

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
February 2, 2015

\*The regular monthly Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Council members present: Lisa Heston, Emmett Fickes, Laura King, Orville Lippe and Lorene Roberts. Also present: Rick Gross/Water Supervisor.

Guests: Boyd Smith/ORFA> agenda  
Cheryl Wynn/water department complaint> agenda

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Gina mentioned that the December minutes were provided with corrections made. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*The financial reports were distributed and discussed for both the water department and city. Lorene mentioned the electric bill for the old city building during December 2014. Gina mentioned that there were four rentals for that month. Leslie mentioned paying at least half. Lisa mentioned taking \$15 off the bill per rental. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to take \$15 off per rental for the month of December 2014. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes  
Leslie mentioned leaving a note for William about not having to pay the entire electric bill.

\*Lorene mentioned the other side of rental property being rented. Gina mentioned that it was not rented and no one had come into rent it. Lorene mentioned the amount paid for the property. Gina mentioned that one side was \$300.00 and on the daycare side was \$200.00. Lorene mentioned putting signs up at businesses the town so that people would know that the property was for rent. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water department. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned Cheryl Wynn being on the agenda and he turned the floor over to Cheryl Wynn. Cheryl mentioned that the hydrant at the end of the line was leaking and that it should have been taken care of in the fall; so that it would not have busted and her having to worry about it not getting fixed. Cheryl also mentioned that letters (about the leak) were sent with her payments. Cheryl mentioned that she had trouble getting a hold of someone at the water department to report that the hydrant had busted. Orville mentioned that he went to look at it and could not find a leak. Cheryl mentioned that Rick and Roy knew about the water leak at the blowoff hydrant. Orville mentioned that he did get a call and that Leslie, Rick and himself went down and fix the leak. Rick mentioned that he apologized for the leak not be fixed and that there had been backhoe problems, and that Klaassmeyer had caused several water leaks. Rick also mentioned that he and Roy had went and put a plastic cap on the blowout hydrant. Lorene mentioned to Rick when he found the leak. Rick mentioned that Roy had showed it to him and then they had put the plastic cap on to stop the problem. Rick also mentioned that there was several things that attributed to the problem not getting the blowout hydrant fixed. Laura mentioned that the Council was very sorry that this had happened. Orville mentioned that he had the numbers of the Council and that he would give them to her. A copy of the phone numbers were given to Cheryl. Cheryl mentioned the hydrant and that it was not there anymore and if there was another hydrant for the fire department to get water in case the charcoal plant had fires again. Leslie mentioned that there was a hydrant at the charcoal plant itself. Cheryl also mentioned that she really appreciated the fire dues be put on the taxes. The council thanked here. Cheryl thanked them.

\*Leslie mentioned that next on the agenda was Boyd Smith for the Omaha Rural Fire Association. Leslie also mentioned if there were any questions regarding the lease agreement before it was signed. Leslie turned the floor over to Boyd. Boyd mentioned the lease agreement was brought up at the Council meeting before the changes were approved by the fire board. Lisa mentioned that the hundred dollar fine was never discussed. Boyd mentioned that the only things that had been changed was the wording about the number of years of the lease agreement and duties. Laura mentioned item number 20 and was it the hundred dollar fine. Boyd mentioned that the board would not sign the lease agreement if the city did not agree to pay the hundred dollar fine for water leaks. Emmett mentioned that we could be find all the time, because a lot of times water leaks happen and we don't know about them. Boyd mentioned that two trucks would take 10,000 gallons of water, and if there was a break they would have to move to another hydrant and take more time and that's why the notification was necessary. Lorene mentioned that she did not like the hundred dollar fine, because the fire department was getting water for free. Laura mentioned what would happen if there were small leaks, and that it could wind up being a catastrophe and not fair and that it just was not the City's fault. Boyd mentioned that they need to know and that they need to know ahead of time encase there is a fire so that do not have to waste time moving the trucks. Orville mentioned that there needs to be notification. Boyd mentioned that the notification would be only four main waterline breaks. Orville mentioned that it being mandatory for the notification of water breaks. Boyd mentioned that the city had put \$100 fine on the fire department for training with water. Lisa mentioned notifying the water supervisor about the training. Lorene mentioned the training and how often it was done, every three months. Boyd mentioned that he thought it was every three months and that they usually try to have it at the school. Boyd also mentioned that there is no training in cold weather. Lorene mentioned that if there was a main break in the water line that the fire chief would be notified. Lorene also mentioned that hypothetically, if the fire chief seen a water leak and the city did not know about it that the City would still be fined for it. Boyd mentioned the lease agreement and that if it was not signed with the hundred dollar fine then they would not pay the \$50.00. Gina mentioned that she had a solution. Gina also mentioned that she would need a calendar for a year with all the training dates on it, that way if there was a leak on a day where there was training Gina could notify the chief or assistant chief. Gina mentioned that this could get rid of the hundred dollar fine altogether. Boyd mentioned that he would take it to the board. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Orville to have a calendar given to Gina for training with water within thirty days of the contract being signed or they would have to pay the \$100.00 fine. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes. Lorene also mentioned the Boyd about the city having to pay some of the fire departments bills. Gina mentioned that she had records of where the city had paid some of the fire departments bills. Boy mentioned that he would get the calendar for the training during the summer. Boyd also mentioned taking the hundred dollars out and that the fire department would only pay the hundred dollars if the calendar was not delivered within 30 days of the contracting being signed.

Boyd mentioned that the fire board was having an executive meeting to hire a new fire chief on Tuesday, February 3. Leslie mentioned that the city had gotten Id's and would that be acceptable to OSHA. Boyd mentioned that John Simpers would know.

