

City of Omaha
Council Meeting
April 7, 2014

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. All council members were present: Leslie King, Lorene Roberts, Emmett Fickes, Orville Lippe and Lisa Heston.

Guests: Laura King
Fred Cheffey>Omaha Rural Fire Asso.}Lease Agreement
Boyd Smith>Omaha Rural Fire Asso.}Lease Agreement

*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Jake mentioned Bus Andrews and if Gina had ordered the parts. Gina mentioned that she did order them and they had already arrived. Lorene mentioned if Gina had called Gail. Gina mentioned that she had called Gail and that she said that sending the pictures to the Historic Society was great. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Orville to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Orville mentioned William being caught up with his rent. Gina mentioned that he was and that he had some problem with his check being deposited by that it would go in this week. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

New Business: Agenda

Jake mentioned the Fire Asso. and turned the floor over to Boyd Smith/President of the Omaha Rural Fire Asso. board. Boyd mentioned that he had a new draft of the lease agreement between the City and the fire dept. Boyd also mentioned that if the council had any questions that they would be glad to answer them. Boyd mentioned the council looking over the draft of the lease agreement and then decide or did they want to vote on it tonight. Lorene mentioned that she thought that the council should look it over real good. Boyd mentioned that there were minor changes made due to OSHA. Boyd also mentioned that there is still 6 months before the lease agreement would have to be done. The council were all in agreement that the lease agreement needed to be looked over before a vote should be taken. Boyd Smith and Fred Cheffey both thanked the council. The council members thanked them for coming. Boyd Smith and Fred Cheffey left the meeting.

Old Business:

Gina mentioned that the bible study class would not be meeting anymore due to lack of attendance. Gina also mentioned that Mr. Mertens wanted to thank council for the use of the city bldg.

Gina mentioned that Gail was having depositions in her office the end of the month. Orville mentioned that Morgan MacDonald was up here week before last putting new plywood over some of the windows.

*Jake mentioned that Cassie Elliot and the architect was here on Thursday, to look over the park and the plans would be ready in about two weeks. Jake mentioned that Leslie would be doing the concrete work for the park. Jake also mentioned that Orville would be doing backhoe work on the park. Jake mentioned that if they did the work it cut costs and that the Ordinance that approved them working for the city would need to be amended to include the park. Leslie mentioned that there was a water

meter at the end of the apartments and an outside faucet, he wanted to know who the meter belonged to the apartments or the daycare bldg. Gina mentioned that she did not know but that she would talk to Roy. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to amend the Ordinance for Leslie King and Orville Lippe to do work on the Park. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes. Lorene mentioned if restrooms would have to be put in for the park. Leslie mentioned that they did not because the money was through the state and the federal government. Leslie also mentioned that there was some issue with the grad of the parking lot for handicapped. Gina mentioned that the architect went and looked at the parking lot but did not tell us what he found. There was a lengthy discussion about the Park.

*Jake mentioned the Livestock Ordinance. Lorene mentioned the ordinance being for chickens. Gina mentioned that she made sure not to use the word fowl or bird so that the ordinance was just for bigger farm animals and could Emus and Llamas. Lisa mentioned that she liked that the wording was open so other animals could be added if needed. Lisa also mentioned that everything looked great but that the word Ordinance needed an r added to it. Gina mentioned that she would correct that. A motion was by Lisa, and seconded by Leslie. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*Leslie mentioned the flag pole in the front of the building and if it was the city's or the fire dept. Lorene mentioned that it was the city's. Leslie mentioned that at the last fire board meeting they mentioned that there needed to be a flag put up. Leslie also mentioned that he found that through the USO would give people a 3X5 flag for as little as a ten dollar donation. Jake mentioned getting a bigger flag through the lady in Harrison and that flag would be flown at the Capitol in Wash. DC and that the flag would be given to us. Gina mentioned that she did not know if the pole would be able to handle a bigger flag. Leslie mentioned that Gina had brought it to his attention that if the flag was be flown over night it would need to have a light on. Leslie also mentioned that a solar light could be put up. Orville mentioned putting a more permanent type of light, because the solar ones do not last very long. Gina mentioned that she could take the flag down on the days that she was in the office but the other days it would be hard for her to always be available to put it and take it down. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to get the flag with a ten dollar donation and to get the light so the flag could be flown at night. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*Gina mentioned that the phone lines for the office were rotten and letting water get in the lines causing problems for the phone. Gina also mentioned that Natco could do the work for \$70.00 and that she did not know of anyone else that could do. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded Orville to have Natco fix the phone lines. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.