

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
February 6, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All council members were present: Laura King, Lorene Roberts, William Atchison, Emmett Fickes and Orville Lippe. Also present: Troy Burlison/Police Officer Dalton Larson/Water Supervisor

Guests:

Randy Reddell/ORFA President  
Steve O'Brien/ORFA Vice President

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned the remaining balance owed for the repair to College Street. Gina mentioned that it was \$15,996.51. Leslie mentioned paying it off, no motion was made. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Orville to accept the council meeting 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 Williams rent. Gina mentioned that the rent was paid. Lorene mentioned the SW Boone bill and why it was so high. Gina mentioned chicken houses had used it. Lorene mentioned the streets and when they were going to be paved. Gina mentioned that they were to start some time between January and March. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that Randy Reddell (ORFA President) was here and turned the floor over to him. He congratulated the City on their new space. Leslie mentioned the electric bill. Emmett mentioned renting the other offices out and that he had someone that was interested and wanted to look at them. Randy mentioned that if the other offices were rented then the building would have to be secured because of Homeland Security. Randy mentioned the fire dept. taking over the electric bill if the offices were not rented and that they had went into executive session to pay the electric bill if the rent stayed the same there were 3 members for and 5 members for not paying the electric bill. Randy mentioned having electric bill put in their name. Randy also mentioned keeping a good relationship with the city and that at this time they had nothing to bring to the table. Laura mentioned that pictures had been taken of the electric meter and that it was 493 used at this time. Randy mentioned there was a couple of issues that are before the state at this time and that they did not know if they would be able to maintain residence in the building. Lorene mentioned the electric bills were under \$100.00 and three under \$140.00. Randy mentioned that it is not the electric bill it is the space in the fire station. Lorene mentioned that there were issues with the heaters twice. Lorene also mentioned that the fire dept. was to make every other payment on the building and that none were made, the city had paid for the building on its own. Lorene mentioned that the flooring was donated because the city did not have the money to get any. Lorene also mentioned that the rent and that they had not paid anything before. Randy mentioned that only a third of the people are paying their fire dues and that the rest do not pay. Randy also mentioned that at this time the fire dept. has \$55,000.00 and that it will be burnt up fixing everything. Laura mentioned what they would be able to pay. Randy mentioned that the fire board does not think its to hard to come up with an agreement before the first of the year and that it is not to early to work on something. Lorene mentioned the fire trucks, the audit and grants were acquired by the city, paid for by the city and were got through the city. Randy mentioned that the volunteer numbers are declining. Orville mentioned not having enough people to respond. Randy mentioned that they do not want to have to shut it down. Randy also mentioned that they can not get a fire chief to

replace John and that he needs knee replacement. Randy mentioned that they are desperate for people and that Summerwood could care less. Lorene mentioned ladies auxiliary was same way, people were ask to volunteer and they would say they worked and Lorene would say they do to and are older than them. Randy mentioned that they had a EMT Matt Crow. Randy mentioned trying to reach an agreement. Leslie thanked them. Randy thanked the council and left the meeting.

Emmett mentioned James DeMarie wanted to rent the office in the old city building. Gina mentioned Home Land Security. There was a lengthy discussion.

\*Leslie mentioned turning the floor over to Troy Burleson the new police officer. Troy passed out his report and mentioned that this is a get to know you period. Troy also mentioned that this next week would be early morning and school traffic. Troy mentioned that he had some good talks with people and no tickets thus far. Troy also mentioned getting the radar calibrated, because it had not been done in 12 years and that it could be taken to a place that does it by Lebanon or wait til May or April when they come down here, the cost will be \$150.00 to \$200.00. Troy mentioned double fines and must appears if it is calibrated. A motion was made by William, seconded by Orville to take the radar and get it calibrated. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Troy mentioned that he did not have to be the one to take it up there. Orville mentioned that he could take it up there. Troy mentioned tuning forks and that he had not found them yet but if they were not found more would need to be purchased. Troy mentioned police policy and that it would need approval. Troy also mentioned the speed limit sign on school road and that there was only one by the school. Gina mentioned that she thought the sign was in Peeweess. Gina mentioned that there was an ordinance where the school is responsible for College St. from 8:30 A.M. To 4:30 P.M. during school operations. Troy mentioned the superintendent was begging for police presents. Troy mentioned that he had spoken with Judge Kirpatrick before writing tickets and discuss the revenue for the city. Laura mentioned if a ticket had been written it would have been \$1,000.00. Troy mentioned having police from other small cities the right to come to Omaha and patrol and write tickets and take care of business if he has to be gone which he will be the end of February for a week and the municipal aid pays for this. Troy also mentioned that it would be Lead Hill, Diamond City and Alpena. Troy mentioned that the city would have to approve it and that the City would not be out any money. Lorene mentioned getting a free police car. Troy mentioned that he had not heard anything yet.

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to use municipal aid to share policing with Lead Hill, Diamond City and Alpena. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Troy mentioned the policy on ATVs on the streets. The council mentioned that people who are acting grown up would be alright but that any others need to be dealt with and that Troy should use his own judgment. Troy mentioned that he would set up appointment to get radar calibrated.

\*Leslie mentioned the water dept. update. Dalton mentioned that the backhoe was getting rough. Orville mentioned that he would talk to Clifford. Dalton mentioned that it is making noise in transmission. Lorene mentioned the trailer park and what was going on with there water. Dalton mentioned that they had used the water. Gina mentioned that they were helping someone that did not have water and that is why their bills were so high. Gina also mentioned that they knew they had used the water because she had spoke to them. Dalton mentioned that there was a leak and that the people did not have the money to get it fixed and pay the bill. There was a lengthy discussion. The council agreed to help water customers that have a leak one time. Laura mentioned that it would not hurt to help someone one time with their water bill. Orville agreed. Dalton mentioned that in Harrison they would have them pay average bill. Gina mentioned that SW Boone charged \$4.00 and that should be

the lowest it should go. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to help water customers one time with their bill if they have a leak with the understanding that the leak would need to be repaired. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*Emmett mentioned showing the office to Mr. DeMarie. Leslie gave Emmett keys so he could show Mr. DeMarie the office. Emmett mentioned renting one office for \$150.00. Lorene mentioned renting Gina's old office. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

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

Leslie King/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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