

City of Omaha
City Council Meeting

March 5, 2018

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All Council members present: Laura King, Lorene Roberts, William Atchison, Emmett Fickes and Orville Lippe. Also present: Troy Burleson/police officer and Dalton Larson/water supervisor.

Guests present: Cassie Elliott/Visionary Milestones/grant for the north well
John Simperts/ORFA
Steve O'Brien/ORFA
Mary O'Brien/ladies auxiliary
Charlotte Roberts/ladies auxiliary
John Roberts

Mayor Leslie King announced the public hearing.

Leslie introduced Cassie Elliott and turn the floor over to her.

Cassie mentioned the money for the water department and that it would go towards retaining well house improvements in engineering for the North well, the well was provided by Economic Development and is a HUD grant. Cassie also mentioned that the grant was for a maximum of \$200,000 and was a no one matching grant. Cassie mentioned that any other time this grant was available you had to add new water users in order to receive the money and the deadline was the end of March 2018 and that something should be heard by May or June. Cassie also mentioned that this grant was not available for many cities they had to have a 51% low income rate and Omaha was at 61% and that the grants could be received by a larger cities for blithe and emergencies such as hurricanes, tornadoes things of that nature. Cassie mentioned that there was money also available for fire department later on. Cassie also mentioned that there had been inspection and that it needed to be sandblasted and that there was a need for a generator and having the tank painted. Cassie mentioned that she would have Dalton explain where the money would be going. Dalton mentioned that it needed to be inspected every five years and that the health department was aware that we are low income and cannot afford to have it done. Dalton also mentioned that there was a need for new pipes and bolts because they were rusted and could blow at any time and that they really needed to be replaced and it was very important to get this done and have a new well house installed, instead of the fiber glass building that they have now. Dalton mentioned that most of the funds would be spent at the North well. Cassie asked if there were any questions. Troy mentioned the funds and who else could receive them. Cassie mentioned that the funds could be used for the fire department in receiving trucks jaws of life in bigger equipment it can also be used for a community center repairs to a community center water and wastewater rehabilitation. Cassie also mentioned that there was a grant for the fire department and it was a \$75,000 grant but that it was a 90\10 matching grant. Cassie mentioned that the fire department had planned for that in the future. Dalton mentioned if water meters could be included in the grant. Cassie mentioned that she would find out if meters could be included. William mentioned the deadline being the end of March. Cassie mentioned that it was the end of March and they had to wait for the states approval which they have Artie gotten and most of the paperwork is already done and that she wanted to be first in line for these funds because most people don't even know they're available. Steve O'Brien mentioned when she would know if the water department had gotten a grant. Cassie mentioned that it would be May or June. Steve mentioned the money being allocated for the

water department. Cassie mentioned that they don't let them do anything with the funds until they know that the rehabilitation funds were open for this year. Cassie also mentioned that if the water department does not receive the grant and they can reapply but that she had a really good feeling about this grant because it was the first time it's ever been offered. Cassie mentioned that there are three resolutions that need to be passed and a citizen participation plan that needs approval.

*Leslie mentioned Resolution 2018-3-1, A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal of an Application for ACEDP Grant funds to the State of Arkansas. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned Resolution 2018-3-2, A Resolution Establishing a Policy Prohibiting the use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies within the Applicant's Jurisdiction Against Individuals Engaged in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes Cassie mentioned that this resolution was federal law.

Leslie mentioned Resolution 2018-3-3, A Resolution for Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Cassie mentioned that this was a reminder entertained mainly to big cities because sometimes they get too close to people's homes and this would stop them from just taking someone's property. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Lorene to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Cassie mentioned the citizen to participate plan and that this garden tea that the public had access to the meetings and the paperwork regarding this grant and that a translation would be provided if they did not speak English. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to adopt the citizen participation plan. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Cassie mentioned that most of this information was just so people are aware because there is a freedom of information act. Lorene mentioned that she had a copy if anyone needed it. The mayor and the council thanked Cassie for coming to the meeting. Cassie to thanked the mayor and the council for having her and mentioned that if she had any questions to let her know. Cassie left the meeting.

