

City of Omaha
Council Meeting
July 11, 2016

The regular monthly council meeting was rescheduled due to the 4th of July holiday. The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. Council members present: Lorene Roberts, Emmett Fickes, Laura King and Orville Lippe. Lisa Heston resigned her position because she had moved out of the city limits. Also present: Robb Hulsey/Police Chief
Guests: Tina Cole>NWAEDD-sidewalk project College St.
Jay Stallard>NWAEDD-sidewalk project College St.
Paula Niccolls
Gabby King

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

*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the Wild Bill bill not being on time and are the tickets signed. Gina mentioned that they are signed by who is purchasing the fuel and that the bills are to be sent out every month but they are not and the bill was for Feb. through May. Lorene mentioned the HD Supply bill and that it was for three invoices. Gina mentioned that there were new meters on the invoice along with other supplies and materials. Laura mentioned Brenda paying her rent. Gina mentioned that as of yet she had not paid it. Leslie mentioned that she did not have enough kids to watch at daycare so she was watching them at home. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie turned the floor over to Tina Cole from AWAEDD. Tina mentioned that she was turning it over to Jay Stallard. Jay mentioned that we needed to prioritize the needs of the city and choose the ones that are fundable and the one that is fundable right now is the sidewalk for College St. Jay also mentioned that some of the projects he had done had been turned down. Jay mentioned that the paperwork was due in August and that there was no need to prioritize tonight, just going to work on the ones that are fundable through HUD. Jay also mentioned that the American Community Survey is the one that provides the census information which is good for us. Jay mentioned that the application would have to be turned in along with five resolutions: Resolutions are for displacement of people according to the law, authorizing the grant application, for administrative services, fair housing and civil rights. Jay also mentioned that the minutes would need to be turned in with all the other paper work. Jay mentioned that the application and other documents are due mid August and that they are working on only four others at this time. Jay also mentioned that if the sidewalk project(College St.) is turned down, no does not mean no they would just have to use another avenue. Jay mentioned that sometimes you will get an email answer that is not real answer for being denied, but the phone call will result in the real answer and that there is not much outside influence. Tina mentioned that it may take time because they do not give up. Jay mentioned that the grant is through State of Arkansas(HUD Community Development) and that it is 100% grant. Lorene mentioned it not interfering with another grant. Jay mentioned that the project will take 6 or 7 months and that a identity can only have one block grant at a time. Leslie mentioned we have a grant application in for emergency repairs, sand blasting and painting to be done on the water tank north of town. Jay mentioned a grant that fits our needs. Jay also mentioned that the grant will pay all fees to them and the engineer. Jay also mentioned that any project over \$25,000.00 has to have engineer. Jay mentioned that when the grant was awarded there would have to be a bank account opened. Orville mentioned bids. Jay mentioned there would

need to be ads run in state wide newspaper and community also. Jay also mentioned that the city would be responsible for the advertisement which usually runs \$125.00 to \$130.00. Jay mentioned that the public hearings are posted so they do not have to be paid for. Jay also mentioned that they will not run a ad on Sundays; they run them on Tuesday and it can be seen digitally for three days. Jay mentioned that there are some small businesses that receive a blanket email letting them know about the ad and that this would help some local businesses get the bid. Jay also mentioned that the small businesses usually have the time needed to work on that job. Jay mentioned that AWEADD will be with the City until the end of the project. Jay also mentioned that they would need a letter from the city and that they will ask that the ad be paid for and see what happens. Lorene mentioned that there might need to be a tree removed. Jay mentioned that they usually do not take them down they would have to deal with it after the tree is downed. Jay also mentioned that this grant should be easy. Laura mentioned that she was very excited. Lorene mentioned getting a backhoe. Jay mentioned going through the USDA. Lorene mentioned that they help the fire dept with a fire truck. Jay mentioned that he had but that it had been several years ago. Lorene mentioned that she would rather have the backhoe than the sidewalks. Leslie mentioned that the Highway Dept. had mentioned to him that the sidewalk on College Rd. did need to be different grade , so it would be harder for someone to run up on the curb. Jay mentioned that he works with Steve Lawrence from the Highway Dept. and that he would coordinate with them on the sidewalk and the street project. Jay thanked the council for letting them work on this project. Leslie mentioned that he was confident in it. Jay mentioned that they needed a few signatures. Lorene mentioned that this project would not keep the city from getting other funding. Jay mentioned that they were far enough apart that they would not interfere. Lorene mentioned that there had been some bad experiences with engineers on the water dept. project. Leslie mentioned that the one that had been used for the park gave blue prints that could not be used and still got paid. Laura mentioned that she really appreciated it and needed for the traffic both for the school and for people going to their residents. Lorene mentioned it going to the ball field. Jay mentioned that they did not go that far just to the school but would show them several options for the sidewalk. Laura mentioned that there are a lot of kids that walk and for safety it would be great. Jay gave a copy of the resolutions to *the mayor and the council. The council read over the resolutions. Jay mentioned that most places make a motion to have the resolutions passed by reading the title only. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to read the resolutions by title only. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes
Jay read the resolutions by title.

