

City of Omaha
Council Meeting

May 2012

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

Guests present: Dorthy Brown/Ladies Auxiliary, Sid Robertson/part time police position

*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the wages that Rick was paid for the removal of the snow plow and the debris in the bay. Jake mentioned that he has told Rick to remove the plow, removal of the old heater and the clean up of the bay. Lorene mentioned the gas line to the heater. Robin mentioned that he would put it in. Lorene mentioned that she thought the Mr. Fong was suppose to put it in. Robin mentioned that he guessed not. Lorene mentioned that someone would need to be paid for putting the gas line in. Lorene also mentioned the fire dept. recycling the old heater. Jake mentioned that the loan payment for the water dept. had been made. Jake also mentioned that the \$150.00 for Mike Armstrong was for the new well so that the new generator would work properly. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried.

*The minutes from the previous meeting was distributed and discussed. Jake mentioned that Lisa had mentioned generators at O'Reilly's. Jake also mentioned that he talked to Allen Heston about the generators and that he would be getting back to him. Lisa mentioned that Allen had told her that he had sent an email, but that he had not heard back from them yet. Lisa mentioned the KW for the generator. Lorene mentioned that the generator for the shelter would have to be tied so it could not be stolen. Robin mentioned that the fuel is what would really need to be locked up. Jake mentioned that Orville had mentioned that he was told that the generator was not an automatic, but wanted it corrected that it is an automatic. Jake also mentioned that it was a 300 gallon tank and that at 10% it will shut off. Jake mentioned that there would need to be fuel purchased either through delivery or with the purchase of a fuel tank for the water truck. Robin mentioned that it would probably mess the generator up if ran with less than 10% in it. Jake mentioned that it would need a special device to fill the fuel tank because it is down inside the generator. Robin mentioned it might be cheaper getting a fuel tank but then again it maybe be better to have someone fill it up. Lisa mentioned the 17 kw generator was needed for to run the storm shelter. Roy mentioned that the KW means thousands. Jake mentioned the getting the fuel tank would serve a dual purpose for the new well generator and the backhoe. Lorene mentioned if a fuel tank was purchased where the white truck be parked. Jake mentioned that all the fuel could be put in the generator and the backhoe. Robin mentioned getting a fuel tank for the new well. Jake mentioned that Robert Hathaway had one that was electric and that he only wanted \$100.00 for it, but he called Robert and he had already sold it. A motion was made Robin, seconded by Lorene to purchase fuel tank. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jake mentioned the that finalization for the generator would by May 18, 2012 at 11:30 A.M.

Lisa mentioned the Natco group connect. Gina mentioned that it had been purchased and that I had been able to get all the numbers in it that I had on file.

*Roy mentioned a night watcher for new well because the generator could not be seen. Lorene mentioned that there were still street lights out. Lorene mentioned that there had been people sitting her drive way and at the post office as well. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to get a night watcher for the new well so the generator could be seen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jake mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr. Parrett regarding the daycare. Jake also mentioned that the daycare would be closing June 29, 2012. Lorene mentioned that the building would revert back to the city. Jake mentioned that the city will have to take care of the utilities for the building.

Jake mentioned that the police dept has to get new radios and that Robb could explain. Robb explained that the radios were going to a different band. Robb also mentioned that the car radio would be around \$800.00 and that if a walkie talkie could be purchased that would be great. Robb mentioned that the car radio was the most important so calls could be heard and answered. Robb also mentioned that there was a police office looking for part time police work. Robb mentioned that he had worked for the city of Harrison and lived here. Robb left the meeting to bring him in.

*A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Robin to accept the minutes for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Robb introduced Mr. Sid Robertson. Mr. Robertson mentioned that he was looking for part time police work. Sid also mentioned that he had worked for the City of Harrison. Sid mentioned that he would have to transfer everything over to the county but he said that it would not be a problem. Sid also mentioned that he really would like to work for the town in which he lives. Sid mentioned that he thought he would need at least eight hours a month in order keep up his certification. Robb mentioned that he was pretty sure that it was eight hours as well. Emmett mentioned that he would need to work random hours. Robin mentioned Robb vouching for Sid. Robb mentioned that as far as he knew. Sid mentioned that he worked for Harrison 5 years 2 months, he no formal reprimand. Sid also mentioned that he was no longer working for Harrison due to moral differences between he and the administration there. Sid mentioned that he works for Wayne Cone at Hilltop Armory in Harrison Arkansas. Sid also mentioned that the wages are entirely up to the City, because he was not looking for a fat pay cheek. Sid left the meeting at this time. Robin mentioned 10 to 15 hours a week. Emmett mentioned 12 hours per week. Robin mentioned that Robb might someone to take more hours, so he did not have to worry. Emmett mentioned swapping hours. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to higher Sid Robertson for the part time police officer position at \$12.00 an hour for 12 hours a week. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Agenda: Dorthy Brown/Ladies Auxiliary

Dorthy Brown mentioned that the Ladies Auxiliary was in need of a new sign and that it would cost between \$600.00 and \$700.00 and this price included the letters. Dorthy also mentioned that when the need for the sign was brought up at the Fire Board meeting, they suggested that they pay a 3rd, the City pay a 3rd and the Ladies Auxiliary pay a 3rd. Dorthy mentioned that it would be about \$250.00 each. Jake mentioned that everything Gina posts has to be posted in businesses around town. Lisa mentioned that there was really no need for the city to have a sign. Robin mentioned to the council any reasons to have a sign. Robin also mentioned posting the meetings. Lorene mentioned that the Ladies Auxiliary was prepared to by the sign themselves and the Fire Board had brought up paying 3rds.

Lorene mentioned that John Simperts would be resigning on October 1, 2012. Lorene also mentioned

that they are trying to get on appointed before that time.

Lorene mentioned the pews and they really need to go. Dorothy Brown mentioned that no tables could be set at the the pews and that they were not safe because they did not have any support.

Lorene mentioned the Katelyn mentioned that East Lab was trying to a grant for \$10,000.00 for landscaping.

Lorene mentioned the land on Boat Dock Rd. and had the bank turned over the paper work. Gina mentioned that she had talked to the bank but that has mentioned that Laverda or Buford would have to call and give them the description of the property. Gina also mentioned that she had left a message for Laverda, but there had not been any response. The council mentioned sending a certified letter about the land and that the water may need to be shut off if no action was taken.

Lorene mentioned that there was low water pressure at the school. Roy mentioned that they had good pressure it was that they had no volume, because they only had a 2 inch meter. Roy also mentioned that he had talked to Mr. Parrett and that he said the school would pay to have a 4inch meter put in when they tear down the awning. Roy mentioned that meter was under the pavement. Lisa mentioned that if someone flushes 2 or 3 toilets nothing happens.

Lorene mentioned that there was water standing by the Church of Christ. Roy mentioned that it was a drain. Jake mentioned that it was more than just a drain, because when that property is empty its fine and when someone moves in it starts up again.

*Lorene mentioned cleaning up the Cemetery by the Methodist Church and if the backhoe could be used if Roy operated it. Jake mentioned that the council would have to vote on it. Lorene mentioned that Mike was getting a load of topsoil. Roy mentioned that he was going to purchase the fuel for the backhoe if it was used. Robin mentioned that he did not have a problem with the backhoe being used and Roy operating it. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to use the backhoe to clean up the cemetery and Roy to purchase the fuel himself and operate it during the clean up. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
