

City of Omaha
Council Meeting

April 2, 2018

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Council members present: Lorene Roberts, Laura King, Orville Lippe and Emmett Fickes. Absent: William Atchison
Also present: Dalton Larson/water supervisor, Troy Burlison/Police Department and Chris Jamison/Police Department.

The previous minutes were distributed and discussed. Space will a motion was made by Lorene seconded by Laura to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 3/Ayes

The financial reports for the city and the water department were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the money for the money market account. Gina mentioned that it was \$2000 short of having the amount for the loan. Lorene mentioned the week on Eagle Lane. Laura mentioned the school being responsible for the parts and had anyone else had to pay. Gina mentioned that Natco had hired a firm to put in the fiber optics and that whenever they had broke water lines they had purchased the parts without a ticket and fixed the leak on their own, because they knew they were responsible because the water lines were marked. A motion was made by Laura seconded by Orville to accept the financial statements for both the water department and the city. All in favor. Motion carried. 3/Ayes

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned the lease agreement for the fire department. Lorene mentioned that the rent should not be lowered. Troy mentioned that it cost the far department around \$3000 a year to rent the building. Laura mentioned renting the other two rooms and having to pay the \$50 and it just was not worth it because it would cause fights, which meant taking out number 20 on the lease agreement. Lorene mentioned removing number eight from the lease agreement because the city had voters they had renters for the shelter and they had William as a renter. Lorene also mentioned that they had never been restricted on using the parking lot. Lorene mentioned that they should have to pay for their own electricity. Leslie mentioned that some water had been taken for personal use. Troy mentioned if the fire department was charged for water. Gina mentioned that they did not pay for water because they needed it to keep their firetrucks clean. Lorene mentioned sending them a letter stating what was in the original lease agreement at the time they separated from the city. Gina mentioned taking out number 21 of the lease agreement because it did not apply. Lorene mentioned that they cannot dictate what they pay for rent because the building belongs to the city. Lorene mentioned that exhibit a was drawn up in the original lease agreement and that that is what the lease agreement should go by. Gina mentioned that the rent should stay at \$250 and that they pay their own electric and that the lease agreement needed to have number 8,20 and 21 removed. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to keep the rent at \$250, for them to pay their own electric bill and to take out number 8, number 20 and number 21 in the lease agreement. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

New Business:

Leslie mentioned that termites had been found in the building and that we would need to get three bids in order to get it taken care of. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Orville to take the cheapest of the three bids for the termite extermination for the building. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned the water update. Dalton mentioned that the water department almost had all the money to pay off one of the loans. Dalton also mentioned that he had gotten quotes from core and main \$132,000 And then another quote for \$104,800 from a company out of Texas for radio read meters. Dalton also mentioned that on April 11 they would be in the area to test meters and that they really like Dalton to attend. Dalton mentioned that they would give us meters to use and test before we purchase them and that they would come with the system also. Dalton also mentioned the grant for \$200,000 for the restoration of the old well and that that would keep the old well in good shape. Dalton mentioned that if we could get new meters that it would be more efficient. Dalton also mentioned that it would cost \$40-\$50 per meter to have them installed and that he could do it on his own to save more money. Dalton mentioned paying off one loan completely and may be asking for another one for the meters or the company out of Texas would finance it at 3% rate and that we didn't have to make a payment for the first year and that the first payment would be \$10,000 and that these meters also had a 10 year warranty. Leslie mentioned if the radio read meters would work underwater. Dalton mentioned that they would work underwater and that he had not been able to read any meters as of this month because most of them were underwater. Laura mentioned digging up a meter at the school. Leslie mentioned that it was buried under concrete and that Dr. Land had been told not to do it but he did it anyway. Dalton mentioned that he was reading 3 m at the school and that he had just installed another new meter. Dalton also mentioned that he would have to check and see which meters were spinning as each building was turned on after school was let out in order to make sure that all the meters were being read. Dalton mentioned getting enough meters to maybe do Stonegate because they had different averages of water usage and would give a good idea on how much water was being read versus how much water the old meters were reading. Dalton also mentioned that we would be able to get the meters for free so that we could use them and try them out. Dalton mentioned that there are a lot of broke meters and that these new meters are 95% accurate. Laura mentioned that if they got 550 meters then everyone would get a new one. Dalton mentioned that guests all the homes would get a new meter but the businesses of the chicken houses would not because they were 2 inch meters or bigger and that just one of those costs nearly \$3000. Dalton also mentioned that maybe the water department purchase those meters on its own. Leslie mentioned that these new meters would cost \$189 each. Leslie mentioned that he was one to call Arkansas Natural Resource Commission to set up an appointment. Gina mentioned that if we could pay off one of the smaller loans that has the interest on it that she believed it would help the water department tremendously. Lorene mentioned that it was promising because they had gave us a year or so we could purchase backhoe.

Leslie mentioned the police update. Troy mentioned that Chris had gotten 15 hours a week at the school and that the school would be paying him \$30 an hour and the school would pay the money to the city and that the city would pay Chris. Troy mentioned that the people that had the dogs in town had moved. Lorene mentioned that she two noticed that they were gone. Troy mentioned that he had followed dogs to find out where their home was and that he talked to them and told them that there was ordinances against the dogs running loose and that he would be back. Emmett mentioned that there were dogs behind the old station. Troy mentioned that he had already talked them. Troy also mentioned that school Street needed another 15 mile an hour sign because some of the parents were complaining that it wasn't marked. Leslie mentioned that we have the post at the sign. Laura mentioned that the people running late are usually the ones that speed down College Street. Troy mention that Chris is maxed out on hours. Troy also mentioned that if the city wanted to give more hours than five that he could find someone. Lorene mentioned how many hours a day Chris works at the school. Troy mentioned that he works three hours a day five days a week. Chris mentioned that it's usually an hour in the morning and hour at lunch and hour in the afternoon. Leslie mentioned that there was federal money be freed up for full-time cops at schools. Troy mentioned that he had bought some dress uniforms because they had nothing to go to court he had at that Chris would be to look nice. Troy

also mentioned that he found someone to put the lights in the cop car for \$250 instead of \$900 and that they would be pleaded Thursday, the car would be operational. Troy mentioned getting a radar gun from Lead Hill or Harrison. Troy also mentioned that the council needs to think about more hours for the Police Department. Emmett mentioned needing someone of a night. Troy mentioned that there will several benefits for having another police officer but that Chris is ours could be increased once school was out. Troy mentioned that they don't work much and that people are aware of that. Troy mentioned that he needs to find a school for the radar certification and that they are hard to find because once recertified you never have to get recertified. Leslie mentioned speaking to the superintendent at the school. Troy mentioned that he had talked to the superintendent at the school and that he would like to have someone full-time. Troy also mentioned that he would be having an active shooter program which would give four hours of college credit and that it should happen before school starts next year. Troy mentioned that the madness of the league was coming to diamond city to give training to the council members the mayor at the clerks and that he would like everyone from Omaha to come. Troy mentioned that he will let Gina know when they will be here. Lorene mentioned bringing the fire department. Troy mentioned that everyone was welcome. The council thanked Troy.

Street Update:

Leslie mentioned that it would be some time next month. Leslie also mentioned that they would do the prep in one and day and then do the asphalt on the next day.

No further business before the council. A motion was made by Orville and seconded by Lorene to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie King/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
