

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
October 7, 2013

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

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

Old business:

Jake mentioned to Leslie about getting the strip for the Emergency Shelter door. Leslie mentioned that he had not gotten the strip. Jake mentioned to Leslie about the leak in the Mayor's office and if the fire dept. could use their hose to create a enough water to show him where the leak is. Leslie mentioned that they could, but with all the insulation in the ceiling it will be hard to find. Leslie also mentioned that there is a product made for low sloping roofs that can be sprayed or rolled on that will stop the leaks.

Jake mentioned the MacDonald properties and that Gail had sent a resolution that needed to be approved. Lorene mentioned that there was a article in the paper about Marshall passing an ordinance to tear down abandoned houses and if we could something like that. Gina mentioned that we could but we would still have to go through all the legalities first.

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to pass the resolution concerning the MacDonald properties. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

New Business:

Lorene mentioned that there is a house being build right across from her house and that the street 1<sup>st</sup>. Street is blocked with debris that has been piled up there by Betty and no one can get through. Gina mentioned that the Fire Dept. might be able to help because they have the papers about the laws on blocking a street that they can give her. Lorene mentioned that when the brush hogging is done next time that there is some brush that needs to be cut down on that street.

\*Lorene mentioned that there is a house on College St. that needs to be torn down or that something needs to be done with it. Orville mentioned that the Cheek boys own it. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Leslie to have the Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ sent to them in regard to their property. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*Gina mentioned that Kathy Woods had to have the phone line in the daycare rental building replaced. Gina also mentioned that when the repair man touched the wiring it fell apart. Gina mentioned that Kathy already paid the \$75.00 and would like the city to pay half the bill. Lisa mentioned that the building belongs to the City and that the City should pay the whole bill. Orville mentioned that he thought so too. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to pay the whole bill for the new phone wiring at the daycare rental building. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Roy mentioned that he had been getting texts and phone calls from the pump company that did the work on the pump at the new well. Roy also mentioned that they were needing their money really bad because they were a new company, because right before the pump job was started the people that

owned it sold it to the brother of Phil Luther and since they were new the money was needed now. Roy mentioned waiting for the insurance to pay or pay them now. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to pay the bill now. The other council members abstained from the vote. The vote did not pass. Roy mentioned that he had talked to Entergy and everything has been done to protect the new well from lightening strikes. Robb mentioned the fuses that are being used. Roy mentioned that they are the long ones. Lorene mentioned the knock outs and were they installed when the repairs were made to the pump. Roy mentioned that they were not installed because it would have taken more time and they did not have them on hand and it would have been more money, but that their price was compatible with the other prices that were given if the knock outs would have been installed, their price would have been around \$30,000.00. Gina mentioned that the SW Boone bill was \$7,500,00 from September 6 to September 14. Gina also mentioned that Roy had called SW Boone and that they were going to waive the late fees and let us pay it as the Water Dept. could. Gina mentioned that this would help a lot.

Lisa mentioned the credit card software, Softel and that she could not find anything bad about it.

Lorene mentioned that Rick Gross was suppose to be at the meeting this evening and that he was not here. Lorene also mentioned to Jake if new anything about his certification. Jake mentioned that he did not know anything about it. Lorene mentioned the certification being out. Roy mentioned that it was out the end of June 2013 and that there was a 90 day grace period and that it went over a year then he would have to get reinstated. Orville mentioned what reinstate meant. Lisa mentioned Rick having to retake the test over again. Roy mentioned that he thought if it expired then he would have to retest, to be reinstated Roy did not know what happens because he has not ever had to deal with this before. Robb Hulseley mentioned that being on the police force that if the certification expired then they would have to do everything again. Lorene mentioned Rick working by himself if he is not certified. Roy mentioned that he can not do anything that would change the water. Lorene mentioned Rick calling and checking in. Gina mentioned that it was a little better and that he had gotten another cell phone.

\*Gina mentioned that Municipal League Legal Program dues were due at this time and what the council wanted to pay this time. Jake mentioned that they have been used quite a bit. Lisa mentioned that with all the legal things going on right now that it would be a good idea to pay the full amount. Orville mentioned what the difference between the minimum and the full amount. Gina mentioned that the minimum got us only the magazine and internet access and that the other was where the city could call them and everything else. Jake mentioned that they would even come up here if needed. A motion was made by Orville, seconded by Lisa to pay the full amount to the Municipal League Legal Program. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned that William had not paid his rent. Gina mentioned that he had not, but that he had paid all the back electrical bills. Leslie mentioned that half the payment to the pump company should be paid. Orville mentioned maybe paying it in a couple of weeks. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Lorene to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*A motion was made by Orville, seconded by Leslie to pay the pump company in a couple of weeks. The other council members abstained from the vote. Emmett mentioned that they need the money. Roy mentioned that we may need them again. Orville mentioned that they had done a good job. Lorene mentioned keeping them happy. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to pay the pump company now. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

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

Mayor/Jake Arnold

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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