

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting

December 14, 2015

The regular monthly council meeting was rescheduled due to schedule conflict, from Dec. 7, 2015 to December 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All council members were present: Laura King, Lorene Roberts, Lisa Heston, Emmett Fickes and Orville Lippe. Also present: Robb Hulsey/Police Chief, Dalton Larson/Water Supervisor

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned William paying his rent and electric. Gina mentioned that he had not paid. Gina also mentioned that she would put reminder letter on his door. Laura mentioned the carpet price for the daycare. Lorene mentioned that Watts and Webb had already ordered the carpet and that is why it was installed. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*Leslie mentioned that Mrs. Halfman was to be at the meeting but that she was not here. Orville mentioned that he had talked to her three times and that he thought there was a break down in communication and that she wants to pay half of her bill and not pay the other half. Orville also mentioned that her brother had passed away and that her mother had been placed in a home. Gina mentioned that the only break down in communication was on Mrs. Halfman's end. Laura mentioned what the problem was other than her hardships. Lorene mentioned that she had denied even owing a water bill. Lorene mentioned her talking to Leslie. Leslie mentioned that she had filed a complaint against Gina and Dalton, Gina had been mean to her and Dalton had lied. Dalton mentioned that her mother was living in the trailer because he had to knock on the door and she answered and now she is not living there. Dalton also mentioned that he had pulled the meter to see if it was vapor locked, he put the meter back in and did not run any water through the meter. Lorene mentioned that she does not like to be lied to. Lisa mentioned that Gina had told her that it would have to be turned off if she did not want to be charged and that it was never turned off. Gina mentioned that Dalton was caught in the well house and that she actually went inside the gate. Dalton mentioned that there was no talking to Gina. Leslie mentioned that she needed to make her payment. Lorene mentioned paying half and then paying ten dollars a month until it was paid off. Lisa mentioned sending collection notice. Lorene mentioned that she did not mind working with her if she had not accused our employees and that she would be more apt to help her. Lorene also mentioned her brother having children. Orville mentioned that they are estranged. Leslie mentioned that he would call her about her payment and see what she could pay a month. Laura mentioned that she should have come to the meeting. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to make half of the payment and make payments on the rest. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

Leslie mentioned that flooring for the city, daycare and training room. Leslie also mentioned the carpet in the training room is glued down and that he would have to soak it over night and then scrap it up and that this flooring could go right over the top of existing flooring. Laura mentioned that the carpet for

the daycare was \$2,200.00. Lorene mentioned the flooring going over the tile in the big room. Leslie mentioned that it could. There was a lengthy discussion. Leslie mentioned getting bids. Gina mentioned the tile. Lisa mentioned that the grout would stain. Orville mentioned getting darker grout. Lorene mentioned slippery when wet. Leslie mentioned that it would be slick. Gina mentioned getting bid with what they gave in samples. Lorene mentioned Tile Unlimited being water proof. Gina mentioned that she would find out.

Leslie mentioned that the park update. Leslie also mentioned that the playground equipment would not be here for another four to five weeks and that the park was in the same place it was in last time.

\*Leslie mentioned the water dept. update. Dalton mentioned the State had been up and that there was some things that he was getting done so they would get off our backs. Dalton also mentioned that one thing that needed to be done was the inspection and cleaning of the tanks and that he called and it would cost around \$6,000.00 and that was on the high end. Dalton mentioned that they use a diver and inspect and repair without draining the tanks and leaving people without water. Dalton also mentioned that he had done the one on Boat Dock Rd. in the middle of the night. Lorene and Lisa mentioned sanitation of the person doing the diving. Dalton mentioned that the suit is sanitized. Dalton also mentioned that it has to be done every ten years. Gina mentioned that the water dept. does not have the funds for the inspection and cleaning. A motion was made Lorene, seconded by Lisa for the city to pay for the inspection and the cleaning. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Gina mentioned that she can not touch the Debt. Service, Bond Fund, Depreciation Fund and the Money Market with out getting approval from ANRC. Gina also mentioned that she had called them to see about using some of the money in the Depreciation Fund for the loan payment and no one returned the call, so Gina had to use the money in the Special Account(which is for parts,repairs and inventory) so now that fund is running low. Dalton mentioned talking to ANRC about reducing our out going expenses. Gina mentioned calling Tim Mays at ESI to see what he could do. Lorene mentioned raising rates for city limits and outside city limits customers. Gina mentioned that she would talk to Tim about raising them but leaving the rural alone.

Leslie mentioned the Police Dept. update. Robb mentioned that there was not one at this time. Leslie mentioned that he missed the best parade. Leslie mentioned that was best turn out.

\*Leslie mentioned the Christmas party. Leslie mentioned that it was to be at Brick Oven but that they had become a brewery. Lorene mentioned that we should have just went ahead with it. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to have the Christmas party at Romas on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

New Business:

Laura mentioned waiving the \$25.00 fee for the ORFA renting the shelter for a diner on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. Laura mentioned just letting them pay the \$25.00 cleaning fee so it could be refunded. The council mentioned that they were fine with that. Lorene mentioned that the do volunteer.

\*Lorene mentioned changing the council meting time to 6:00 P.M. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to change the council meeting time to 6:00 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*No further business before the council. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 5/Ayes

Leslie King/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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