#### Old Business:

Leslie mentioned the mowing and that Rick did not have time to do it. Lorene mentioned putting it up for bid around town. Rick mentioned that he did not have time and did not want to deal with it. Leslie mentioned that he did not want to the job away from Rick. Rick thanked the Council for the job. Lorene mentioned posting it at the stores and local businesses in town. Gina mentioned that she would do it.

Laura mentioned having people sign a waiver that the city was not responsible for accidents when the shelter was rented to them. Lorene mentioned checking with Gail about the waiver or could the not responsible for accidents just be posted.

Leslie mentioned the water department. Rick mentioned that the customers had low-pressure and that he had gotten those problems solved and that he had found more valves. Leslie mentioned that TC Pump, Entergy and Rick need to be at the meeting so that a voltage recorder can be put on the north well. Lorene mentioned that they would all have to be here at the same time. Leslie mentioned that he would need to schedule the appointment. Lorene mentioned that was the reason the well was overflowing. Rick mentioned that he gets up at three or four o'clock before allot there is allot of usage so he can turn it up and sometimes they use more water and sometimes they use less water. Rick also mentioned that Mike Armstrong was the only one to explain how to get the watts needed. Leslie mentioned that he would set up a meeting. Rick mentioned that the appointment needs to be when it's cold so they can see how it's pulling the power.

Lorene mentioned the gas bill for November 2014 and that it was 196 gallons of fuel. Lorene also mentioned the amount of mileage the truck gets. Rick mentioned that it might get 14 mile to the gallon. Rick also mentioned the truck was not running well and had a foul plug. Orville mentioned that he had several trips town(for backhoe parts) in the red truck and that he had filled up the truck. Lorene mentioned to Orville about pushing the stuff off of the city street by Dixie's house. Orville mentioned that he could do that. Lorene mentioned the number's that were used for the trucks when buying fuel. Rick mentioned that the white truck is number one, the red truck is number two and that the dump truck could be number three and there is also the backhoe. Lorene mentioned that O'Reilly's use as a mileage log to keep track of where their vehicles have been. Emmett mentioned the locates for the fiber optics and that he believes Rick should be paid for his time by the company. Gina mentioned that no one gets paid for their time by the people that call in the locates, they just get paid by the people that they work for. Gina also mentioned that we have to pay to be a member of the Arkansas One Call System. Emmett mentioned that Klaasmeyer had ran over his septic tank lid but that they did bring some sand. Lorene mentioned that there had been a motion made for Rick to come to the council meetings. Leslie mentioned that he had found a mock contract for Rick to sign and he wanted the Council to look it over. Leslie also mentioned that this will show Rick what he can and cannot do.

Leslie also mentioned that the semi-annual reports and the taxes were done.

Leslie mentioned a report on how the park was going. Orville mentioned that the bid that he received was for \$11,200.00. Orville also mentioned that the work would need to be done ourselves. Leslie mentioned getting some help on the weekends to form up the pavilion. Gina mentioned that her and Rick would be volunteering. Lorene mentioned that her and my could volunteer. Lorene also mentioned the date for the volunteer work. Orville mentioned this coming Saturday, February 7 at 9 A.M. Orville also mentioned that he would get a hold of Rusty so he could come and put the metal plates in the concrete.

New Business:

Leslie mentioned if there was any new business at hand. Lorene mentioned that there was a van parked beside of Johnny and Peachey's house and that she had had a complaint about the van. Lorene also mentioned that the van belonged to Mary and was not abandoned. Lisa mentioned if it had tags on it. Gina mentioned that she did not know.

Leslie mentioned that we had news about the street aid. Gina read a letter from the Arkansas Street Aid

Department. Gina also mentioned that Collins Street was the first one on the list because it was one of worst city streets. Emmett mentioned that a gentleman named Anthony that lived at the end street of Collins St. was wanting to put a drain underneath the street, so that it would help with the gravel being washed away.

\*Leslie mentioned Ricks contract. Leslie also mentioned that this would clarify what was expected of Rick. Lisa mentioned tabling the contract until the next Council meeting. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to table the contract until the next Council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes. Laura mentioned the city providing Rick with a cell phone. Laura also mentioned that he was going to be able to be contacted all the time that the city should provide him with a cell phone. Lorene mentioned that she provides her own phone that is used for her work. Gina mentioned that she uses her phone and no one pays for her phone. Orville mentioned that him and Rick lose a lot of cell phones.

\*Lisa mentioned sending a letter about the removal of tires at Wendell tire shop. Lisa also mentioned that the tires were supposed to do be removed in September, October, November, and December and they were never removed and there is an ordinance against this. Gina mentioned that she would take Wendell a copy of the ordinance. Gina also mentioned that she would try to talk to Mary about the van. Orville mentioned that something needs to be done with the tires before the next Council meeting. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to take Wendell the ordinance and for him to get rid of the tires before the next Council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes.

Lisa mentioned the council going into executive session. The Council went into executive session.

\*A motion to end the executive session was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes.

Leslie mentioned to Rick that there is to be no personal use of the backhoe or the truck. Rick mentioned that he understood. Lorene mentioned that he needs to fill out the mileage for the truck when he gets gas and when he goes somewhere. Rick mentioned that he would do so.

\*Leslie mentioned starting the Council meetings at an earlier time. Laura mentioned starting them at six o'clock. Gina mentioned that earlier would be better for her around 5 o'clock or 5:30. Lisa mentioned that she could be at the Council meeting by 5:30. A motion was made by Laura seconded by Lisa to start the Council meetings at 5:30 P.M. on the first Monday of every month. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes.

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

Leslie King/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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