

On February 7, 2001 Mayor Jake Arnold swore in aldermen Lisa Heston, before the Council meeting.

City of Omaha
Council Meeting

February 7, 2011

The regular monthly Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. Council members present: Lorene Roberts, Lisa Heston, Orville Lippe, Robin Tilton and Emmett Fickes. Also present: Robb Hulsey/police officer, Roy Huston/water supervisor and Rick Gross/certified water employee.

Guests: Lona Yandell, John Roberts

Agenda: Lona Yandell/regarding the blocking of Second East Street

*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Robin, seconded Emmett to accept the minutes for both the city and the water department. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

Lorene mentioned that the fire department wants to put a railing across the top of the upstairs. There was no objection by the Council members. Lorene mentioned that Gene Kenyon would dispose of the left over materials.

*Lorene mentioned that Dwight talk to the lawyer and a resolution was passed so the bill of sale can be signed. Lorene also mentioned that Dwight would sign the bill of sale. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to pass a resolution so the bill of sale can be signed. Motion carried. Lorene abstained from voting. 4/Ayes

Robin mentioned the property on Boat Dock Rd. Lorene mentioned Community First Bank has a lien against the property. Robin mentioned the amount of lien. Lorene mentioned that it was a lot. Lorene also mentioned that the fire department had asked a title company to asked the bank to release the part of the property that had the substation on it. Lorene mentioned the city paying half so the entire piece of property would be released. Robin mentioned the steps that would have to be taken to secure the water tank. Orville mentioned that he thought it would be fair for the city to pay half for that purpose property. John Roberts mentioned that if it was foreclosed on that it would be along time getting a deed. Lorene mentioned that \$160,000.00 was owed against the property and that the taxes had not been paid. Robin mentioned that something needs to be done. John mentioned that the paperwork was being done by the title company and that it would cost \$400-\$500. Robin mentioned that this is messing with the water supply for a lot of people. Robin also mentioned that the city had a strong case. Emmett mentioned someone else purchasing the property and that the city did not want that either. John mentioned that he feels that the city and the fire department should work together and that the bank would let go of the piece of property. John also mentioned that the title insurance company will take care of the paperwork and once it is signed and turned over the title insurance will be issued. Jake mentioned that he would take the deed to Lewis Melton at First National Bank Green Forest and see what he has to say about it. Lisa mentioned the total acres that Buford owns. Orville mentioned that he thought he had 60 acres. Lisa mentioned that the bank may be willing to turn over that piece of property if there was more than 10 total acres instead of having a few.

*Lorene mentioned that the assessor's office had put six houses in the city limits of Omaha, belonging to Gene Geadlemann, Shannon Murphy and that Jacqueline Tate's porch is all that is in the city limits.

Lorene also mentioned that Jake's house was not even in the city limits, but in August of 2010 it was put in the city limits. Jake mentioned that half the house was in the County and half was in the city. Lorene mentioned them being annexed or does the city need to dispute it. Lorene also mentioned taking a city map to the assessor's office. Orville mentioned that he did not have a problem with those homes being put in the city limits. Emmett mentioned that it was a good idea. A motion was made by Emmett, seconded by Orville to annex those houses in the city limits. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Roy mentioned that the water rate would drop a couple of dollars for Jacqueline Tate, Shannon Murphy and Teresa Finan. Jake mentioned that Jacqueline Tate and Laura King had been voting in the city limits until last year than they found out they could not vote in the city.

*Jake mentioned that Gina has been asked to send in information including an update on the financial records to the USDA Rural Development, in regards to the 75/25 grant for the snow plow and the truck. A motion was made by Orville, seconded by Lorene for Gina to send the information to USDA Rural Development for the 75/25 grant on the snowplow and the truck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jake mentioned the painting of the tank and the sandblasting. Gina mentioned that she had talked to Neil at Rural Development and that he needs updates on the finances.

*The financial reports were distributed and discussed for the city and water department. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Orville to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water department. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Jake mentioned having Cranenest on the new well. Roy mentioned that the backhoe had been downed and that there had been snow so Cranenest was not put on the new well.

Agenda:

Lona Yandell mentioned that she is having trouble with the street being blocked with traffic from the store. Lona also mentioned that she has had to wait to get out onto old 65 and had to wait to get from old 65 to her home on 2nd East St. Lona mentioned if Angie at Hometown Market would have adequate parking. Lona also mentioned that the trash has been getting into her yard and she has had to clean it up. Lona mentioned that the north side of the building needs to be cleaned up. Orville mentioned that maybe a privacy fence could be put up. Orville also mentioned that he had talked to her and told her that she needs to monitor the parking and make them move their vehicles from blocking the street. Robin mentioned that maybe they should be written a ticket or maybe be given a warning. Lona mentioned that the same thing could happen at the new store. Orville mentioned that he would go talk to and she tomorrow. Orville also mentioned the width of the street. Roy mentioned that it was 60 feet. Lona mentioned that just because there was pavement that doesn't mean that it is a parking lot. Roy mentioned that something may need to be done in order to protect the fire hydrant.

John Roberts mentioned the state audit and if Jake had heard any more about the fire department. Jake mentioned that the audit was still in Little Rock. Lorene mentioned the length of time that they keep the audit. Jake mentioned that the city heard from them quickly. John mentioned that if they keep it a long time it could mean trouble.

Jake mentioned any news for the water department and on the fire department. There was nothing to report.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
