

City of Omaha
Council Meeting
June 5, 2021-5:30 pm

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie King.

Roll Call: Laura King-P; Lorene Roberts-P; Mike Roberts-P; William Atchison-P; Orville Lippe-P

Also present: Troy Burleson/Chief, Chris Jamison/Sergeant, Bill Melbourne/Police Officer, Steven Grady/Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the previous council meeting were presented to the Council for their approval. Council Member William Atchison moved to approve the minutes as presented, Council Member Mike Roberts seconded the motion. Minutes approved. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Council Member Lorene Roberts announced that the electric bill was better. Gina advised the Council that ac had not been on.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council Member Lorene Roberts moved to approve the financial reports for the City and Water Dept. as presented. Council Member Mike Roberts seconded the motion. Financial Reports for the City and the Water Dept. were approved. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Council Member Lorene Roberts asked about loan payment for \$42,253.00? Recorder Gina Dunn explained that it was paid every six months and that the \$7,042.00 is every month.

OLD BUSINESS: Attorney Steven Grady announced that the letters were sent out and that they had 14 days from the day after they received the letters to get the grass and trash cleaned up. Attorney Steven Grady advised the council that they had 30 days that starts the day after they receive the letter to get the buildings taken down or repaired ; then they can be ticketed, at Bergman they start with the first ticket being for a \$100.00, second ticket is \$500.00 and the third is \$1,000.00 and then it is \$500 a day there after. Attorney Steven Grady then announced that there can the fines can be added to their personal property taxes. Police Chief Burleson asked which ticket book is to be used. Attorney Steven Grady advised to use regular ticket book. Attorney Steven Grady announced that the letters are good for one year. Council Member Mike Roberts mentioned that he had mowed one of the properties the last two times. Attorney Steven Grady advised the council get a lawn service. Police Chief Burleson announced that if there was conflict charges could be pressed. Council Member Laura King asked if it was 30 days for cars and the houses; then 14 days for the trash/clean up and grass. Police Chief Burleson asked how to serve them? Attorney Steven Grady advised send it certified mail, so there is a return receipt. Attorney Steven Grady announced that in order to take the buildings down there must be a condemn order and it must be inspected , this usually needs to be done by a structural engineer. Police Chief Burleson advised that Diamond City had a certified building inspector and if the city could hire him? Council Member Lorene Roberts announced that the Rushing house has been burnt.

Attorney Steven Grady announced that the structural engineers are hard to find. Council Member William Atchison asked if there was a way to get one before hand. Attorney Steven Grady advised no and that they are not qualified and the closest one is in Paris, Arkansas. Police Chief Burleson advised the council that they would lose money every time. There was a lengthy discussion.

Council Member William Atchison announced ORFA that they are wanting to keep the lease agreement as it is and is the city going to go with the same lease agreement. Council member William Atchison advised the council that the ORFA is having their meeting tomorrow night. Mayor Leslie King ask about the insurance. Council Member Laura King announced getting a letter and having it in writing. Council Member William Atchison advised that they had paid for the heater in place of the rent. Council Member Laura King ask if it was legal? Attorney Steven Grady ask if the heater was bought for the fire station? Mayor Leslie King announced that the fire trucks were going to freeze and that they bought it and installed it. Mayor Leslie King advised that it will be paid for in May and then the rent will start back up. Council Member Mike Roberts advised that he would get a receipt, pay for rent and the heater. Attorney Steven Grady announced that the City should buy the heater and let the fire dept pay for the rent. Council Member William Atchison announced the lease agreement and that they would pay for spraying for bugs, insurance and up keep and that it would need keep our stalls. Mayor Leslie King advised that it would take half years rent to pay for the heater. Council Member Orville Lippe announced that there should be a limit on the lease. Attorney Steven Grady announced that it should be done for a year or two; short term lease. Council Member William Atchison announced three year lease. A motion was made by Council Member Mike Roberts to do a three year lease for \$1.00, the ORFA would be responsible for the insurance, maintenance, up keep. Attorney Steven Grady advised that there should be a resolution and contract drawn up. Council Member Laura King announced that did not want a three year lease agreement and do just do a year to start. Council Member William Atchison advised not to do a year lease because it would not be worth it and that it would save money if it was done for three years. Gina advised that the insurance is renewed on a yearly basis and that the insurance company had decided not renew the insurance this time and that two bids had been acquired but that a third was needed. Police Officer Bill Melbourne ask if the fire station had to be in the city limits? Council Member William Atchison announced that it was in the agreement when they separated from the City and that if they did not stay the equipment went back to the City. Council Member Lorene Roberts advised that Gail Inman Campbell had drawn up the agreement between the City and the ORFA. Attorney Steven Grady ask about the separation? Council Member Lorene Roberts advised that they have a contract to stay in the city limits and provide the same protection. Mayor Leslie King announced that the insurance would be cheaper. Council Member Mike Roberts announced that he would like for ORFA to have a three year lease, maintenance, up keep, keep building clean, pay insurance and mow the grass. Council Members Laura King and Lorene Roberts announced that wanted just one year lease agreement. Council Member Lorene Roberts advised that when the rent was going to be \$700.00 that they could not pay that. Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that the property had to be sold for fair market value. Council Member Lorene Roberts advised that they have the fire dept and the building. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that they needed to find middle ground. Council Member William Atchison announced that he would tell ORFA that they could lease the building for a \$1.00 a year, they would need to pay for insurance, up keep and if they were up for a longer agreement; he would talk to them at the next meeting.

