

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting

January 8, 2018

The regular monthly council meeting was postponed due to flooding in the City Hall and was rescheduled for January 8, 2018, Monday night at 5:30 PM. The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Council members: Lorene Roberts, Laura King, William Atchison, Emmett Fickes, Orville Lippe. Also present: Dalton Larson/water supervisor, Chris Jamison/police officer

Guests: Randy Reddell/ORFA Vice President

\*The Council meeting minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Lorene asked Randy if he would like a copy of the minutes. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 3/Ayes

\*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. that were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that the trash service cost was for an entire year and was cheaper at \$15.00 a month. Gina mentioned that the trash service also included the months of November and December. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by William to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned the lease agreement for the Omaha Rural Fire Association. Lorene mentioned the rent being at \$250 and that maybe it needed to be raised to \$400 per month. Laura mentioned the rent that the mayor and council met in and that their rooms that the city are keeping the city made clear on the lease agreement. Randy mentioned that he had not spoken to Steve O'Brien ORFA president because he was in South Dakota and that he was supposed to be back for the meeting tomorrow night. Randy also mentioned that he feels like he has had a good relationship with the City Council. Randy mentioned that the fire department is planning on owning all three fire stations within the next three years. Randy also mentioned that land had been purchased off of Denver Rd. first Street that turns to the left, the southwest corner towards Summerwood and consists of 3 acres. Randy mentioned that this will be stationed four. Randy also mentioned that the acre of land that they had own had been sold for \$6500 which is what they paid for it. Lorene mentioned that the fire station have to stay within the city limits or that all the trucks would revert back to the city. Leslie mentioned the fire department buying the building that they're in now. Randy mentioned that they are down to bare staff members with only three that answer calls during the week and that he is 71 years old and that John has bad knees and can't walk and that there are no volunteers and without volunteers there will be no first responders because you cannot stand one person out on a call. Randy also mentioned that if something were to happen to Johnny Crabtree there wouldn't be anyone to answer any calls during the week. Randy mentioned that they just want to serve their community. Randy also mentioned that he considers the population centers to be Omaha, Stonegate and Summerwood and Stonegate is having its Association meeting this week and he plans to address the issue at their meeting as well. Randy mentioned that he thought it was only fair to let the City Council know where the fire department stands. Randy also mentioned trying to have fixed costs so it would help them financially have stability. Lorene mentioned the fire trucks being turned over to the fire department with the stipulation that they fire station stays within the city limits. Lorene also mentioned if there were any fire members at Summerwood. Lorene mentioned that Mike was the first one on a call because he lived so close to the fire station and would be gotten up in the bill that night and then have to go to work at 4 AM and that she understands how it can be. Randy mentioned that the fire department is in desperate need right now for volunteers. Lorene

mentioned the purchase of the land being voted on by the board in an open meeting. William mentioned that the president of the board had told him that it was to be kept a secret. Randy mentioned that it was voted on and that the president was given a ride to go forth with the purchase. Randy also mentioned that he did not know what difference it made. Lorene mentioned that she didn't think that anything had been done wrong but using public funds and it left the impression that it had been done wrong and was the voting in an open session. Randy mentioned that they were not using public funds. Randy also mentioned that it had been voted on by all board members and before all the paperwork was signed. Randy mentioned the lease agreement. Leslie mentioned the parking lot and that renters for the shelter and that William lives there and also has a business. Randy mentioned bringing it to the fire board meeting. Lorene mentioned that water had been taken by fire Department members without asking. William mentioned that Steve was talk to about checking on the lock on the hydrant out front of the fire department. Randy mentioned that he did not know anything about it. Leslie mentioned not giving a key to the office. Randy mentioned the generator for the building. Gina mentioned that the generator for the building was in the hallway. Lorene mentioned the use of the big room and the kitchen and everything in the kitchen belonged to the ladies auxiliary. Randy mentioned that the Rams need to be specified at which ones are rented and not rented. Emmett mentioned blocking off one bathroom for the fire department and put apartments in their. Laura mentioned that the ladies auxiliary would not be able to use the building and then we would have to build another kitchen. Leslie mentioned that people want to read it all. Lorene mentioned the rent for the building has to be charged for the insurance. Lorene also mentioned sections 20 and 21 in the lease agreement. Laura mentioned that if the city was going to rant the other rooms that the electric should be acquired by the fired apartment. Lorene mentioned getting electric agreement from the fire department. Lorene also mentioned that she wanted number 20 in the lease agreement taken out. William mentioned that 20 and 21 would stay the same. Lorene mentioned that she still wanted 20 taken out. Lorene also mentioned that to ever rant the building should go to the fire department and talk to them. William mentioned asking the fire department before rating to the Cub Scouts and that he had apologized to the fire department on behalf of the city and that there has to be an agreement either way. Randy mentioned lettering the rooms so they know which ones they are. Gina mentioned that in the original lease agreement with the fire department that there was an exhibit "A" and that she will get a copy for the January 9, 2018 meeting of the fire board. Randy mentioned just bringing it to the board. Laura mentioned each blue agreement and that it needed to be gone over. Leslie mentioned having any more questions for Randy. Leslie mentioned that there were no more questions for Randy. Lorene mentioned had the fire department tried to get new recruits for the fire department. Randy mentioned that there had and he last meeting. The council thanked Randy for his time.

