

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
June 1, 2015

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

Guests: Delbert Chappelle  
Danielle Pyshny(police dept. position)

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

\*The financial reports for the city and water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned William and his electric bill and rent. Gina mentioned that he paid before council meeting and that he was just about caught up. Lisa mentioned that the gravel bill seemed high. Orville mentioned that it was cheaper that way than using dump truck, with driver and fuel bill. Lorene mentioned that the shelter electric bill had went down allot. Orville mentioned that he talked to William and that he had not done any thing different than what he had been doing and he did not know why it was so high. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the water and city. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned police dept. update. Leslie also mentioned that Delbert could not work for the city because of the certification needed by the state. Delbert mentioned that the job should go to someone younger. Leslie turned the floor over to Mrs. Pyshny. Mrs. Pyshny mentioned that she would like to have the police officer position. Mrs. Pyshny also mentioned that she is a reserve officer, she has had all the proper training. Emmett mentioned that the city needed someone of a night. Delbert mentioned that he knew of another gentleman that would be a good one to get. Lorene mentioned Shannon Pierson. Leslie mentioned that he lived at Green Forest. Delbert mentioned that he was wanting to move back to this area. Leslie mentioned Jake Moore who is also a paramedic. Delbert mentioned that if something happened that he could be up here. Leslie thanked Delbert. Danielle mentioned that she would be willing to work nights because she had three kids and that work out good for her. Danielle also mentioned that she was sworn in by Mike Moore and that she lives here and would love to do it and help out. Danielle mentioned that she did her training with the sheriff, military and paramedics. Orville mentioned talking about what the council should do. Lorene mentioned Danielle having all her paperwork. Danielle mentioned that she did. There was a lengthy discussion.

Leslie mentioned that he talked to Gene France and due to insurance issues they do not open the basement during a tornado.

Leslie mentioned nuisance properties. Leslie also mentioned that someone had attempted to mow where Willie lived, but looks like mower quit. Lorene mentioned that she wished the hulls were gone but that they would rot away eventually.

Leslie mentioned that he and Orville met Entergy about moving electric pole in the middle of the street. Leslie also mentioned that Entergy will not move the pole unless it could be moved in front of Dixie and Harold's house which is not option because it would be to close to their home or be moved onto the grass by the post office. Leslie mentioned that he called Robert Hathaway and was told to find out who

owned the land that the post office sits on and there would have to be a retaining wall put up south side of post office and widen street. Lorene mentioned the retaining wall helping with the post offices septic problem. Lorene also mentioned that they have to have it pump every time it rains. Orville mentioned that a guy from Paragould owns it. Lorene mentioned the streets being repaired. Leslie mentioned Robert would get in touch with him and call him tomorrow. Leslie also mentioned that Mike Blevins and some other guys would do the work if the city paid for the fuel. Orville mentioned Jefferson St. and that the church had called him because of the water running down beside the building. Leslie mentioned having Robert look at it.

Leslie mentioned water dept. and that there had been a leak Saturday night and that he and Dalton went to repair it. Leslie also mentioned borrowing a pump and hoses and buying clamps from Harrison Water Dept. Leslie mentioned that the fire dept. had one but it would not start and that the water dept. really needed a pump of its own. Dalton mentioned that he needs more inventory and pump and pipe. Dalton also mentioned that there was lots of pressure, 100 gallon a minute even after it was shut down. Dalton mentioned that if the water dept. had it he would not have to go get it. Laura mentioned what would happen? Dalton mentioned he did not know because parts would have to be ordered. Orville mentioned that the pump would not have to be a big one. There was a lengthy discussion. Dalton mentioned that he thought one could be purchased for \$2000.00. Lorene mentioned getting prices. Dalton mentioned that he would.

\*Leslie mentioned that the water dept. office is running out of room. Lorene mentioned Robb's office. Robb mentioned having council look at the office before it was discussed any further. The council looked at the office. Delbert left the meeting. Leslie mentioned the expansion of the water dept. Lorene mentioned taking out the wall between the two offices. Leslie mentioned hitting a stud and going from there. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded Lisa to remodel the water dept office so it could be expanded. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Lorene mentioned the problem with the electricity during pancake breakfast and they could not do anything because the breakers are in the water dept. office. Leslie mentioned that Mike Smith Electric came and looked at it and that he would have to set up time to switch everything over to breaker box in hallway.

\*Laura mentioned the police dept. position and what should be done. Lorene mentioned advertising it in paper. A motion was made Lorene, seconded by Orville to advertise it in the paper for two weeks. Motion carried. 4/Ayes Lisa abstained

Lorene mentioned to Dalton how things were going in the water dept. Orville mentioned Mr. Goodnight. Dalton mentioned that he had spoken to him and he has agreed with Dalton to put in frost free hydrant. Lorene mentioned Bill reading meters. Dalton mentioned that he is still reading meters with Bill and that it makes getting the reading go faster. There was a lengthy discussion.

Lorene mentioned the MacDonald property and the grass in the back yard needs mowed. Gina mentioned that the letters will be sent.

\*No further business before the council. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene 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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