

Council Meeting
March 7, 2016

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

Guests: Tina Cole/NWAEDD
Lynda Treat/NWAEDD
Jay Stallard/NWAEDD

*The minutes were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Laura to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the insurance paying for the SW Boone water bill. Gina mentioned that they did pay for it. Lisa mentioned that the water was for three and half days. Gina mentioned that it was. Dalton mentioned that one reason the bill was so high was because the water lever for the well was not properly set; it takes sometime to get it right and the tank was also filling up the old well. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Laura to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that the representatives for Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District were here to talk about some funding for sidewalks for College Rd. (leading to the school) and other projects. Leslie turned the floor over to Tina Cole. Tina Cole mentioned funding for the sidewalk to the school. Tina introduced Jay Stallard to the council, he is their mentor and has the experience to share with the council how the process works. Jay mentioned that Omaha is considered section 8 for low to moderate income. Jay also mentioned that Omaha has a higher low income than moderate. Jay mentioned that the State of Arkansas spends 40% on economic , community projects. Jay also mentioned that the city has the right numbers and that there are cards sent out for the percentile for qualifying for block grants and that it should be good for the next eight years. Jay mentioned that the last time he worked on a city project the fire dept. received some equipment. Jay also mentioned that the Ar. of Dept. of Rural Services Community , ADDEC run the grant program. Jay mentioned that projects need to be developed and that the grant is 100% they can also so be tied with USDA packages also. Jay also mentioned that they do fund any day to day government, such as municipal buildings or law enforcement.

Jay mentioned that there would need to be a public hearing, resolutions; there will need to be five resolutions passed for the application, cost estimate. Jay also mentioned that the projects do eventually get funded and that there have been cases where the same project has been funded for four years. Jay mentioned that the city cant make the dead line this time but that the city can make the one in August. Jay mentioned that their services are minimal to the city and that the money comes from the grant not the city directly. Jay also mentioned that the web site does not give the rules so the city will be given plenty of notice. Jay mentioned working with a state trained consultant or work with NWADD, which is under new management. Tina mentioned that she had mapped out the sidewalk for College St. so she could get the distance and that it is not placed exactly where it will go; which is on the south side of the road and is 1080' of sidewalk. Jay mentioned that there will need to be an engineer for the project. Leslie mentioned that he was familiar with it. Jay mentioned the ad would have to be put in a State wide news paper it would cost \$120.00 to run it in the Arkansas Democrat and that cost will be the

city's. Jay also mentioned going ahead and getting a cost assessment. Jay mentioned using Davis Construction and Dutch May. Leslie mentioned how many the city would need to get, a couple. Jay mentioned that two would be fine.

Leslie mentioned that the city had gotten a \$250,000.00 from the Hwy Dept. and that the project will not start until next year. Jay mentioned curbs and gutter for sidewalk project. Lorene mentioned the sidewalk being on the other side of the street. Tina mentioned that it was only done that way for the footage. Laura mentioned that there is a semi being parked on College St. and that the children are having to walk around it to get to the school. Jay mentioned that the sidewalk gave the city the right of way and that he would not be able to park it there. Lorene mentioned giving him a ticket for parking on College St. Jay mentioned getting started on the sidewalk project and work on some bigger projects in the mean time.

Lorene mentioned the type of projects. Jay mentioned that the funding size was half million, to quarter of a million and that the smallest he had worked on were \$75,000.00 which were for water projects. Jay also mentioned that the water projects are for new systems or wells with CDGB money. Lynda mentioned having a relationship with them good standard, it is a slow process being under federal rules. Lorene mentioned that the water lines in the city needed to be replaced. Jay mentioned that restoration is not possible but that they are trying to get them to change the rules.

*Lorene mentioned that Harrison had lead in their water. Lynda and Jay both mentioned that the funding could only be for new projects. Jay mentioned that project would need to be submitted in August. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to go forward with the submitting of the application for the sidewalks for College St. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes
Jay mentioned the conference was in May and that the city would need to have public hearing and 5 resolutions passed for before the application could be submitted. Jay also mentioned that the city should know something by November 2016. Lorene mentioned the working being done in 2017. Jay mentioned that it would be better to do it in November because that would give them a 210 day window to get the work completed. Lynda mentioned would like to get it finished before the next school year started. Jay mentioned that they might be able to get it done real fast. Jay also mentioned that they were glad to be here.

