

City of Omaha
Council Meeting

March 13, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting was postponed on March 6, 2017 to March 13, 2017 due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting was called to order by mayor Leslie King. All council members were present: Laura King, Lorene Roberts, Orville Lippe, William Atchison and Emmett Fickes. Also present: Water Supervisor/Dalton Larson

Guest: Gabby King

*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that he had met with Troy and Frank Starnes from Lead Hill about Lead Hill working for Omaha when Troy is not available. Leslie also mentioned that Troy is trying to get Alpena to do the same thing and they said they would has long as it was not every day or we would be charged. A motion was made by William to accept the minutes, seconded by Emmett. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*The financial reports were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned that she had a request, that she would like to the rent for the fire dept. and the William separate from the shelter and for the shelter to have its own column and that she would also like to see the amount for each electric payment and would paid that amount. Gina mentioned that she would do that. Lorene mentioned taking a third of the chairs from the old city hall so that they could be used at the new city hall. Gina mentioned that there would not be enough chairs for the breakfast or fish fry. Laura mentioned that she would not be able to attend the fire board meeting because of a ball game and ask if William would go in her place. William agreed. Lorene mentioned that the ladies auxiliary had a meeting and that the bathrooms were filthy and wanted to know who was in charge of cleaning them and if the auxiliary was charged for the use of the building. Gina mentioned that the fire dept. is responsible for the cleaning of the bathrooms. Lorene mentioned William talking to them about who is in charge. Lorene mentioned that the ladies auxiliary needed to be told that the fire dept. was responsible. Lorene also mentioned if the thousand dollars was put back in the general fund. Gina mentioned that it was not but that it would be. A motion was 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

William mentioned that at the last fire board meeting they brought up how much insurance was paid for the building. William also mentioned that he had told them how much it was and that they were unaware that the city paid that much and why was it so high and were told because it was a fire dept. and was ask if they wanted to pay it. William mentioned that they then went into executive session and that he and Laura were both ask to leave the meeting. Gina mentioned that Laura should not have had to leave the meeting because she was on the board but was not a voting member. Lorene mentioned Roberts Rules and that they are universal for all meetings. Gina mentioned that they can be found on the internet. Lorene mentioned that the water had earn almost \$20,000.00 for the month of February and that it was lower than January. Gina mentioned that the people had to run their water more because it was colder.

*Leslie mentioned renting the old city building. Emmett mentioned that he wanted. Leslie mentioned \$250.00 a month for two rooms and \$50.00 for the electric. William mentioned that he told fire dept.

that he would need bathroom and John Simperts mentioned that it would be no problem. William mentioned that keeping both doors locked and that it would be secure; they mentioned that some times they leave the one door unlocked and William told them that they would not leave front door unlocked so lock them both. Lorene mentioned the electric and what will be done. Lorene also mentioned that an agreement needs to be made about the electric bill. William mentioned putting in two meters. Leslie mentioned that he had talked to Mike Smith electric and he told Leslie that it would be a total remodel and cost a lot. William mentioned rent \$250.00 and fire dept pay all the electric bill and the city pays all insurance and if they say no then charge them part of the insurance. Lorene mentioned turning the electric over to the fire dept. and the renter pay \$250.00 for rent and then pay \$50.00 for fire dept. for electric. Emmett mentioned yes that Mr. DeMarie would still rent it and pay that for electric. Orville mentioned that turning the electric over the fire dept. would be monkey off the city's back. Laura mentioned the fire dept. paying \$250.00 rent and then only pay \$50.00 for electric. Gina mentioned that if they left power on and ran bill up who would pay it. Lorene mentioned for William just tell them this is what was going to happen about the electric and the renter. There was a lengthy discussion. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Lorene to turn the electric bill over to the fire dept. and for Mr. DeMarie to pay \$250.00 rent and \$50.00 on electric which is to be paid to the fire dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*Leslie mentioned the street update and that a resolution for street aid needed to be approved. Leslie read the resolution 2017-01 to the council. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by William to approve resolution 2017-01. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned the backhoe. Orville mentioned that he had talked to Clifford and that it would be three weeks before he could get to it. Leslie mentioned that he had gotten a price for a new backhoe and that they had taken \$30,000.00 off the price going through the NPJA and that the payments would be around \$500.00 a month and the loan would be procured by using the backhoe because it would hold its value. Lorene mentioned \$500.00 for 30 years. William mentioned needing a trailer so that the backhoe did not have to be roaded because it was hard on them. Leslie mentioned that he had spoke to Tyler from Load-N-Go and that he was going to get price for building one but that he had not heard from him yet and that the cost would probably be around \$8,000.00 or might be able to get used one. Leslie also mentioned that the loan did not have to be for 30 years. Lorene mentioned a 25 year loan. Lorene also mentioned what was NJPA. Leslie mentioned that it is a cooperative. Gina mentioned that it for non-profits, government and schools and that it uses companies that are members to give discounts. Lorene mentioned where would it come from. Leslie mentioned that it would come from one of their other sites or they would build one.

