

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting

April 4, 2011

The regular monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. All council members were present: Lorene Roberts, Lisa Heston, Emmett Fickes, Robin Tilton and Orville Lippe. Also present: Robb Hulsey/Police Officer and Rick Gross/certified water employee.

Guests: Cassie Elliott-Visionary Milestones/grant preparation  
Gene Kenyon  
John Roberts

Agenda: Lona Yandell/Blocking of the Street  
Cassie Elliott-Visionary Milestones/grant preparation

Jake mentioned the agenda. Gina mentioned that Lona Yandell was not at the meeting. Jake then mentioned that next on the agenda was Cassie Elliott-Visionary Milestones. Cassie Elliott mentioned that she was with Visionary Milestones which handles many serves including easement acquisition, grant writing (which includes acquiring all types of grants). Cassie also mentioned that she does prepare the financial portions of the grant process as well. Cassie mentioned the form that was signed because it was for the public hearing. Cassie also mentioned that the grant the city had received was for low to moderate incomes. Cassie mentioned that there was twenty-five million dollars set aside for grants. Cassie also mentioned that the Ike-2 monies were for disaster relief only, which includes grants for drainage problems and storm shelters. Cassie mentioned that the resolutions were for the grant process, the applications must be filled out in order to receive the money, which the city has already been approved for. Cassie also mentioned that the public hearing is part of the grant application. Cassie mentioned that she works on all types of grants and that if there are any questions or if the city needed help with any other grants just to let her know. Lorene mentioned getting a business card from her. Cassie presented Lorene with the cards, each person at the council meeting took a card and then passed the rest down to the next person. Cassie mentioned that she had a web site and that on there the council could find information on her and the some of the other grants she has worked on. Cassie also mentioned to the council and the guests present that if they any questions to let her know. Jake mentioned that when the Ice Storm occurred and the city was without power, that the city could not procure a generator. Jake also mentioned that a generator had to be rented and that it was very expensive. Cassie mentioned that the Ike-2 money narrows down what can be ask for , but that there are other grants available for other uses. Cassie also mentioned that these grants are 100%, her fee, any out of pocket expenses and everything else is covered by this grant. Cassie mentioned that some of the grants that the city could apply for may need a long term plan, so the grants can be done in fazes, which could take several years. Cassie mentioned that if there were no questions; then hearing could be closed. Cassie also mentioned that she would send the application in the end of next week, so that we could get started in a few months. The hearing was closed.

Cassie mentioned that the first grant the city is receiving is a Community Development Block Grant, these grants require the three resolutions that apply to the grant for the generator and the storm shelter. Cassie also mentioned that the other two resolutions were a reminder of the laws in the State of Arkansas. Cassie mentioned that the first resolution was 2011-2/ Anti-Displacement Plan. Cassie read the resolution, (there will be a copy of this resolution included with the minutes). Cassie mentioned

that this resolution pertains to a road widening project and that the city will not take low to moderate-income homes or lots and if they do so then the properties will have to be replaced.

Cassie mentioned that the second grant the city is receiving is also a Community Development Block Grant. Cassie also mentioned that Resolution 2011-3/ Establishing a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies within the Applicant's Jurisdiction Against Individuals Engaged in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations, this resolution is just reminder.

Cassie mentioned the resolution for the Emergency Shelter. Cassie also mentioned Resolution 2011-4/Resolution authorizing the Mayor of Omaha to apply for a grant on behalf of the Omaha Community. Cassie mentioned that this resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to formally requesting funds.

Cassie mentioned the resolution for the generator for the southern well. Cassie also mentioned Resolution 2011-5 authorizing the Mayor of Omaha to apply for a grant on behalf of the Omaha Community. Cassie mentioned that this resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to formally requesting funds.

Cassie mentioned that the first two resolutions are already laws and that the resolutions are just reminders.

Robin mentioned maybe getting a grant for a building to store the Water Dept., Street Dept and Police Dept. equipment in. Robin also mentioned that was something he was really interested in. Orville mentioned the length of time it would take to get the funds. Cassie mentioned that it varies. Cassie also mentioned that is why she is trying to get the documents sent earlier, to get the ball rolling maybe by May. Orville mentioned that bids would need to be taken. Cassie mentioned that was right and that there seems to be a very quick turnaround. Cassie also mentioned that the lady that had been on the cities grants had left and that there is a new one and that she had already spoke to her. Cassie ask if there were any more questions. There were none. Cassie left the meeting.

