

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
October 6, 2014

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. All council present: Leslie King, Lorene Roberts, Lisa Heston, Emmett Fickes and Orville Lippe. Also present: Robb Hulsey/Police Chief.

Guests:

Boyd Smith, Fred Chaffey, Lee Cameron>Omaha Rural Fire Board  
Michael Hughes>Welding for the park  
Laura King

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Lisa to accept the minutes. All in Favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned William being caught up on his rent and electric. Gina mentioned that has of early today that there was no payment in the drop box. Leslie mentioned the new light that was put in on Peachy and Johnny's street. Gina mentioned that she did not know how it was put in because she had not requested it nor had any one from Entergy spoke to her about the light. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Lisa to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Agenda:

\*Jake mentioned the Omaha Rural Fire Board. Boyd Smith mentioned that the bay doors were not hooked to the emergency generator. Fred mentioned that when the city had the electrical work done they were never hooked back up and that they had not worked since then. Orville mentioned the person that had done the work. Gina mentioned that it was JT Electric. Boyd mentioned that the doors really needed to be wired in. A motion was made by Orville, seconded by Lorene to have the city get JT Electrical or Harold Huffman hook the bay doors up. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Boyd mentioned the lease agreement. Boyd also mentioned that he had given Leslie a paper with changes to the lease agreement on it. Boyd mentioned that the fire dept. would pay the \$50.00 in rent, but not the \$50.00 more electric, because they wanted to see two years worth of electrical bills. Boyd also mentioned that they had received a grant from the state for the land, that they would in turn have to give back to the state for the land. There was a lengthy discussion about the land, the things that the fire dept. would have to pay for when building the new building and how many trucks would have to be at each place. Boyd mentioned that the fire dept. would like to sign a one year lease instead of a 5 year lease. Lisa mentioned the difference between the 1 year and the 5 year lease agreement. Boyd mentioned that if they needed to negotiate the terms of the lease for financial reasons they could do so. Lorene mentioned that they would need to give 30 days written notice before they could get out of the lease agreement. Lee Cameron mentioned the electric bills and why the heaters were left on this past winter and that someone would need to be notified if found that way again. Lorene mentioned calling Boyd if things are found that way again. Gina mentioned that Bill Jonk was wanted to do sealing of the pavement in front of the fire station for free and that the city's could be done for the discounted price of \$400.00 and the included the sealing and striping. The fire dept. did not know anything about this and wanted to know who it was. Gina mentioned that it was Bill Jonk. Fred mentioned that he was a fire fighter. Jake mentioned that he would need to come to the next council meeting. The fire board

members left the meeting.

\*Jake mentioned the Nuisance Abatement Code. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Emmett to approve the Nuisance Abatement Code with the corrections. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Lisa mentioned that Wayne Gillam the boat owner had leveled the boat and that it was closer to the ground.

Jake mentioned the street grant. Leslie mentioned the streets that needed to be paved and that the street going to Schaeffer's had paved all the way down it at one time and that he measured from the start to the end of where the pavement was. Emmett mentioned that gravel might be better to put there because the big trucks had busted it. Emmett also mentioned that the street that is was blocked off to protect the property by it, because of all the big trucks going through there and leaving clay. Jake mentioned that John surveyed Collins street. Orville mentioned that it was a 60' alley between the post office and Dixie's property line. Leslie was told by Dixie that the alley was hers.

Boyd Smith came back to the meeting to let the council know that the public would be voting Tuesday October 14, 2014 to remove the city's set from the fire board.

\*Lorene mentioned that Marsha had a hard time getting the bus around by Dixie's and Wakes. Orville mentioned that the state had a 90' easement through town but when the county took it over they only took a 60' easement and the other 28' was left to the city. Jake mentioned that the property Dixie owns was 50' by 100'. Orville mentioned that Dixie and Harold would need to be at the next council meeting with proof of ownership. Lorene mentioned that Wake needed to park his vehicle parallel instead of out in the street. Gina mentioned Lorene talking to Wake about his parking. Lorene mentioned that she would talk to him. Robb mentioned sending Dixie and Harold a certified letter that it would be the best way to handle the situation. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to send Dixie and Harold a certified letter about the street and the alley. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

Jake mentioned if there was any old business. Lorene mentioned the bill of sale for the fire trucks and that there was a guaranty in the papers that they would leave fire trucks and staff here in the city limits. Jake mentioned that will have to leave trucks and staff here in the city limits.