*Resolution -Authorizing the City of Omaha to Submit an ACEDP Grant Application to the State of Arkansas. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

*Resolution- Designating Administrative Services. A motion was made Laura, seconded by Lorene to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

*Resolution- City of Omaha Anti-Displacement Plan. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lorene to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

*Resolution- Establishing a Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Policy. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Laura to pass the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

*Resolution- Establishing a Civil Rights Enforcement Plan. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Emmett. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Jay mentioned that he would be meeting with the mayor soon. Jay thanked the council. The council thanked them for coming. They left the meeting.

Old Business:

Lorene mentioned the mowing and that MacDonald had mowed. Leslie mentioned that streets will be brushed hogged. Lorene mentioned that the city needed to get it down. Mr. Hale son he will be

mowing and helping with the MacDonald property. Laura mentioned that the Cheeks had removed the pool. Emmett confirmed that the pool was removed. Gina mentioned that the Cheeks had moved truck and mowed but needs to be mowed again. Gina also mentioned that the letters were not mailed due to the fact that the city had not got their mowing done.

New Business:

*Leslie mentioned that Lisa had resigned from the council because she had moved out of the city limits. Orville mentioned that he had talked to David Hardin but he was not interested. Lorene mentioned that Mike would be willing to be on the council but she was afraid it would be too much family on the council. Leslie mentioned needing to appoint someone to the council. Orville mentioned that if someone was appointed they would be one month before the paper work needs to be turned in. Gina mentioned that William mentioned that he would be good with being on the council. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Laura to appoint William Atchison to the council for the rest of the year. Motion carried. 3/Ayes Lorene abstained.

Leslie mentioned talking to Potter Equipment about backhoe and that the bank agreed to go 24 years at a \$500.00 a month payment. Leslie also mentioned that it had 240 hours and it was \$89,000.00 and that we would keep the old backhoe. Emmett mentioned that we need a trailer so the backhoe would not have to be roaded. Orville mentioned that roading was the hardest thing that could be done to a backhoe. Lorene mentioned talking to Shaun Heston with Larson Farm and Lawn and see what he had.

Gina mentioned Midco situation and that once email is received that she would talk to the lawyer.

Gina mentioned the insurance and the SW Boone water bill and that she had not heard from them yet and that she had gotten extension on the bill from SW Boone. Leslie mentioned that Dalton had been going up to well and turning it off when it storms. Leslie also mentioned that Mr. Pump had installed arrestor system with sand in box and when struck it make glass in box of sand showing that it had been struck by lightening and he had also put more copper out side the power box to help with the lightening. Lorene mentioned the lightening expert in Florida. Leslie mentioned that he had sent a proposal for a discharge brush system. Laura mentioned past clients and if a list could be got. Gina mentioned that she would email him and see if she could get it. Leslie mentioned that the price was without installation. Laura mentioned that if Dalton could instal it. Leslie mentioned that he thought he could. Lorene mentioned that she would be for in stalling the system.

Park Update: Leslie mentioned that he is working on the mulch and there is some more painting to be done and he still has one slide to install.

Police Update: Robb mentioned that he had nothing to report.

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

Leslie King/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
