

City of Omaha

September 10-2018

Council meeting

The regular monthly council meeting was rescheduled due to a holiday. The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Council members present: Lorene Roberts, William Atchison, Emmett Fickes, Laura King. Absent: Orville Lippe. Also present: Dalton Larson/water supervisor

Guests:

Mike Roberts

Steve Grady/Attorney

A roll call was given by the Council.

Mayor Leslie King of the public hearing to receive funds from Arkansas Natural Resource Commission for repairs to the water system, new meters and upgrades on the water tanks. The Omaha City Council is in favor of moving forward with this project.

Mayor Leslie King read aloud resolution number 2018-9, Resolution of Intent to Accept Facility Plan. A copy of the resolution is included with the minutes. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene two waive the second and third reading of the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to approve the resolution 2018-9. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes. A copy of the resolution will be included with the minutes.

Mayor Leslie King read aloud resolution 2018-9-1, Resolution for Signatory Authority. A copy of the resolution is included with the minutes. A motion was made by William, seconded by Laura to waive the second and third reading of resolution 2018-9-1. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to approve the resolution 2018-9-1. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes. A copy of the resolution will be included with the minutes.

Leslie mentioned that Tim Mays the engineer for the water system had to pair the resolutions and if there were any questions that the council could call him.

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Gina mentioned that there were typos in the previous minutes and that they would be corrected by the next meeting. Laura

mentioned Chris being here. Leslie mentioned that he might be late. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to accept the minutes with the corrections. All in favor. Motion carried. 4 /Ayes

The financial reports for the city and the water department were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that Mr. Edwards was finished with the roof at the fire station. William mentioned the metal that was left beside the shelter. Leslie mentioned that the metal was taken off and replaced at no charge to the city. Leslie also mentioned that it was any good and could be hauled off. Laura mentioned the wages for Chris and where were the tickets. Gina mentioned that she had not seen any tickets. Leslie mentioned that the wages was for half a year. Lorene mentioned that the SW Boone bill was high. Dalton mentioned that there was chicken houses on there. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by William to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water department. All in favor. Motion carried. 4 /Ayes

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned the financial statements that Porterfield & Co. had finished. William mentioned the AUP. Gina mentioned that it is a letter stating the procedures that was used in order to do the financial statements. Gina also mentioned that these financial statements are mandatory by Arkansas Natural Resource Commission so they can make sure the money is going where it's supposed to be going and is a stipulation of the loans that we have with them.

Mayor Leslie King read out loud resolution 2018-9-2, A Resolution For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor To Pay The Invoice For The Cost Of Repairing The Backhoe Owned By The City. A motion was made by William, seconded by Laura to waive the second and third reading of resolution 2018-9-2. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that there was three bids and would the council be interested I putting it on line. William mentioned if the others that bid on it would be still be interested in it. Dalton mentioned that he could sell it on line. Lorene ask Leslie what he thought. Leslie mentioned that he thought it would a good idea. Steve Grady mentioned that it was under \$20,000 and that there was no bid needed to sell the old backhoe. Emmett mentioned that the price of scrap had gone way down. Dalton mentioned that he would have to put a price on it and that he could sell it. Leslie mentioned salvage everything we can out of it. Dalton mentioned that if it were running and could it have been able to be driven up on a trailer, it would have been worth \$19,000.00. William mentioned going until the end of the month (the 28<sup>th</sup>) and post it online. Leslie mentioned posting it in the local stores. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to post the old backhoe on line, post it in town at the local businesses with pictures for \$5,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes. Steve Grady mentioned that there needs to be a letter of appraised value from the Mayor to the council. Steve Grady mentioned that a gentleman in the audience is administrator for Farm and Ranch page on Facebook and that he could list it on there as well. The council thanked him.

