

City of Omaha
Council Meeting

March 5, 2012

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. Council members present: Lorene Roberts, Orville Lippe, Robin Tilton and Emmett Fickes. Absent: Lisa Heston
Also present: Roy Huston/Water Supervisor

Guests present: Dalton Arnold

*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned making a motion for the city to pay the remaining balance of \$6,300.00 needed for the storm shelter grant. Jake mentioned that it would probably be a good idea. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to pay the \$6,300.00 needed for the remaining balance on the storm shelter grant. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Lorene mentioned the size of the generator for the storm shelter. Jake mentioned that a 15 KW would be enough, but Tim said that the city could get a bigger size if they wanted. Jake mentioned where the fuel had been dumped out was inspected by Mr. Lynn Collie with the Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality. Jake also mentioned that Mr. Collie was not happy about the whole situation because he was to be the first one called. Jake mentioned that he had Mr. Stewart dig up all the dirt in the infected area. Jake also mentioned that he told Mr. Collie that he did not find out about the dumping until it had already been done. Lorene mentioned when he was going to be done and have the road opened back up. Jake mentioned that he was not sure but that he thought they had to have the ground open for at least 30 days. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes from the previous council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Robin mentioned that while at Lowe's he used the City Lowe's card for a personal purchase on accident. Robin also mentioned that he had the money to pay for the things that were charged to the city card. Gina mentioned that she had a copy of the receipt. Jake mentioned the heater for the fire dept. had been paid for by the city and that the fire dept. would need to pay half the heater bill to the city. Lorene mentioned getting the heater put in. Robin mentioned that he thought he would see if Cam Fong could hook it up. Roy mentioned that he thought that Cam had his own business now.

*The financial reports for both the city and the water were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Jake mentioned old business. There was none to be discussed.

New Business:

Jake mentioned the ribbon cutting would take place at 1:00 P.M. on March 8, 2012 for the storm shelter. Lorene mentioned the shelter getting started. Jake mentioned that Kenneth Taylor wanted to get started as soon as possible.

Jake mentioned that he had talked to Tim Mays about the old water tank sand blasting, painting and the new water meters and that the grant would probably only be 45%, which means the water dept. would have to come up the other 55% of the cost. Jake mentioned that the water bills may have to be raised

\$2.00. Lorene mentioned that she would rather raise the water bill \$4.00 for the customers on the old water system. Orville mentioned that if people complained about \$2.00; they would also complain about a dollar. Lorene mentioned the amount of people on the old water system. Roy mentioned that there was around 220, or about half on the old and half on the new water system. Lorene mentioned that if the \$4.00 was put on the old water system customers then the new water system customers would not be paying for the old water system needs.

Robin mentioned that there had not been any construction at the new well. Jake mentioned that he did not know when they were going to start. Robin mentioned the generator at the new well and would it run the entire water system. Jake mentioned that if it did run the whole system it would not for long. Roy mentioned that it would run the entire water system and it would only have to run for an additional two hours a day to do so. Lorene mentioned the amount of time in which the construction was to start. Jake mentioned that he thought it was sixty days. Gina mentioned that she thought it was sixty or ninety days from the time the papers were signed.

Lorene mentioned that at the Ladies Auxiliary meeting they mentioned the city wanting to keep the pews in the big room. Lorene also mentioned that there is going to be a yard sale up at Wild Bills and that the auxiliary would be willing to take them up there and sell them if the money would go to the auxiliary. Jake mentioned that he thought we should keep them. Orville mentioned that tables could be put in front of the pews for the dinners. Lorene mentioned that she would tell them. Gina mentioned that the pews were for the times when there was a big turn out at the council meetings.

*Orville mentioned that he would like to be reimbursed for the fuel for Little Rock trip. Orville also mentioned that the cost was \$81.00 for the fuel. Lorene mentioned that she did not see any reason why he should not be reimbursed. Lorene also mentioned if lunch was purchased and that it should be reimbursed as well. Gina mentioned that she had paid for lunch with her own money. Gina also mentioned that the purchase of lunch was for hauling the filing cabinets. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Robin to reimburse Orville and Gina for the fuel and the lunch that was purchased on the Little Rock trip. All in favor. Motion carried. 3/Ayes Orville sustained because the vote was in regard to him.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