Leslie mentioned that the public hearing was closed.

Leslie mentioned that the council meeting was now called to order.

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that he had found two spelling errors and that he had talked to Gina and that they would be corrected. Gina mentioned that they would be corrected by the next council meeting. A motion was made by Laura seconded by William to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

The financial reports were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the roof being done. Gina mentioned that there was some extra cost for the roof at City Hall because it had a topper that did not have flashing around it and that they removed the siding and that they put flashing on and siding back on. Gina also mentioned that there were 3 to 4 sets of shingles on the roof. Lorene mentioned that she didn't realize there were so many layers of shingles. Leslie mentioned that there were two sets of shingles on one side 3 to 4 sets on a couple of other places. Lorene mentioned the new tires. Gina mentioned that they were for the red truck because one of the tires could not be repaired. Gina also mentioned that the oil had been changed and that there had been some other things done to the truck.

Lorene mentioned the money market account and did it have enough money so that the meeting could go ahead as scheduled. Gina mentioned that there was \$2000 short in the money market account and that she really wanted to have all the money before going ahead with the meeting. A motion was made by William, seconded by Orville to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water department. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

The mayor mentioned there was no new business.

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned the ORFA Steve O'Brien. Steve mentioned that there had been some misunderstanding about the lease agreement and the space that the board were to be renting. Steve also mentioned that the big room or dining room and the mayor's old office were to be included in the rant with them hanging all of the electric bill and that the water department office and the bays were to be the only part of the building that the city retained. Steve mentioned that this was not correct and that there were two options.

Option one would be continue as they are having the entire building.

Option to go back to the space that they had originally for the \$250 lease agreement and only pay \$100 for the electric bill.

Steve also mentioned that the lease agreement needed to have the correct address not just the City Hall. Steve also mentioned that they would not oppose a 2 to 3 year lease agreement. Steve mentioned the Council taking additional time to discuss the lease agreement the next board meeting would be Tuesday the 13th. Steve also mention that Laura had invited him to the council meeting so that he can address any questions the council might have. Or will mentioned the area they were warning was what they call the dining area and the old mayor's office. Lorene mentioned that in the 2009 lease agreement that it mentions them using the big room or dining area, the city did mine in using it it just wasn't included in the lease agreement and asked if Steve had understood that. Orville mentioned the ladies auxiliary. Lorene mentioned that the ladies auxiliary on all the equipment in the kitchen area and that they had been able to use the building at no cost to the auxiliary. Leslie mentioned that it should not be an issue. Laura mentioned that the agreement did not specify that they would be it to use those two rooms. Steve mentioned that it was shown on them for not knowing and shame on the city for not telling them about it. Steve also mentioned that they only plan to be in the building for another 2 to 3 years. Steve mentioned that he felt like there was a good working relationship with the city. Steve also mentioned that he wanted to be able to take it to the board so they could vote on it. Lori mentioned that in the original agreement the fire department had to say within the city limits. Steve mentioned that he would like a copy of that agreement because he was under the impression that they only had to provide similar services. Lorene mentioned that the minutes should be up at the fire station and that they should have a copy of them. Leslie mentioned the dining area and the mayor office and if it was for Rent or just use it any time they need. Laura mentioned if the city would be needing to use it and if they did need to use it would that be an issue. Orville mentioned not needing and Laura mentioned that she did not see the city needing either. Lorene mention the high electric bill when the doors between the fire department had been found open after Gina had returned from her days off with all the heaters on. Lorene also mentioned that was in 2014. Leslie mentioned that the electric bill had been over \$400 a month. John Simperts mentioned that the insulation in the day was very poor and did not hold and that Orville had fixed some of the problem and that the fire dept had been heating the city bay. Leslie mentioned that the city did not need its bay heated. John mentioned that they keep the heat turned down as low as they can. Lorene mentioned that she knew some of the race had to have a warm space

in order to start. Steve mentioned that most of their trucks qualified for antique tags.

