

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting

August 7, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All council then present: Laura King, William Atchison, Emmett Fickes, Lorene Roberts and Orville Lippe(at 6:30 P.M.). Also present: Dalton Larson/water supervisor. Chris Jamison/Police Department

Guests: Ted Potts/Pine Street closure  
Daniel Bowen/Emergency Management  
Bob Yarbrough/Emergency Management

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Laura mentioned a correction and a paragraph four lines 12 and 13. Gina mentioned that she would have the corrections by the next Council meeting. A motion was made by William, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes with the corrections. All in favor. Motion carried. 4 /Ayes

The financial reports were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that a new safety deposit box had been rented. Lorene mentioned the garage door openers for the fire department. Laura mentioned that the fire department had only put one in at the time of the last me. Laura also mentioned that there was a piece that the fire department needed to purchase in order to get one of them to work. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water department. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that Kent McCormick from emergency management about the money from FEMA was not present. Leslie also mentioned that the money from FEMA was to help with the cricket pump station.

Lorene mentioned the roof for all of the city buildings. Gina mentioned that the adjuster would be here Friday.

Leslie turn the floor over to Ted Potts. Mr. Potts mentioned that he had lived here since 1994. Mr. Potts also mentioned that he had moved into town on December 24. Mr. Potts mentioned that he would like to close a section of pine street, because people were driving too fast and that it wasn't used very much. Mr. Potts also mentioned that to keep it open for emergency vehicles a post could be put in that could be removed. Lorene mentioned which street. Mr. Potts mentioned that it was Pine Street that ran behind the old city hall building. Mr. Potts handed the Council a paper containing a diagram of his home and the street. Mr. Potts left the meeting. Gina mentioned that it was the only relief route in town, because it ran the entirety of the city. William mentioned that the closing would be from Ted Potts's house to the next street up. William also mentioned that he was against closing the street. William mentioned that there needed to be a relief route in town. Lorraine mentioned that it does not need to be closed and that she is against it. Lorene asked the other council members if they were in favor of closing the street. Lorene mentioned shutting down the street and if one person didn't want the street shut down it could not be shut down. No action taken

New old business;

Leslie mentioned the road for the City Hall and that if it was white to the metal it was going to be

double the price of a regular roof. Gina mentioned that she did have prices from roofing companies. Leslie mentioned that Ryan Edwards estimate was one of the cheapest.

Leslie mentioned that the dump truck was being fixed and that it was done.

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned that he had contacted the state regarding the city's sales tax. Leslie also mentioned that he would have to get that business is number so the state can look up who is playing and who isn't and get an itemized report. Lorene mentioned that the businesses could not be policed and that they would need to have a number. Lorene also mentioned pursuing it and seeing if all the businesses in town are paying the sales tax. Gina mention the amount the city gets from the state and that it varies. Leslie mentioned that the businesses are paying it. William asked if the businesses have to go through the city to get the number. Leslie mentioned that they do not go to the city to get their number they go through the state. Leslie also mentioned that their number is to be posted where the public can see it. Leslie mentioned that he would have to have the numbers in order to find out if they are paying the sales tax. Lorene mentioned the beauty shop. Laura mentioned the tire shop. Leslie mentioned that the state told him it was a very common question.

Laura mentioned the burning. William mentioned that there is a state law against burning construction, materials, remodeled materials, plastic for the State of Arkansas, And that a permit can not be acquired for burning those things. Laura mentioned how the police were supposed to police the burning. Laura also mentioned that John Simperts said that he would help. William mentioned that 911 needed to be called and that the fire department could come out. Emmett mentioned that the fire department is not doing their job. Leslie mentioned that there had been burning two weeks ago and that there was plastic and it and that it was so bad that he had bought the Church of Christ was on fire. Emmett mentioned that someone did come talk to the then. Emmett also mentioned that the smoke was so bad that it was coming in their house. Laura mentioned what was being burnt. William and Orville both mentioned that it was household items. Leslie mentioned that he had been told not to burn and has not burned since then. Emmett mentioned that the fire department president told him that the city has to have an ordinance. Leslie mentioned that the fire department put it off on the city because we have no ordinance. Gina mentioned giving them the state ordinance because it specifically says that there is absolutely no burning in the State of Arkansas. William mentioned that one of the places where the burning occurred was in the county and the other was in the city limits. We also mentioned that the fire department should go no matter who calls the fire in. Emmett mentioned that they were asked what they were burning and has to put it out. Lorene mentioned who is responsible. Chris mentioned that it would be the fire department. William mentioned that the law would be called if the fire was not put out. Emmett mentioned that the fire department can go write the tickets. Leslie mentioned that they have a different type of ticket book and different type of fines. Laura mentioned to William about going to the fire board meeting. Laura also mention that William does a good job talking to them.

