

City of Omaha
Council Meeting
January 6, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Roll call: Laura King, Lorene Roberts, William Atchison, Mike Roberts and Orville Lippe. Also present: Troy Bureson/Police Chief, Chris Jamison/ Police Sergeant, Fred Starnes/Police Dept., Steven Grady/ City Attorney and Dalton Larson/ Water Supervisor. Guests List included with the minutes.

Leslie mentioned that John Chrisman would take the floor. John mentioned that he had received the Ordinance 2019-8 and that he did not own the properties and that they should have went to Wendell Edwards. Chris also mentioned that he had a dealer license that permitted him to legally tag and title the vehicles. Chris mentioned that 101 Church St. was already cleaned up and that the other property belonged to Load N Go and the limo had been moved and that the trailer was parked there and that the trucks were in a row. Mike mentioned that he was told that Chris had purchased those properties. Chris mentioned that the property was not available for sale until January 1, 2020. Mike mentioned putting a fence up so they will be hid and making an effort.

Leslie mentioned that Rickie Jones would now take the floor. Rickie mentioned that he had four different properties and that the vacant lot had been cleaned up the boat and that the vehicles there were towed in and don't sit there very long and that he is selling them. Rickie also mentioned the tire shop, Dick's old station and that he apologizes for it. Rickie mentioned that it never looked like H&R and never at any time had he ever let it look that bad. Rickie also mentioned that a letter should have not been sent for the building behind the hotel and that they purchased it and that one will be torn down and the other will be remodeled. Rickie mentioned that the cars are not there for more than ten days. Mike mentioned that the vehicles are blocking the street and there needs to be a fence up to hide the cars. Rickie mentioned that it is not an eye soar. Mike mentioned having a place in the country to put them. Rickie mentioned that he has spent tens of thousands of dollars in town and that he will fix up the old truck and air up the tires. Laura mentioned that they do not appear to be rotated. William mentioned that they would rotate them. Rickie mentioned that he moved the dodge van today. Lorene mentioned the mowing. Laura mentioned that she realizes it's been years but that something needs to be done. Laura mentioned the cars being moved in and out. Mike mentioned that he was told that Dick's old station was a salvage yard. Rickie mentioned that the council was not looking at the bigger picture. Steven mentioned that there is no argument and to look at the legal side which is, if the vehicles are there for five days or ten days they are not in violation, but if they are there for six months they are, trucks sitting for long periods of time with grass that is 8 inches tall, make sure the grass is gone (mowed around and under). Rickie mentioned moving the vehicles to the back of the building in a row and mow. Lorene mentioned the fence. Rickie mentioned them being put in a row and if that would be okay with the city. Lorene mentioned that there is junk in front of the building. Rickie mentioned putting them on the other side. Mike mentioned keeping them away from the mailbox and the street. Steven mentioned 14 days without use and that they need to be in auto motion / driving condition. Steven also mentioned that there is 10 cars and working on one and there is no way he can get them fixed in three months then he needs to stop taking cars and it cannot take 6 months. Steven

mentioned there needs to be a privacy fence for the cars from the front to behind. Mike mentioned Jim's old station and Charles needs to put a fence on 3rd Street to hide it. Mike also mentioned there had been complaints on the house by the motel and that he really appreciates it being taken down. Mike mentioned that the letters sent had the ordinance in with them. Rickie mentioned needing to know where the right of way is. Orville mentioned that it is 60' on Pine St. Troy mentioned that really appreciated what they have done investing in the Town of Omaha. Steven mentioned that there were twenty three letters sent out. Rickie mentioned that the cars are in a row and not in the street. William mentioned that's where it started (Dick's old station). Laura mentioned that he had been ask nicely. Steven mentioned that he drafted the letter for the city and if someone does not comply they will get the same letter, tall grass, trash, cars it's the same letter one size fits all and they were sent regular mail not certified. Mike mentioned city is not making any money on this. Rickie mentioned that the cars have not been moved but that they would only be there for a bit. Charles mentioned that they would change that. William mentioned keeping them off the street and cut the grass. Steven mentioned that no one is being picked on and that twenty three letters were sent out. Laura mentioned that she knew that things had been this way for 30 years but that it was time for something to be done. Mike mentioned that it took 90 days for the ordinance to be enforced. Lorene mentioned clean up the property because the value of the property is better than Bergman. Steven mentioned fix the truck up. Rickie mentioned the variance. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to give Rickie a 30 day variance to get everything done and be in compliance with the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/ Ayes

Charles mentioned old 66/3rd St needs fence. Mike mentioned no more than 15 days for the cars. Lorene mentioned handling the grass. Charles mentioned that he will need to clean up or get out. Lorene mentioned that people have almost been hit. Mike mentioned that he talked with him about moving them and he said he would and that he did and then put more back in the same spot. Rickie mentioned that the box with the rocks in will be moved out tomorrow and could this ordinance be enforced against the tenant. Steven mentioned that going through the land owner because they will be more responsible or they can get a new renter. Leslie mentioned giving a 30 day variance for the improvements. A motion was made by William, seconded by Orville to give Charles a 30 day variance for improvements. All in favor. Motion carries. 5/Ayes

Charles mentioned the car lot, rollback is in the road, but clean up and keep out of the alley and everything needs to be running. William mentioned that they do not need to stay in the road, needs to be moved. Mike mentioned put cars in a row and running and don't put them in the streets. Rickie mentioned that on e of them was a rebuilt vehicle for his car lot. Lorene mentioned that they have been a problem. Rickie mentioned no more than 15 days. Charles mentioned that the red dooly will be moved. William mentioned making an effort. Leslie mentioned the vehicles having insurance. Steven mentioned that license doesn't matter and dealership have vehicles that are operational, so it can be moved within the 14 days, presumed in operational, missing the doors or hood not operational. Steven mentioned having forever vehicles and never going to fix it up. Charles mentioned that they are going to fix them up. Rickie mentioned moving them within the 30 days. Rickie also mentioned that there is a sinkhole on the corner in Hazel's lot. Travis Wakefield (renter of the property belonging to Rickie and Charles) arrived at the meeting. Travis mentioned that he moved them and that he mowed the grass.