Lorene mentioned the Ladies Auxiliary is wanting to put up a bulletin board in the big room. William mentioned that they could post there activities for the Fire Dept. and the Auxiliary. A motion was made

by Laura, seconded by Lorene to let the Ladies Auxiliary put up a bulletin board. All in favor. Motioned carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned the Census 2010 and that only 15% of Omaha had turned their paper work. Gina mentioned that the poverty level for Omaha had went up from 51% to 53%, since the last time we had a Census. Leslie mentioned that the Census Bureau is wanting the City to put together a committee to help spread the word about the Census for 2020 and get more people to turn in their paperwork. Gina mentioned that if they do not turn in the paperwork then the Census will send people out door to door to do what they call a wellness check. Gina also mentioned that they are wanting a letter of commitment from the City about the committee. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to send the letter of commitment and for a committee for Census 2020. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that Chris was not present and that there would be no police update.

Leslie mentioned the water dept. update. Dalton mentioned that everything was going good and that the leaks had been fixed. Leslie mentioned that all the toilets in the City Hall had been replaced. Dalton mentioned needing a hot saw and that it would cost around \$400.00, because every time one is rented we are being charged \$125.00. Dalton mentioned 18 inch blade and they make them smaller. Leslie mentioned getting a gas powered one. Lorene mentioned that shelter and the French drain. Leslie mentioned that the grade is to low. William mentioned that there had been a layer of dirt removed since his been there to try and help with the problem and that it is better than it was. Leslie mentioned that a hard drain would need to be in behind the building. Leslie also mentioned that there is a plague there and a rose bush. Gina mentioned that if it had to be removed to let her know so she could try and save it, because it was planted by Bill and Sarah for a friend who had passed away. Dalton mentioned that he thought he could go around it. Lorene mentioned needing to blow the grass off the sidewalk. Lorene also mentioned that the toilet was full of paper towels at the shelter and that there was a plunger there and now it is gone and that all the toilet tissue was gone as well. William mentioned that he had not seen a plunger and uses his own toilet tissue and does not know what happened to it. Lorene mentioned about William policing the men's bathroom. Lorene also mentioned keep it policed. Leslie mentioned the gas powered hot saw. Gina mentioned that if Dalton used his spending limit and Gina used hers (spending limit) there would \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 that could be used to purchase one and that it would not need a vote.

Leslie mentioned the bids for the streets Journagan was \$45,541.00 and that Hutcheson was \$38,000.00.

Orville Lippe arrived at the meeting 6:20 P.M.

Mike mentioned that Duttons Paving is ligetiment.

New Business:

Lorene mentioned getting the county to mow. Laura mentioned the community worker. Gina mentioned that he was done with his time. Leslie mentioned needing a skid steer and a mowing machine. William mentioned that David Bird has one but does not know what he would charge. Gina mentioned calling Ron Wright with the county and see when he could do it.

Mike mentioned that new signs had been ordered. Lorene mentioned that Rick Gross, Robin Titlon, Peachy and Johnny and the Cave properties had not been mowed all year and that something needed to be done. Leslie mentioned that the house inside the city limits did not have the addresses on them and that most cities require it but the City of Omaha did not. Lorene mentioned getting with Troy about it. Steve Grady mentioned that if they are unsafe they can be condemned. Lorene mentioned that the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief could inspect it. Steve Grady mentioned needing a building inspector. Steve Grady mentioned code enforcement. Leslie mentioned Chris will enforce it. Steve Grady mentioned need to bring the inspection to the council and then it can be taken to court and get court order to condemned it.

Laura mentioned the fire dept squared away. William mentioned that yes, they said they got everything they wanted. Lorene mentioned getting a thank you. Gina mentioned that they sent a thank you letter for helping with the new fire station.

Steve Grady mentioned that the only time they can go into executive session is when they can not get a regular meeting together. William mentioned that the seat the City holds is a voting seat. Steve Grady mentioned that private non profit does not apply. Steve Grady also mentioned that it is a learning curve.

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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October 1, 2018

Agenda

- 1 Minutes from Previous Meeting
- 2 Financial Reports for the City and the Water Dept.
- 3 Old Business
- 4 New Business
- 5 Police Update
- 6 Street Update
- 7 Water Dept. Update