

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
July 6, 2015

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Council members present: Laura King, Emmett Fickes, Lorene Roberts and Orville Lippe. Absent: Lisa Heston  
Also present: Dalton Larson/Water Supervisor

Guest: Rick Jones/Purchasing Peewee's Old Station

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Laura to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned William being caught up with on his electric bills. Gina mentioned that he was except for Junes. Gina also mentioned that she checked the box while at work today but that there was no payment from William. Orville mentioned that John Huston wanted to rent the other half of the day care building. Lorene mentioned the returned check. Gina mentioned that a return fee of \$25.00 is charged for all returned checks and that the person paid it and the amount of returned check. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that the mowers for the county were at Burlington and that he spoke with Robert Hathaway today and that Ron Wright was to call regarding the brush hogging. Leslie also mentioned that Mike Blevins is the one that will be doing the repairs to Jefferson St. Leslie mentioned that the city sign needs to be replaced and that he called the HWY Dept. and that they would not get a new sign, so he called a sign company to check for prices.

Gina mentioned Tracy from Tetelestai House wanted to know if it would be okay with the council if she brought some of her girls to work in the flower beds and they would supply the flowers for them(the girls would be supervised). The council mentioned that it would be fine with them.

Lorene mentioned Mike Smith the electrician and the wiring in Gina's office. Leslie mentioned that the main source of power is in that breaker box and that it will do no good for the electrician to move everything, because the breakers would still get thrown and someone would still have to get into the water dept. in order to flip the breaker. Leslie also mentioned that the cost would be \$150.00 an hour and that it would not accomplish anything so he did not call them back. Lorene mentioned that with the fish fry they should be ok and not throw any breakers because the fish is cooked in the fire dept.

Leslie mentioned the letters to the nuisance properties. Gina mentioned that she mailed one to Don Rose and Robin Cheek. Lorene mentioned McDonald properties. Gina mentioned that she needed to talk to Gail. Lorene mentioned that the McDonald property needed to be given citation for the uncut grass.

Leslie mentioned that park and that it looked like swamp. Orville mentioned that he had called Michael Hughes about the welding and that he had not yet showed up to do it. Orville also mentioned that the had called Clay Cryer and that he had no idea what he charged an hour. Gina mentioned that if the welding had to be paid for that it would cut down on playground equipment. Orville mentioned that he talked to Rusty and that he said he could bring his guys and do it. Gina mentioned that it would

cost around \$4500.00 to \$5000.00 to have them do welding. Gina mentioned that she would call Michael Hughes on Tuesday and see if she could find out anything. Laura mentioned the date for the park to be finished. Orville mentioned that it was suppose to be October.

\*Leslie mentioned that Water Dept. Lorene mentioned the pump. Leslie mentioned that it had been purchased. Dalton mentioned that everything was going good. Laura mentioned that the mowing looked good. Dalton mentioned that the locator had quit working. Gina mentioned that the pump was under budget and that the money that was allotted for the pump was enough to get the locator. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to get a new locator. Motion carried. 3/Ayes Orville abstained

Lorene mentioned that 1<sup>st</sup>. Street needed to have something done to it like grated or dozed. Gina mentioned that maybe when the Mike Blevins did the streets that he could take of that one too. Gina mentioned to the council about anything else needing to brush hogged. The council mentioned 1<sup>st</sup>. Street, the new well, Pine St. and College Rd.

Leslie mentioned the police dept. and that Robb was not able to be a the meeting. Gina mentioned that there had been no resumes received. Lorene mentioned Shannon Pearson. Lorene also mentioned that she had called and talked to him and that he was thinking of retiring in December and he might be moving back to Omaha. Lorene mentioned that she would talk to him again.

Leslie turned the floor over to Rick Jones. Rick mentioned that he would like to purchase Peewee's for a tire shop. Gina mentioned that there was no septic on the property and that one could not be put in because there was not enough land. Rick mentioned that he would not need it. Rick also mentioned that he could put in a portapotty. The council mentioned that they needed to think about this and if he could come to the next council Aug. 3, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

\*A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to go into executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to end executive session and return to the council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to table the discussion on police officer until the next council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*Lorene mentioned the meter readings. Dalton mentioned that he read them by himself and that there were a few he had trouble with. Dalton also mentioned that between him and Gina that they figured out where they were. Gina mentioned that Bill had went on vacation. Dalton mentioned that was back home by the time meters were to be read. The was a lengthy discussion about the meter readings. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to have Dalton read the meters from now on and to let Bill know that his services were no longer needed. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Gina mentioned that Rick Gross had filed for unemployment. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. The council mentioned just letting the truth speak for itself.

\*Lorene mentioned the floors in the city building and how the water office needed new flooring as well and also the training room and new paint through out building. Leslie mentioned getting three sets of prices. Gina mentioned that the lights needed to be changed as well. A motion was made by Lorene,

seconded by Laura to get new flooring, painting(gray color like water dept. office) and new lights for the city building. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Orville mentioned selling Peewee's. Dalton mentioned that a new shop could be built up by old well for around \$10,000.00. Lorene mentioned that hers was about \$30,000.00 with the pad. Dalton mentioned that maybe a lean to or something to house the backhoe and white could be built in the back of Peeweess. Lorene mentioned that she would like to see two car garage or something similar. Leslie mentioned that if property was sold that the city would not pay for survey. Leslie also mentioned just keeping it and fixing it up and maybe blocking in the other windows. Gina mentioned that a coat of paint would help allot. Lorene and Laura both mentioned that it needed to be fixed up or it could be sold.

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

Leslie King/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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