\*Laura mentioned the rant either being raised or staying the same at \$250. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to leave the rant at \$250 per month. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*Leslie mentioned a two or three year lease agreement or maybe even going to a one year lease agreement. Lorene mentioned having to do this every year. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to have a two year lease agreement with the ORFA. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Emmett mentioned getting \$25,000 before they would give the trailer away from Load N Go. Laura mentioned that it can't be done.

William mentioned no on number eight of the lease agreement.

Laura mentioned number 12 of the lease agreement. Lorene mentioned blocking it off where they could have access to the panels. Gina mentioned that the bay doors were in the hallway and not in her

office. Laura mentioned that Mary with the ladies auxiliary what's the key because of the kitchen. William mentioned that it was a non-emergency situation and that they did not need a key and that number 12 was a no. Lorene mentioned that she agreed they could use the big room for their meetings. William mentioned that the city is using those rooms. William also mentioned 21 keep the bays, training room, office and kitchen. Gina mentioned that they are only supposed to have access to the bathroom. Leslie mentioned William and Laura going to the fire board meeting. Laura mentioned that we will hold the seat at the January 9, 2018. William mentioned that the lease agreement for the city and that they do not rant those other room's.

Leslie mentioned the water department update. Dalton mentioned that the water department had gotten a trailer. Lorene mentioned how much it was and where it was at. Dalton mentioned that the cost was \$6500 and that it was purchased from individual Batesville and that its a Big Tex. Leslie mentioned that we only had about \$3000 in it because we were under budget when buying the truck. Dalton mentioned that the trailer is sitting at the shelter. Leslie mentioned that it was up there so they could put the metal from the roof on the trailer because the city was keeping it. Lorene mentioned that or we'll wanted some of it for his carport. Leslie mentioned that he figured it belonged the city and the city should keep it. Dalton mentioned that there had been meters busting. Dalton also mentioned that the sink in Gina's office had not been put together properly and that is why it came apart and blood of the office.

Leslie mentioned the Police Department update. Chris mentioned that he was glad to be back. Chris also mentioned the new car and did we have the equipment on it yet. Leslie mentioned that the equipment was not on the car that the visor lights were cheaper. Chris mentioned the state turns them into the federal surplus. Orval mentioned that calibrator place in Lamar and that they might sell radar guns there and they could even install it. Leslie mentioned that there had been a place for a control box. Chris mentioned that that would need to be put in by someone that knew what they were doing and would stand behind the work. Leslie mentioned that it had a fire suppression but on the inside of the car so he could put out a fire that was on the outside of the vehicle. Lorene mentioned the dog ticket and that he did not pay. Leslie mentioned that he was supposed to have been here at 10 AM on Thursday to pay and that the ticket was not paid. Gina mentioned that she waited till 10:30 Thursday morning and he never called or came. Lorene mentioned that they are the sisters dogs and that she does not think there there anymore.

Leslie mentioned the street update. Leslie also mentioned that there would be no paving until the weather warms up. Lorene mentioned whether he had called or not. Leslie mentioned that he had not call but that he called him instead. The name of the company is called heavy contractors of Arkansas international LLC. Lorene mentioned that they had done a job in Berryville first. Leslie mentioned that they are building a new school and that they had done that job first.

\*No further business before the Council. A motion was made by William seconded by Orville to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 5/Ayes

Mayor/Leslie King

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.  
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