Jake mentioned that we received the letters about the grant money, he spoke to Tim Mays and he mentioned that we needed to work with Cassie Elliott. Jake also mentioned that is why she was chosen.

The minutes from the previous monthly meeting was distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned that was error on page 2, paragraph 4 (Lorene mentioned the amount of money to get them replaced. Roy mentioned that it was \$41.00 for 30 or more meters. ) Lorene mentioned that the word each needed to be added to this sentence, so people would know that the \$41.00 was for each meter. Gina mentioned that the error would be corrected. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes with the correction added. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

Jake mentioned that the sign for 2nd Street could not be gotten. Lorene mentioned that she had looked at the new store and the gravel for parking and that people surely would have good since and not park in the street. Orville mentioned that the city should just go ahead and get the sign. Gina mentioned tht she could look it up on the internet. Jake mentioned that it need to be a DO NOT BLOCK DRIVE or STREET sign.

Jake mentioned that the bill of sale from the fire dept. was still not signed and that he had not seen Dwight Cutbirth. Jake mentioned that the rent money from the fire dept. was being put in the street fund. Lorene mentioned voting to do so. Robin mentioned that he thought the council had already voted. A motion was made Lorene, seconded by Emmett to put the rent money from the fire dept. into the street fund account. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Jake mentioned the new meters for the water dept. Rick mentioned that the new meters had come in.

Jake mentioned Peewee's old station and the church using it for the food pantry. Gina mentioned that the church was no longer using for the food pantry.

Lorene mentioned the water dept. parts that were above the big room and that they really need to be gotten out of there.

Rick mentioned that fifty meters would be replaced but not all the old meters could be reused. Rick also mentioned that the ones that could not be reused could be scrapped out. Orville mentioned the copper being in the meters. Rick mentioned that there was copper in the meters but that it was hard to get out. Jake mentioned that Rick was to scrap the ones that are easy and sell the others whole.

Orville mentioned that Dwight, John, Gina and himself had went out to Bueford Gregory's place three weeks ago. Orville mentioned that Bueford was not going to be a problem. Orville mentioned that Bueford had ask about getting a minim water in exchange for the property were the tank sits. Orville mentioned that Bueford mentioned that he would pay the difference if it was over the minim. Orville also mentioned that he would go back over to Buefords after the council decided what to do. Orville mentioned that Bueford did not say weather Laverda would sign the papers or not. Orville mentioned splitting the cost with the fire dept and that the paperwork should be included. John mentioned that the bank would release the title and then once it was released there would need to be title insurance purchased. A motion was made Lorene, seconded by Orville to let Bueford have a minim water bill, but if the amount was above the minim the Bueford would pay the amount that was over. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

The financial reports for the city and water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned Rick's pay check being hirer than Roy's. Rick mentioned that all of his hours were written down on his time sheet. Rick also mentioned that he had be using the backhoe to clean up at the new well and that was slow going. A motion was made Lisa, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Robin mentioned that at the last fire board meeting, it was mentioned to Robin the city needed to the wall around the backhoe, because it was in the lease agreement. Robin also mentioned that he had been putting it off in hopes of getting another building for the storage of the backhoe and that is why it had not been done yet. Emmett mentioned the railing around the loft area in the fire dept. side. Lorene mentioned that the railing had not been put up yet. Jake mentioned that Robin needed to start of the wall. Robin mentioned that he would work with John so not to interrupt the ISO training.

Jake mentioned mentioned the water dept. and was there anything to report.

New Business:

Rick mentioned that grass needed to sewed at the new well. Rick mentioned that he would pick some

grass seed and sow the seed.

Rick mentioned that there was a tree in his front yard that belongs to the city. Rick mentioned that he would like to take the tree down because it is getting limbs on his house and his afraid it will come down in a storm. Rick mentioned that he had a guy that was going to let him borrow his boom truck; so he could take the tree down. Rick mentioned that truck would take about \$40.00 in fuel. Orville mentioned Rick selling the wood for the tree.

No further business before the council. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Orville to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Jake Arnold/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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Executive Session was called by Mayor Jake Arnold. The council the went into Executive Session. The council left the Executive Session and did not go back into a regular council meeting.