

City of Omaha
Council Meeting

September 6, 2011

The regular monthly council meeting was postponed until Tuesday night, because Monday September 5th was Labor Day. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. Council members present: Lorene Roberts, Emmett Fickes, Orville Lippe and Robin Tilton. Absent: Lisa Heston
Also present: Roy Huston/Water Supervisor and Robb Hulsey/Police Officer.

Guests present:

Daniel Lazenby/Engineering Services/regarding north well rehabilitation/meters/generator
William Claydon/Website Designer/website for Omaha-Agenda

Jake mentioned that Daniel from Engineering Services was here to answer any questions that the council might have about the grant for the north well and the other grant projects that the city has going. Lorene mentioned the length of time that it would take to get the generator and the storm shelter. Daniel mentioned that it could be up to 45 days before we could get started on it. Daniel also mentioned that there were several things that could take some time; such as the bidding process and the paper work. Daniel mentioned that the generator and the painting of the tank would be able to move forward as soon as the audit was received for the water dept. Gina mentioned that she had called Fisher and that she was told it would be ready the first of September. Gina also mentioned that if she did not hear from them by the end of the week she would call them again; because Engineering Services was not the only one needing a copy of the audit, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission was waiting for it as well. Orville mentioned the time line. Daniel mentioned that he had no idea. Daniel also mentioned that the city may not receive the seventy five/twenty five grant. Lorene mentioned when the year started for the state. Daniel mentioned that he was not sure because it was so strange. Daniel also mentioned that he wanted to send the update and the comments for the Health Dept. in at the same time. Lorene mentioned that the project had to bid out. Daniel mentioned that it did have to be bid out. Daniel also mentioned that it was standard for it to run for at least two weeks, but the city could have it run longer if they wanted; so more people could bid on the project. Lorene mentioned that the companies had to be bonded and insured. Daniel mentioned that they did. Lorene mentioned to Roy that no one would bid because they were not bonded. Roy mentioned that there were lots of bonded companies in Missouri. Daniel mentioned that the city may want to put it in the newspapers in Missouri. Jake mentioned that it would be way down the road. Daniel mentioned the status of the grant, if we received the seventy-five/twenty-five grant or if we received another one and if the city wanted to proceed with it. Jake mentioned the city could do the seventy-five/twenty-five grant, but that if the city did not get that, then something else would have to be done.

Robin mentioned the storm shelter. Daniel mentioned that the letters were received from Arkansas Economic Development Commission. Lorene mentioned that it would be after the first of the year before the projects would be started. Daniel mentioned that he did not know, that it was based on a case by case basis. Lorene mentioned any websites where a person could look up their ranking for the grant. Daniel mentioned that he did not know of one, except maybe looking on the USDA website. Gina mentioned that she would look on the USDA website and see if she could find out. Robin mentioned that maybe the city could drop somethings that were not really needed on the grant for the water tower. Daniel mentioned yes things could be dropped, like the meters or the generator. Daniel also mentioned that this is a smaller project and it might be easier to get the funds for the project.

Agenda

New Business:

*Jake mentioned that Mr. William Claydon was on the agenda. Mr. Claydon mentioned that he was a web designer and that he was very interested in the history of Boone and the surrounding towns. Mr. Claydon also mentioned that he designed websites for Catfish Wharf and several others in New York, which is where he is from. Mr. Claydon mentioned that he holds the rights to a OmahaArkansas.com web site and that he would not charge the city to use the website as long as we kept the information up to date. Mr. Claydon also mentioned that he would like to speak to people around here about the history of the area so he could put the history on the website. Jake mentioned that he needs to talk to Carolyn Kline at the Harrison Library, because she had taken all the information from his mother-in-law and it had been recorded. Lorene mentioned talking to Mr. Hodge that used to work at the school, because he gotten alot of information together for the purpose of writing a book. Lorene mentioned that she did not know if had been published or not. Robb mentioned that he did not know either. Lorene mentioned that she would get some names together. Mr. Claydon mentioned that he would like to set pages up for the churches and the businesses in Omaha as well. Orville mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Orville to go ahead and let Mr. Claydon get the website together, this includes showing Gina how to use his website and creating links to our web page on his website, the posting of our information on his website and help him gather information for the website. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

*The minutes for the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned that the ditch was dug around the well for the lightening protection. Roy mentioned that it was dug but that it was solid rock around the entire thing. Roy also mentioned that he had been told to lay the copper pipe in the ditch and that it would work just as good. Roy also mentioned that they had not had much time to work on it because they have a leak every weekend. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Robin to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Old Business:

Gina mentioned the Morgan MacDonald properties and that she had been unable to get a good address for her. Gina also mentioned that she called the assessors office and they had the same address that we had. Gina mentioned that they also told her that she had not paid her taxes in several years and that some of the properties had been turned over to the state. Lorene mentioned the length of time it takes for the state to sell someone's property. Orville mentioned that he thought it was five years. Robin mentioned that the city was not going to get anything out her. Lorene mentioned putting a lean against the properties but that it would cost alot to do so. Emmett mentioned that maybe some of the neighbors could but it would be very costly.

*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned that there was a correction that needed to be made on the amount that the General Fund had for its balance on hand on August 1, 2011. Gina mentioned that she would fix it and that one of the numbers have been left off. Gina also mentioned that it should have been 16,000 something and 1600 something. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports after the corrections were made. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Robin mentioned the deeds for the Boat Dock Rd. property. Gina mentioned that she had received them. Gina mentioned that she would really like for them to come here instead of going there. Gina

also mentioned that it would be great if Orville would go and get them and bring them to the office. Orville mentioned that he would see if he could get them to come to the office.

New Business:

*Jake mentioned that Bill had mentioned to him about needing more money for ready the meters, because it added another day. Jake also mentioned that Bill mentioned \$0.25 a meter, Jake thought \$225.00 would be a good price for all of the meter readings. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Lorene to give Bill another \$75.00 which would be \$225.00 for reading the meters. 3/Ayes 1/Nay. Motion carried.

Robin mentioned that there was mold underneath the ac/heater units in the big room, the kitchen, the training room and the bay area. Lorene mentioned the damaged and the paint peeling. Robin mentioned that insulation was falling and there was mold. Robin also mentioned that the building is not very well insulated and that it maybe a good idea to put some weather stripping on, it might help. Robin mentioned that the doors had red iron on it because of the rust and that it needed to be painted. Jake mentioned that Robin could do the repairs. Robin mentioned that he could and that he would be glad to. Robin also mentioned that there are several other problems but they can be addressed when necessary.

Lorene mentioned that the hwy by the post office has some limbs and grass hanging over in the road and it is to the point of being dangerous. Lorene also mentioned that she had pulled out from there and was nearly hit, because she could not see the oncoming traffic. Many different ideas were discussed. Jake mentioned that Boone County would not be able to cut the brush away from the road. Robin mentioned that Rick should look at it and see if he could cut it. Lorene mentioned driving around and looking at it.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

City of Omaha

Hearing for North Well Rehabilitation of the Water Tank/New Water Meters/Generator

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Daniel Lazenby from Engineering Services was present to answer any questions that the public or the council might have about the Rehabilitation of the Water Tank/Water Meters and Generator for the north well. There was no one from the community present for the hearing.