Laura mentioned whether the garage doors were working. Steve mentioned that they were working on it. Steve mentioned to the Council taking more time to make a decision on this matter. Steve mentioned that the fire department had a good working relationship with the city and that he wanted to keep it that way. John mentioned that there had been a restroom issue and that they were only allowed to use the men's bathroom and that they had three women on the fire department and that the women's bathroom is kept clean and that there is no longer an issue. John thanked the council. Lorene mentioned the trailer that was sitting in the parking lot up at the old City Hall and that it was only there to collect the tin from the roof removal. Lorene also mentioned those tools working up at the old City Hall. John mentioned that they were and smelt it too.

Leslie mentioned the water department update. Don't mention that there had been a week up on eagle Lane and that it had been caused by roofing company that the school had hired and that when they had brought the sky track in to unload the installation they had busted the lateral line's. Dalton mentioned that every time he dug all he found was busted lateral lines. Dalton also mentioned that there was no tracer wire so they could not be located but he knew that there was a leak because it kept draining the tanks and whenever he would be even only find busted lateral lines and he was afraid that if he fixed the line that the wastewater would get into the water line and that would cause health issues. Dalton mentioned that he would just put in new water lines so there would be no health issues. Lesley mention the invoices being turned over to the school and that they could deal with the roofing company and that there would also be concrete needed on college Rd. Orville mentioned that there should be some kind of insurance that would cover this. Leslie mentioned that the roofing company had moved all the insulation out. Steve mentioned that the school would have more leverage with harness roofing. Orville mentioned the roofing company being insured. A motion was made by William, seconded by Orville to present the invoices to the school. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Lesley mention the police department update. Troy mentioned that he had turned in a February 2018 police report and that he and Chris had only worked there five hours per week. Troy read the report to the Council and what had been done while on duty. Troy also mentioned getting together with the school on a contract for a resource officer because a deal could not be worked out with the county because they wanted \$50,000 for nine months only and that for Troy and Chris it would be 15 hours paid hourly at \$15 an hour and the check would be written to the city. Troy mention that Chris would be the perfect person for this job. Troy also mentioned that Chris would still be able to work his five hours and 15 for the school and not miss on any of miss out on any of his duties and that he would be able to go to the Academy. Leslie mentioned it being kind of hive for a resource officer to get \$50,000. Lorene mentioned that they had a resource officer in green forest when Dana taught over there, he was there all the time. Troy mentioned that a resource officer usually gets \$32,000 per year. William mentioned that they have two other reserve officers there. Troy mentioned that they were not able to act because they were Deputy reserve officers. Troy would like to have the city's blessing. Troy also mention that there were several lights out in the city and that he had made a list of them and got the numbers the best he could and he did not know if all of them belong to the city or not. Lorene mentioned the dog fine. Troy mentioned that Chris had been there twice and that the fine had not been paid and that he was not there either time Chris went to his home. Lorene mentioned that he was there the other day the dogs were in the truck and he let them out and they went right into the house.

Leslie mentioned the street update. Lorene mentioned calling him by April. Orville mentioned that Johnny Atchison the preacher at the Emmanuel Baptist Church had caught him and asked that the road be repaired before Saturday because they had a function. Leslie mentioned that he would call them tomorrow.

Leslie mentioned that the ladies auxiliary would like to speak to the Council. Charlotte Roberts mentioned that they were having a function on March 24 and if they would be doing roof repair then. Leslie mentioned that it should not bother their function because they would only be taking off 2 to 3 pieces at a time and replacing them. Leslie also mentioned that he would make sure the parking lot was clear because the snow pile was in the parking lot as well because of the water leak. Lorene mentioned that the snowplow would be removed. Mary mentioned the raffle tickets for the trailer to Laura and that she needed to sell more tickets for the raffle. Lorene mentioned the raffle being at the annual meeting. Mary mentioned that was October 9. Steve mentioned the raffle being at the fish fry and that the trailer needs to be by the fire department so that it can be more visible and that Load N Go had been very gracious for letting them leave the trailer there.

Lorene mentioned that the city the fire department and the ladies auxiliary on a third of the chairs and tables left at the old City Hall.

Mary thanked the council.

Leslie mentioned there being no further business before the Council. A motion was made by Orville seconded by William to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 5/Ayes

Mayor/Leslie King

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
