

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
April 11, 2016

The regular monthly council meeting was rescheduled(due to illness) from April 4, 2016 to April 11, 2016. The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King. All council members present: Laura King, Lisa Heston, Emmett Fickes, Lorene Roberts and Orville Lippe(arrived late). Also present: Robb Husley/Police Cheif, Dalton Larson/Water Supervisor.

Guest: Dalton Arnold

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Leslie mentioned that he did not hear back from the guys about the sidewalk. Gina mentioned that the grant for the sidewalk comes from the same place as the grant for the water tank and that there can only be one grant at a time. Lorene mentioned Dalton calling about the stand pipe. Dalton mentioned that he called everyone that he could call. Gina mentioned that she had also called USDA and that they could nothing for us. Lorene mentioned the park being finished. Leslie mentioned that the ball goal was set and Dalton Arnold worked Saturday at park. Leslie also mentioned top soil to spread, seed to be sown and tree by electrical pole need to be removed. Lorene mentioned that Mike had a new chainsaw. A motion was made Lorene, seconded Laura 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. Leslie mentioned that he used water from the daycare. Gina mentioned that she would make it right the daycare. Lorene mentioned that game cameras. Laura mentioned how well you can see the pictures. Dalton mentioned that they were good. Leslie mentioned that there were two for the city and two for the water dept. Lorene mentioned the water purchase being hirer this month. Gina mentioned that the chicken houses used more. Lorene mentioned paying Midco. Gina mentioned that Midco had not been paid because there was discrepancy with the invoice. Leslie mentioned the chlorine bill being cheaper. Dalton mentioned that it was because he had two tanks and now he only had one. A motion was made by Laura, seconded by Lisa to accept the financial reports for the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Leslie mentioned that two weeks ago that he had meeting with Cassie and Tim Mays. Leslie also mentioned that he was going to file for emergency funding for the well, generator and new meters. Dalton mentioned that at least this time we had been put on the emergency list and that Tim took pictures of the stand pipe.

Leslie mentioned that there was a kid that had gotten into trouble and usually the county would have them do their community service there and charge them \$15.00 but that he had talked to the judge to see if the city could use him.

Leslie mentioned that Midco that their bill was \$2000.00 more than originally bid and that the price was suppose to b \$6200.00. Dalton mentioned paying only that amount because they had charged stand by time because of the wind and one of their men had been sick during that time. Dalton also mentioned that he had called them and that he needed to speak with Roger and that he was unavailable and that he had not called back yet. Dalton mentioned that when he mentioned to them about the guy being sick the office had no knowledge of this. Leslie mentioned keeping him informed. Leslie mentioned that it passed their inspection.

Leslie mentioned the police update. Robb mentioned that there was not one.

Leslie mentioned that raising of the water rates. Dalton mentioned charging the lowest being \$25.00/\$8.00 per thousand after the minimum. Dalton also mentioned that it would bring in about \$3000.00 more a month and will not change the rural one and that this was based on a 3600 gallon average per household. Lisa mentioned doing it in tiers. Leslie mentioned that there would have to be two notifications made to the customers and the ordinance would have to be run in the paper. Dalton mentioned that the 3% was compared to all the water rates in the state. Leslie mentioned that we had the lowest rates. Leslie also mentioned doing \$16.25 to \$20.00/\$18.70 to \$25.00 and the rural would stay the same. Lorene mentioned that she hated to do it to everyone. The council agreed. Leslie mentioned that in order for the water to survive it would have to make more money. There was a lengthy discussion. Dalton mentioned that the water dept money needed to be used for the needs of the water dept. first like paying the bills before paying the loans. Lisa mentioned that she was not comfortable with it being recorded that the loans would not be paid and that she could be held responsible and that she would rather resign. Orville mentioned that he was not comfortable either. Orville also mentioned that he was not against the raise and does not know how to ease them into it. Gina mentioned that the letter would contain information about the entire rate increase and how it will be charged. Laura mentioned that it was not unreasonable or cheating them and that she could sleep at night. Lisa mentioned start increase in June 1, 2016 and then second increase would be in November 1, 2016 and do ordinance reflect both increases.

Inside City Limits first rate increase will be \$4.38 effective June 1, 2016

Inside City Limits second rate increase will be \$4.37 effective November 1, 2016=Equaling \$8.75 Total

Inside City Limit rate per thousand gallon first increase will be \$7.00

Inside City Limit rate per thousand gallon second increase will be \$8.00

Outside City Limits first rate increase will be \$3.15 effective June 1, 2016

Outside City Limits second rate increase will be \$3.15 effective November 1, 2016 =Equaling \$6.30

Total

Outside City Limits rate per thousand gallon first increase will be \$7.00

Outside City Limits rate per thousand gallon second increase will be \$8.00

Rural Water will stay the same except that the tier pricing after the \$10.00 amount will no longer be affective.

Gina mentioned that she will post the ordinance in April and in Sept. and she also mentioned the mailing was going to cost \$245.

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded Lisa to accept the rate increase. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes (copy of the rate increase sheet will be included with minutes)

\*A motion was made by Laura, seconded Lorene to pass Ordinance 2016-4 to increase the water rates in June and in November. All in favor. Ordinance was passed. 5/Ayes (copy of ordinance will be included with minutes)

Orville mentioned William paying. Gina mentioned that he had just come by and paid and that he was caught up.

Lisa mentioned meter being at the new property that Sean had bought. Emmett mentioned that Frank

Hawz had bought and paid for one. Emmett also mentioned that he thought Violet had bought two meters. Lisa mentioned that she found one meter because she had ran over it with mower. Emmett mentioned that there should be another meter. Gina mentioned that she would check the records.

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

Leslie King/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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