Laura mentioned the electric bill for the fire department and that the board was told that the city paid the bill. Gina mentioned that the electric bill was not paid by the city. William mentioned that he would talk to them.

Leslie mentioned the water department update. Dalton mentioned that the road to the pump station really needed to be repaired. Leslie mentioned that he had gotten a bit on it when they were down there working and that the bid was no good now because they were working there this point.

Leslie mentioned the police department update. Chris mentioned that everything had been peaceful except for the fires. Chris also mentioned that if there is burning during a burn ban the county will come out. Chris mentioned having a dumping or trash ordinance. Chris also mentioned that the people burning were burning plastic and wood and that they were told they could use Charlie's dumpster for their trash. Emmett mentioned that they had not had any trash in the dumpster. Chris mentioned that when he went by there to talk to them he seen that they had been cleaning and painting. Chris also mentioned that Troy was out of town. Chris mentioned that he would talk to Troy a bout a trash ordinance.

Leslie mentioned that the street paving and repair are fixing to start. Leslie also mentioned that there are streets that need to be done but are not on the list.

Daniel Bowen and Bob Yarbrough arrived at the meeting. Leslie turned the floor over to them. Mr. Daniel Bowen introduced himself and Bob Yarbrough from OUM. Daniel also mentioned that Kent McCormick no longer worked for OUM. Daniel mentioned that they were here to try to help for flooding through funds from the federal aid.

Lorene mentioned to Bob about the house across the street from her epithet not what one address was wrong. Orville mentioned that they had the address down as first East Street. Bob digital Lorene what her address was. Lorene mentioned that her address was at 204 Collins St. Bob mentioned that he would check on that when he got back to the office. Bob also mentioned that sometimes their profit at the computer or that there are mistakes. There was a lengthy discussion. Daniel mentioned that the deadline was last Thursday to receive funding from FEMA. Gina mentioned was there any way that Omaha could get some of the state of the FEMA money. Daniel mentioned that he would call the County Judge and see if there was anything that could be done. Daniel also mentioned that the time period for the storm damage was from April 29 to May 29. Daniel mentioned that the original deadline was for July 14. Daniel also mentioned that sometimes towns get missed. Lorene mentioned all hail damage. Leslie mentioned that the road going to the list station had washed out and needs to be repaired. Daniel mentioned that he would talk to the County judge when he left the meeting. Leslie thanked Daniel and Bob for their time. Daniel and Bob left meeting.

Leslie mentioned that he had ordered new street signs.

Lorene mentioned that Dalton needed to we meet behind Dixie's. Lori also mentioned the brush hogging not being done before school starts. Leslie mentioned that it would be at least two weeks. Gina mentioned that it could be up to three weeks because they have had to restart the route. Lori and mentioned that the road signs needed to be weed eated and that after the weeds were brush hogged, they needed to be sprayed with weed killer. Lorene mentioned that Wayne Gillam needed to be fined because nothing was being done with the boat or around boat. Lorene also mentioned that Robin Tilton's place across from Orville needed to be mowed, so did Evelyn's and that the neighbor beside Leslie needed to know the yard in the back and that the house behind the old station(Dick Pierce's) needed to be condemned. Emmett mentioned that the MacDonald house was worse than that one. Lorene mentioned that she didn't think that it was worse than that one and that the Caves needed to be contacted.

Emmett mentioned that Ted Potts was tearing down the Cheek place.

Lorene mentioned that someone had put a truck in the church parking lot with a note on it that it would be moved by two o'clock the next day. Lorene also mentioned that it was not moved by two o'clock but

was eventually moved.

No further business before the Council. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene 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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