Jake mentioned the park grant and that he was going to talk to Mr. Parrett about the ball goal but he was not there so he talked to Donna and she said she would have Mr. Parrett call him, but he had not heard from him yet. Robb mentioned that the city might be better off talking to Kevin Pearson about the ball goal because normally when they stored something they stored in the bus barn. Orville mentioned that park price had went over by \$930.62 and most of that was taxes. Orville also mentioned the new plans for the park which consolidated everything to cut down on the cost of the concrete and that the pavilion and ball court would be on flat ground.

Orville mentioned the meter at the apartments being broke and that he had called Roy about the size of the meter. Emmett mentioned how the apartments were being billed. Gina mentioned that it was being estimated.

Gina mentioned that Stone Rd. needed to be repaired and that when it rained there was a huge pothole that filled with water. Jake mentioned that base rock needed to be ordered. Lorene mentioned that she had talked to the county and that Mike Blevins had agreed to grade the road bythe Emmanuel Church

and Roy's and that Mike mentioned that when the street grant came through that he could do some of the work for that as well.

Orville mentioned Michael Hughes doing the welding for the pavilion. Michael Hughes mentioned that he would donate his time to weld the pavilion because of the organization hes with Bikers Against Child Abuse and that they do things like this all the time to help kids. Jake mentioned that the pavilion would come in pieces. Leslie mentioned that they would have to be cut to fit. Orville mentioned that Michael would need to call Rusty about donating his time. Michael mentioned that he would need the gas paid for and that would be all. There was a lengthy discussion about the park. Orville mentioned that the pea gravel would have to be removed from the park. Gina mentioned using the gravel up at the new well on the side that is steep and can not be mowed. Jake mentioned that would be a good place for it. Orville mentioned a clean up day for the park. The day was set for October 18, 2014 at 12:00P.M.

\*Orville mentioned that he had called Methvin about the backhoe( three months ago) and that he was so backed up with work that he did not know when he would get here. Orville also mentioned that he could fix the backhoe himself. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Lorene to have Orville fix the backhoe. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Jake mentioned the water dept. Gina mentioned that the Water Dept. was being audited by Arkansas Natural Resource Commission. Gina also mentioned that it was not because the water dept. had done something wrong but that it was chosen this time.

New Business:

Jake mentioned that Bill wanted a raise for reading the meters, because there had been more meters added and he would need an extra day because the days were getting shorter. Orville mentioned that he did not have problem with Bill getting a raise. Lorene mentioned that a raise had been given to Bill and that it was less than a year since that time. Jake mentioned tabling the topic until the next meeting.

Gina mentioned that the old well was running at 50% capacity and that it really needed to be repaired. Gina mentioned that there was either a hole in the line going down to the pump or the pump was bad, but that the pump normally stops working all together. Robb mentioned that it was not necessarily the case and that some pumps would do just run part of the time. Gina mentioned calling TC Pump to hae them fix it. The council agreed that the well needed to be repaired.

Robb mentioned that Lead Hill and Diamond City would like to pair up with Omaha and higher a full time police officer for all three towns. Robb also mentioned that it would consist of 160 hours/car/fuel and hours and that the price would be \$2,400.00. Lorene mentioned that it would be to much money. The council agreed.

Lorene mentioned Rick and how he was doing. Lorene mentioned the black box and that it had been found. Gina mentioned that Rick was really trying hard and that he still was not checking in regularly and he was having a hard remembering things. Robb mentioned that he had talk to Boone and Taney County to let him know that the box had been recovered. Jake mentioned that there was something off about the black box being found. Lorene mentioned what was in the box. Gina mentioned meters and tools. Jake mentioned that three of the meters had been found along with some of the tools.

Lorene mentioned that Leslie needed to be thinking of who was going to replace him on the council

after the first of the year. Leslie mentioned that he had no idea. Lorene mentioned Jamie Stones wife and that the county did have them in the city limits. Gina mentioned that she had been told that she was to busy.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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