Council Member William Atchison ask about the basketball goal. Mayor Leslie King announced that one was being built. Council Member Lorene Roberts ask if there was a grant available? Mayor Leslie King advised William to find out about purchasing the building.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Laura King announced that she had found some chairs for \$70.00 and some for \$50.00 without arms. Laura announced discussing it at the next meeting. A motion was made by Council Member William Atchison to increase the amount spent on each chair to \$120.00 so they could have a higher back on them, Council Member Laura King seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Mayor Leslie King announced that there was a company wanting to put internet towers on the water towers. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that Diamond City had them, Attorney Steven Grady announced that he looked over the presentation and did not see a problem with it.

Mayor Leslie King announced that the new lights had been installed in the the meeting room. Council Members all loved them.

Attorney Steven Grady announced that a contract and resolution would need to be done for the internet towers.

Council Member Laura King announced that there needed to be a city clean up. Council Member Lorene Roberts advised that the stop signs need to be put in. Mayor Leslie King announced that the speed humps would be put in as soon as the road is fixed. Council Member Laura King advised the city clean up in October when it is posted.

WATER DEPT. UPDATE: Gina advised the council that the lawn was not mowed because of numerous flats and that he was getting new tubes put in. Gina advised the council that Water Supervisor Dalton Larson was going to be on vacation starting July 2-12.

POLICE DEPT. UPDATE: Police Chief Troy Burleson presented the council with the police report. Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that he had held the Law Enforcement Summit, (the director) attended the summit, so a waiver could be given to Troy for not being a full time Police Chief. Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that the Governor hired director really liked the community policing. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised the council that police Sergeant Chris Jamison's police car was going to cost \$1,500.00 to fix; selling it and stripping it down and getting another car might be better. Police Chief Troy Burleson is going to give Police Sergeant Chris Jamison his car and that his car is in the shop due to a broken light housing which will have to be replaced. Council Member Mike Roberts announced that O'reilly's was working on getting the charge account back up. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that there is an auction on line called Blue Wave could be put up for sale. Council Member Mike Roberts advised that there was a brake bundle. Police Sergeant Chris Jamison announced that the car needed new brakes, calipers, pads. Council Member Mike Roberts announced that he gets a discount and that they might knock some off. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that it was not worth fixing. Council Member Mike Roberts announced that the city needs something else. Police Sergeant Chris Jamison advised that the car had brand new tires on it.

Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that he would like for the council give Police Officer Bill Melbourne more hours per week.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Roberts to go into executive session, seconded by William. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes At this time the public Council meeting was adjourned and the Council entered into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Lorene to come out of executive session and return to the meeting, seconded by Council Member Laura. All in favor. Executive Session was adjourned and the Council meeting was called to order.

A motion was made by Council Member Laura King to give Police Officer Bill Melbourne 5(five) more hours a week, seconded by Council Member Lorene Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes The Council expressed their appreciation for the Omaha Police Dept.

Mayor Leslie King announced crime being worse. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that crime is worse in Omaha.

Police Sergeant Chris Jamison announced that 4 wheelers being on City streets. Mayor Leslie King advised that he did not have a problem with them as long as they were not being ugly. Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that Diamond City is now offering a sticker for \$5.00 for golf carts, 4 wheelers and sideby sides, they have to have insurance and the sticker has a number on it; if they do not have the sticker they can be ticketed. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that the Corp is not allowing them on their land. Discussion for reason for the City to do the same thing. Council Members William Atchison and Mayor Leslie King announced that they did not have a problem with them. Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that there is a State Ordinance where no 4 wheelers can be on the highway. Council Member Lorene Roberts advised that 13 and 14 years old, is under age. Police Chief Troy Burleson announced that the issue is that its against the law. Attorney Steven Grady announced that the law has to enforced against all. Police Chief Troy Burleson advised that its worse on School Rd. and down Old Cricket Rd. Council Member Lorene Roberts announced that Cricket is out of the City limits. Gina announced Dalton using his sideby side to read meters. Lengthy Discussion. Council Member William Atchison announced tabling it until the next meeting. Council Member Laura King ask about the liability. Attorney Steven Grady announced that if it is not insured by the City for him not to use it and further more not to be using personal vehicles either. Council Member Laura King advised tabling the discussion until the next meeting. Police Chief troy Burleson announced that he would send the ordinance to the City.

No further business before the Council. A motion was made by Council Member Mike Roberts to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Council Member Orville Lippe. All in favor. 5/Ayes Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Leslie King

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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AGENDA**

AGENDA:

Approval of the minutes from previous meeting (June)

Approval of the financial reports for both the City and the Water Dept.

Old Business:

- Update on letters for Property owners
- Lease agreement for ORFA
- Insurance for City
- Chairs for Council Meeting Chambers
- Dan Haas/Internet Towers
- Rental of Shelter/Requested by Adam Watkins

New Business

Water Dept Update

Police Update

Street Update

No Further Business

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