned the most is 20 hours is the most for part time. Troy also mentioned that he did not want to do any more than that. Emmett mentioned that mostly need someone of a night but that need someone for ball games and school traffic but mostly at night. Troy mentioned certified radar. Robb mentioned that it is not and the last certification was fifteen years ago. Robb also mentioned that it is 0-20 hours for part time to keep certification. Lorene mentioned just being for city limits. Troy mentioned that yes but that if he were called in by county then it would be outside the city and that he was on call for that anyway. Troy mentioned to the council what they wanted and that any tickets go to the county, although the city is supposed to get 50% but that is not the case. Troy also mentioned that Lead Hill is looking into putting in their own judicial system but that cost is high. Troy mentioned he wanted less than 20 hours a week. Lorene mentioned that the city could not afford that. Lorene mentioned not being a police officer right now. Troy mentioned that he was not and that he was just reserve. William mentioned having time in the mornings and have different times that he could come in. Troy mentioned that he could. Lorene mentioned that the day and night time were both needed. William mentioned that there are several ways to detour people than writing tickets. Troy mentioned that he was very community orientated. Leslie mentioned that there would be some code enforcement. Troy mentioned that he had looked at the car and that he has his own equipment. Robb

mentioned that it needs new tires and to be balanced. Troy mentioned dress code. Robb mentioned polo and embroidered badge on it, which was purchased thru Top Stitch in Harrison. Orville mentioned Troy starting any time. Troy mentioned that he could start any time. Leslie mentioned getting call in the middle of the night. Troy mentioned that he would refer them to Sheriff Dept. because better way to do to it. Troy mentioned that it would be less hours. Robb mentioned that there was a person who was mentally unstable and that a case like that would be referred to the county because they have the resources that the City does not have. Gina mentioned the codes for the grass and dogs. Troy mentioned that it was normal. Leslie mentioned how soon he would need to know. Troy mentioned as soon as decision was made. Lorene mentioned working days and nights.

\*A motion was made by William seconded by Laura to go into executive session. All in favor. 5/Ayes. Meeting went into executive session and everyone left the meeting except the Council and the Mayor.

\*A motion was made by Lorene seconded by Laura to leave executive session and return to the council meeting. All in favor. 5/Ayes. Meeting was continued.

\*A motion was made by Emmett and seconded by Orville to hire Troy Burleson as the new police officer for 20 hours a month for a wage of \$12.50 an hour. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*A motion was made by William seconded by Emmett to call Cassie Elliott to see about a grant for a police car. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Laura mentioned getting car aligned and new tires as soon as possible. Emmett mentioned him driving car to see what it needed. Leslie mentioned that he and Robb had drove it and that it required new tires and front end aligned. Troy and Robb returned to the meeting. Robb mentioned that they had tried for a new police car grant but that the council at that time would not do it. Troy thanked that council for hiring him and for having him at the meeting. Troy and Robb left the meeting.

\*Leslie mentioned the daycare building. Lorene and Laura both agreed that they wanted the City Hall and Water Dept. to move to the daycare building. William mentioned that he was 50/50 on the move and that this location was more Omaha. Emmett mentioned that there needed to be more parking. Leslie mentioned that there were twelve parking spaces. Lorene mentioned that people were taking too much of Gina's time. Lorene also mentioned that Gina was not a problem solver and that people needed to come to the council. Orville mentioned letting fire dept. have building. Leslie mentioned that there was a leak in the ceiling and that Dalton had fixed the leak. Emmett mentioned that there was money to be made by improvements to the daycare building. Lorene mentioned the electric bill and that the fire dept. would pay the bill here because we would be out there and not be using any power. Emmett mentioned getting \$900.00 to \$1,000.00 for renting it and that it could be rented. Lorene mentioned having the fire dept. pay all the electric. Gina mentioned that the fire dept. has run of building but these two offices now. Lorene mentioned that it would be their responsibility to keep it clean. William mentioned that a lot of money would have to be invested into the daycare building for it to be livable. Emmett mentioned that it would pay off. Laura mentioned what William thought. A motion was made by William seconded by Laura to move the City Hall and the Water Dept. to the daycare building. Motion carried. 3/Ayes Laura King/Lorene Roberts/ William Atchison 2/Abstained Orville Lippe/Emmett Fickes

Leslie mentioned that the ac unit for the room would probably heat the whole building. Lorene mentioned the electric bill for daycare. Gina mentioned that there was one big bill and that Brenda and Kathy went on the budget plan. Lorene mentioned letting the fire dept. know at the next meeting that

the electric would be there responsibility. Emmett mentioned that it would need to be put in the contract. Laura mentioned that she did not think the contract could be changed. Lorene mentioned that it could be changed any time. Gina mentioned that it could be amended with rewriting the whole thing. Laura and William mentioned that would be going to the meeting next Tuesday at 6 P.M. Lorene mentioned that she heard that there was only two people during the week and some times only one going on calls.

Leslie mentioned that T-Tom Arnold was going to be able to get the sand for the park.

Leslie mentioned that the water freezing at the south well was due to Entergy. Leslie also mentioned that there was a power surge and caused a trip in the system and that the problem has been checked but that it never is fixed properly and needs to be done in the winter and in the spring. Dalton and Leslie started a fire under the metal pipes and thawed the water out.

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

Leslie King/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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