Laura mentioned having a water leak. Dalton mentioned that there was no water leak. Laura mentioned to Emmett if he had a leak. Emmett mentioned that they did.

*Leslie mentioned that the backhoe that the city has now was bought used. Lorene mentioned the age of the backhoe and getting a trailer for the new one. Dalton mentioned that it was a 1993 model. Orville mentioned that one could be gotten for \$6,000.00. Leslie mentioned that it would need to be twenty feet long with dual axles. Orville also mentioned that it needed to carry eight ton and that the trailer would need electric breaks on it. Dalton agreed. Laura mentioned the dump truck being able to pull the trailer with the backhoe on it. Leslie mentioned that no further than it would have to go that it would. Lorene mentioned just getting a new trailer being as the city was getting a new backhoe. Leslie mentioned that it would be under warranty and that Potter would come service it. Laura mentioned that if the payment was divided between the three departments that it would be \$233.00 a month. Lorene mentioned going with a 25 year loan. Lorene also mentioned going ahead with the purchase. Laura

mentioned everyone being able to run it. Dalton mentioned that yes everyone would be able to run it. A motion was made William, seconded by Laura to purchase a new backhoe per quote from Potter and the purchase of a new trailer. Motion carried. 4/Ayes Orville abstained from the vote. Leslie mentioned that Gina had some news about the loans. Gina mentioned that she had called ANRC and told them of the hardship we were having and they ask for a letter stating such hardship and that Thursday an email had been received stating that the water dept. would not have any loan payments for the 2017 year and that there would be no interest occur for that year. Orville mentioned if the 2017 year payments had been forgiven. Gina mentioned no that it had not but that if enough money could be saved that one of the loans that was for \$123,000.00 could be paid off in full and this would only leave two loan payments instead of three because the other loan payment was going to come due in 2018.

Laura mentioned chip and seal for Jefferson St. Leslie mentioned that it would cost \$1,200.00. Leslie also mentioned that if the cars were only going 30 mile per hour it would not pick up the chip and seal but if they were doing 50 miles per hour the cars would pick up the gravel and it would not last. Gina mentioned that there were three place in town that needed: Jefferson St., the street by Home Town Market and she could not remember the other one. Leslie mentioned that it was Washington St. where the street had been repaired. Leslie mentioned Angie was wanting her drive way paved because when it rains the gravel is washing into the store. Leslie also mentioned that the bid was from the guy in Berryville. Lorene mentioned just paving the streets because the chip and seal ill not do. Leslie mentioned having the county come fix Jefferson St. before it is paved. Lorene mentioned Collins St. and where it goes towards Betty's place will need dozer to clear it because she has been using it for her own use. Leslie mentioned calling him and get it done. Gina mentioned that she needs to know when they are going to pave it so she can call county and have it fixed before they get here.

*Emmett mentioned that Troy needs more hours. Leslie mentioned having Troy take police car home so he would have it since he is on call. Lorene mentioned that the city only has \$21,000.00 in it and that she would be for more time. A motion was made by William, seconded by Lorene to table more hours for Troy until the next council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Orville mentioned needing sand for park around the horseshoe pits. Leslie mentioned that the dumptruck is down right now and that he though it had a short or something; it had to be jumped and when blade was put down it died several time. Williams mentioned that it sounded like alternator or battery. Gina mentioned that she would call Jim and have him look at it.

Leslie mentioned Water Dept. update. Dalton mentioned that he had classes for the next three days in Clarksville and that he would like to take his truck because all the tools were in the city truck and that his truck got better gas mileage. Gina mentioned Dalton staying there because it was quite a ways and three days of classes and that he had card for food. Lorene mentioned that he should stay.

Lorene mentioned that the fire dues were not on here Boone County Assessment for taxes. Lorene also mentioned that she called and they said it was system error and sent her green slip explaining and she received a corrected invoice. Emmett mentioned that he to had the same thing happen. Lorene mentioned that William should mentioned it to them so they would be aware of it. William mentioned he wondered how many other people had that happen and that might be why people are not paying their dues.

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

Leslie King/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
