

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
April 4, 2013

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

\*The minutes from the previous council meeting were distributed and discussed. Jake mentioned that there was one correct that needed to mad. The third line from the bottom of the first page, where it has lower grade fuel it needs to say off road diesel. Gina the correction will be made and everyone will be issued new minutes. Lorene mentioned the \$13,000.00 dollars and not \$1,300.00 that the city received from the state for the storm shelter. Gina mentioned that it was \$13,000.00 and that covered Cassie Elliott cost and the cost of the stove, refrigerator and Leslie's cost for putting the portions. Gina mentioned that she had found and put 35 chairs for the shelter on hold down at the Little Rock Federal Surplus. Jake mentioned the cap for the fuel tank being found. Roy mentioned that it had not. Leslie mentioned the cap and what was on it. Roy mentioned that there was a plastic cap on it now but it did not have a vent in it. Jake mentioned having Allen get another. Jake mentioned the trees around town. Emmett mentioned that he had only found the ones mentioned during the last council meeting. Emmett also mentioned that there were other people here in town that needed trees taking care of also. Leslie mentioned that he thought that there was someone who lived by the new tower that a tree service. Roy mentioned that there was someone that lived there but they had a yard service and that he did not think that they did trees. Emmett mentioned that Billy's Tree Service and that he had some work here in town and that Jim still wants some of his trees done. Jake mentioned the time in which the shelter should be opened after a storm and Lisa had said 24-48. Lorene mentioned having pets in the shelter. Leslie mentioned that he had found out the same thing and there needed to be a pet policy. Lorene mentioned that someone had mentioned it to her. Lisa mentioned the shelter being used for a tornado shelter. Gina mentioned that it is not rated for tornadoes. Lisa mentioned that calling it a storm shelter was misleading. Gina mentioned that it is an Emergency Storm Shelter and that it was to be used after storms. Lorene mentioned the generator. Gina mentioned that the man from Milams had came up and that the generator had not run since it was installed. Gina mentioned that he reset it to go off on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. So I could see if it was running, but that I had not had a chance to go check it. Gina also mentioned that the guy from Milams mentioned that after 5 hours of running the oil would need to be changed. Lorene mentioned the oil being changed after every five hours. Leslie mentioned that it was to get rid of the break in oil. Jake mentioned it would only have to be done one time. Lorene mentioned how long after a use would the oil have to be changed. Leslie mentioned it would be along time. Gina mentioned that the heater could not be run or it would shut the generator off. Leslie mentioned that it would over load the generator and that most place shut off part of the heaters. Gina mentioned the generator does not have enough KW to run the heater and everything else. Lorene mentioned having someone monitor the shelter when open to the public. Leslie mentioned the same thing, because it might be hard to get some people to leave. Lorene mentioned that the Fire Dept. got meals from the Red Cross and they got them through Boone County. Lorene also mentioned that they distributed the meals. Leslie mentioned that there will have to be someone there. Lorene mentioned that she would not mind putting food in the oven. Jake mentioned the hours. Leslie mentioned that a sign needs to be put up stating that the Emergency Storm Shelter is not for tornadoes. Leslie mentioned tabling the shelter until next council meeting. Lorene mentioned were Leslie found out his information on the shelters and he mentioned he found it ADA Shelters. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*The financial reports were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the bush broom, mop were for the shelter. Gina mentioned that the only thing that was for the city was the light bulbs for the light outside the office. Lorene mentioned William not paying he rent or electric. Gina mentioned that she had not seen him in over a month. Lisa mentioned that she had seen his vehicle parked in the parking lot for a couple days. Lisa also mentioned the heater being relocated and installed for the Fire Dept. Gina mentioned that it was put in then it got things to hot so it had to be moved and then there was a propane leak, so he took off the money for that. Gina also mentioned that this was done while Robin was taking care of it. Lisa mentioned that she thought he had taken care it. Gina mentioned that Robin moved it once and then Cam Fong did the reinstall to the new location. Lorene mentioned that the tires were purchased for a good price. Emmett mentioned the O'Reilly's ticket and if Gina had found out what was going on with it. Gina mentioned that she had spoke to Mike and that he had told her that there was a kid there that took the order but he did not know who ordered it, but Mike thought it was someone from the Fire Dept. Gina mentioned that Mike gave the city a credit for it and that when Emmett's name had been used they spelled it wrong Emmit, so I knew it was not our Emmett. Lorene mentioned the Robert Schodrowski water bill. Gina mentioned that he was Rick's sister boyfriend and that she had been after him to turn the water back on, but they have to go through the office so he told Gina to take it out of his check. Gina also mentioned that it was high because she had been taking payments and that when the payments stopped then the water was shut off. Lorene mentioned sending a letter to William next month. Lisa mentioned putting a reminder on the door. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Leslie to send a letter or a reminder to William about the rent and electric bill. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Lorene to accept the financial reports for the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Leslie mentioned if the city had heard from Cassie Elliott. Gina mentioned that she had heard from her and that she needed the deed to the old well. Lorene mentioned if Gina was to get it. Gina mentioned that she did finally get it, she just hoped it was the right one because she had called John Huston but she had not received a call back.

Gina mentioned that she felt bad that she was unable to get all her work done. Gina also mentioned that she did not feel like she was doing the job that the council expected of her. Gina mentioned that she felt like she was drowning and that she could not get her ahead above the water, because she is doing two peoples job. Gina also mentioned that when she started work here that there were only 10% of the water customers that came in to pay their bills and now she has 90% of them come in to pay. Jake mentioned that the council did not know all that Gina did. Lorene mentioned that when they come in they customers stay and talk. Gina mentioned that they did but that she tries to treat people the way she would want to be treated. Lisa mentioned that the things Gina was worried about were trivial and not to worry. Lorene mentioned someone else needing to be hired to help. Gina mentioned that she did not know if that would help, because she did not trust anyone with the money or the water bills. Gina also mentioned that after June things will get better but right now that she has just had a lot to get done, two audits, taxes and all the others chores. Jake mentioned that Gina had not a raise in two and half years. Gina apologized for getting upset and carrying on so.

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to go into executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Roy and Gina left the room.

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to close the executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Leslie to give Gina a raise of \$2.50 more an hour. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Gina mentioned that she was very thankful for the raise.

\*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Leslie to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 4/Ayes

Jake Arnold/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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