Charles mentioned putting up the fence and mowing. Mike mentioned keeping it clean if you're going run a business. Charles mentioned that he doesn't want to be fined.

Leslie turned the floor over to Joe Ellis. Joe mentioned the school bright future program for Omaha students and wants to get the community involved instead of just the church. Joe mentioned that the goal is for every child to be successful. Handout included in the minutes. Joe mentioned that it is a nonprofit organization. Joe also mentioned that letters will be sent out. Joe mentioned that February 1, 2020 a kickoff meeting will be held at 8:30 A. M. at the school and the meeting is for the whole community. Joe also mentioned that Matt Widner is the leader right now. Leslie mentioned putting it on Facebook page. Laura mentioned getting an example from Mr. Huff to coordinate it a little better. Joe mentioned there are nine committee members. The council thanked Joe for coming.

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. William mentioned a correction paragraph 3 hired needed to higher. Gina mentioned that the correction will be made. A motion was made by William, seconded by Mike to accept the minutes with the correction. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

The financial reports for the city and the water dept were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that there was lots of money paid out and that another loan had been paid off. Mike mentioned that the money is getting down in the general fund. Lorene mentioned the water dept paying for the loan payment on the backhoe. Gina mentioned that the street fund had to stop paying its portion and that the water was paying other things to offset the city paying their half of the loan payment for the backhoe. Mike mentioned leaving it the way it is. A motion to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept was made by Mike, seconded by William. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned that 15th is when we are supposed to close on the money from ANRC, Taylor Marshall is waiting on some emails and that they were not sent until Jan 3. Leslie also mentioned meters are first priority and that bids are not necessary. Leslie mentioned that he and Dalton can install the meters for \$25.00 a meter and Davis Construction was \$45.00 a meter. Dalton mentioned salvaging the old meters. A motion was made by William, seconded by Mike to salvage the old brass ones. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes. Steven mentioned resolutions will have to be approved for them to do the work.

New Business:

Laura mentioned sending letters of appreciation to the ones that complied with the ordinance. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Laura to send letters of appreciation to the ones that complied with the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Police Update:

Troy mentioned that on the 15th of February he is having carry and conceal and enhanced classes with the proceeds going to the Police Dept. to pay for new equipment. Troy also mentioned that it will start at 9 A. M. and go until done, it will be held at the shelter and the prices will be \$65.00 for the carry and

conceal and \$100.00 for the enhanced class. Troy mentioned that this will help with car repairs and breathe test and that He nor Fred have taken a salary. Troy mentioned the police report there was one theft, disorderly conduct and that the speeding has been cut down. Troy mentioned police car needs to be fixed and that Fred found a motor. Chris mentioned that he put some additives in the car and that it doesn't smoke as much. Leslie mentioned that in the evening the speeding is worse.

Leslie mentioned that Johnny and Peachy Rushing had come in. Mike mentioned them selling the lot. Josephine Cole said that it was going to be hers because she was their granddaughter. Lorene mentioned it being torn down. Mary McCarver mentioned that the family has been called to set up a weekend to tear it down. Lorene mentioned giving them another 30 days. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to give Peachy and Johnny Rushing 30 more days to tear down the house. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Gina mentioned that Kathy Sing (Shannon Murphy) property needs 30 more days also because he son has some medical issues and they will have to find someone to do the work. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to give her 30 more days to comply with the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes Orville left the meeting.

Lorene mentioned the second notice. Steven mentioned that it will be posted on their premises and there will need to be a notice of proof of the service and the cops will sign a copy and that starts the clock. Leslie mentioned that a new piece of wood had been put over the windows at the Cave property. Steven mentioned that the next letter will be sent certified mail for the nonresponsive. Steven also mentioned that MacDonald was being represented by Watson Law Firm. Lorene mentioned condemn it and tearing it down. Lorene also mentioned that no one is reading the ordinance. Laura mentioned that they need to follow the ordinance. Leslie mentioned the fix point. Lorene mentioned there is dead trees and brush that needs to be cleaned up. Mike mentioned that John Huston had a heart attack. Leslie mentioned that they are trying to clean it up. Leslie mentioned Emmett's bus and that Phyllis had called and said that they would build a building around it. Laura mentioned that it's not that bad. William mentioned it being moved. Lorene mentioned that it was not moved. Gina mentioned that it is used for storage. Lorene mentioned that he needs to comply with the ordinance. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to give Emmett 30 more days to comply with ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

No further business before the council. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 4/Ayes

Leslie King/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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Agenda
February 10 2019

AGENDA:

- 1) Kayla and John Chrisman/Ordinance 2019-08
- 2) Ricky Jones/Ordinance 2019-08
- 3) Samantha Snyder/Christmas parade
- 4) Minutes from previous meeting
- 4) Financial reports for the city and the water dept
- 5) Old Business/ Ordinance 2019-08/ Money from ANRC
- 6) New Business/ Budget 2020
- 7) Police Update
- 8) Water Dept Update
- 9) Street Update