Dalton mentioned repairs to the standpipe. Jay mentioned calling the USDA and talking to Neal Hodges (he phone was given). Lorene mentioned the standpipe and lines and would they be the main funder. Dalton mentioned equipment. Jay mentioned that USDA would be the one to call or that we might call Carolyn Wolf she is over Community Facilities. Jay, Lynda and Tina thanked the council for letting them be here. The council and the mayor thanked them for being here. They left the meeting.

Lorene mentioned the list Leslie had given to them. Leslie mentioned backhoe, park funding and generator for the old well. Leslie also mentioned that it was a long list.

Lorene mentioned that the minutes from the previous meeting mentioned the fire dept. being ungrateful about the new flooring and the paint. Laura mentioned that the Fire Board had bragged on how nice it was and the fire dept. (the men) had appeared to her as ungrateful. Leslie mentioned that the fire men he spoke to had mentioned even buying another table to put in there and that they wanted a shelf and desk to display some of their materials.

*Leslie mentioned that he had talked to ANRC and that they have all the audit information. Leslie mentioned that the water dept. would need to raise its rates. Leslie mentioned in order to help us we

should behind on our bills and the rates needs to be raised each year. Dalton mentioned the rates presented to the council are not high all compared to other towns(rate sheet is attached to minutes). Dalton also mentioned that Arkansas Rural Water never found any leaks but that are meters are not registering all the water being used and that is the 51% water loss. Dalton mentioned that he could pull a meter and prove it 95% that if you fill a five gallon bucket and it only shows three gallon then the meters are not showing all water being used. There was a lengthy discussion about the water rates. A motion was made Lisa, seconded by Laura to table the discussion until the next council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned the hot water in city hall and that the water stinks. Dalton mentioned that changing the elements and cleaning might help.

Leslie mentioned the break in at the daycare. Leslie also mentioned that he had not heard anything from Brenda and that the guy that broke in took her vacuum cleaner apart and that he lived in the apartments. Leslie mentioned that the police officer mentioned to him about having cameras even game cameras would be good. Leslie also mentioned that there a couple of screens kicked out but not enough to turn into insurance. Leslie mentioned that he was arrested but they only kept him an hour and that he had the same change in Taney County.

Lorene mentioned a new water line that needed to go on Collins Rd. Lorene also mentioned that it needed to be done before the roads were done. Lorene mentioned the lead. Dalton mentioned that they would probably not have lead. There a discussion on the cost for said water line for Collins St.

Lorene mentioned if Dalton had been able to get inventory for the water dept. Dalton mentioned that he did have the inventory.

Lorene mentioned that the cars for sale at Wendell's are pulled up to close to Hwy it is hard to see on coming traffic. Lorene also mentioned having Robb go talk to him about pulling them back from the road.

Leslie mentioned the park fund and that its out of money; there is about two weeks worth of work and need basketball goal because to purchase steel pole would cost more than the whole basketball goal. Leslie mentioned that it would probably take \$3000.00 to finish it.

Lorene mentioned the tank being cleaned and inspected. Dalton mentioned that it had been done and cost about \$6500.00. Gina mentioned that it had not been paid yet because she had never received a bill and that they charged an extra \$200.00 for some broken parts. Dalton mentioned that they were broken at the old well because it was extra dirty inside and it took them tree days.

Leslie mentioned that city would liable for repaying the money for park grant if it was not completed. Lorene mentioned when the dead line was. Gina mentioned that he really did not give one but was sure it needed to be done before October. Lorene also mentioned a report where all of the park funds went. The council agreed to pay for finishing the park.

Lorene mentioned that the if the daycare build was to be put up for sale that it would never sell because of how close the park is to the building. Leslie mentioned that the lot next to the daycare building was for sale. Lorene mentioned selling city hall and moving the city out there.

Gina mentioned putting up the right to refuse service. The council agreed that she could.

*No further business before the council. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 4/Ayes

Leslie King/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
