

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
December 2, 2013

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

Guests: Boyd Smith/President of the Omaha Rural Fire Asso. Board  
John Mertens/Renting Peewees Old Station

Agenda: Boyd Smith/President of the Omaha Rural Fire Asso. Board about the City's seat on the Omaha Rural Fire Asso. Board.

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was by Orville, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned William being caught up. Gina mentioned that he was almost there. Gina also mentioned that she had to take money out of the Special Account and the Deposit Fund in order to be able to pay the loans on time. Lorene mentioned if Rick had gotten his certification. Gina mentioned that the class was paid for. Leslie mentioned when was the class. Gina mentioned it was from Nov. 15-30. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Jake mentioned that had a correction to the minutes about how many meetings he had missed and that he had not missed a year and that it had only been a few months. Lorene mentioned that was brought up at the annual fire board meeting and that they had said he missed a years worth of meetings. Jake mentioned that it had not been a year. Jake also mentioned that the by-laws for the fire board stated that if he could not attend the meeting that he could appoint someone. Boyd Smith mentioned that the by-laws had changed and that Jake did not need to appoint anyone as long as there was someone there from the city it did not matter who.

Boyd Smith mentioned that the by-laws would have to be changed to get rid of the city's seat on the board. Lorene mentioned can only be removed at the annual fire board meeting. Boyd Smith mentioned that there are many people that want the city to keep the seat on the board, so the city can be represented and that there is a fraction that does want to get rid of the city's seat on the board. Jake mentioned that he had been to the meetings and that he did miss some because of illness and his mother-in-law. Boyd Smith mentioned that it does not have to be a council member that it could be a person who lives and votes in the city limits to represent the city. Boyd Smith also mentioned that there needs to be ten members on the fire board in order to break any ties, because if there is not ten then he is the tie breaker. Lorene mentioned that the fire board did the to have the same person represent the city each time, because they did not want one this month and then another the next. Boyd Smith mentioned that he would like to see the city keep their seat on the board. Boyd Smith also mentioned that when the by-laws were done the city would a copy of the new ones.

Boyd Smith mentioned P.O. Box 309 and did there need to be something signed in regards to the P.O. Box 309. Gina mentioned that there was nothing that needed to be signed. Boyd Smith mentioned that it was mentioned to him about the P.O. Box 309 , but he that he really did not know anything about it.

Gina mentioned that P.O. Box 309 was the Fire Dept. mail box at the post office.

Orville mentioned the voting members on the fire board and when their terms ended. Boyd Smith mentioned that there was 1 for 3 years, some for 2 years and then some for 1 year. Boyd Smith mentioned that he is not a voting member. Boyd Smith also mentioned that in order to change the by-laws the changes would have to be taken before the by-law committee and then they could re-amended at the annual board meeting. Lorene mentioned that someone needed be there every time. Lorene also mentioned that Leslie was appointed but he could not attend the last fire board meeting because of work and that she went in his place. There was a lengthy discussion about the by-laws.

Gina mentioned that Sid had went and talked to Betty Lenard about the stuff piled up in the road and she told him that she had needed to clean that up for some time and that she would get it taken care of. Gina also mentioned that Sid mentioned that if she could not get it all that he had a tractor with a bucket on it and the he could get it.

\*Gina mentioned that Christmas Party and that she had called the places mentioned at the last meeting and they either did not have a room or wanted \$100.00 rent for the room, unless they wanted to go to Cadron Creek Catfish House or Western Sizzling. Lorene mentioned that she had called Diamond Head and that they had a room and the buffet was \$8.00 per person. Gina mentioned that Charolene Fickes had called and was told that if we bought the food she would prepare it and that she could not serve it, but she would like for the needy and the elderly that needed it to be able and come and eat. Leslie mentioned how many people would be there. Boyd Smith mentioned that the city could talk to Dorothy Brown and she could let them know how many they had at their dinners. Lorene mentioned that they had up to 120 people at one dinner. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Lorene to have the party at Diamond Head on 13 of Dec. at 6:00 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Gina mentioned that there is a tin horn by Peachy and Johnny Rushing's house where the road repairs need to be done. Lorene mentioned if Orville had looked at the streets. Lorene also mentioned that Peachy and Johnny's street needs to be repaired. Orville mentioned that there by Pearl Truelove is a big pothole. Lorene mentioned the rod there by Roy and the church. Orville mentioned that there needed to be ditches dug. Lorene mentioned that down her road needs to be grated and that the county needs to be called. Orville mentioned going to center and crown would help. Lorene mentioned calling the county Robert Hathaway and pay them the same way the city with brush hogging. Lorene mentioned that she would call Robert.

Lorene the credit card service. Gina mentioned that it was up and running and that she was unable to put it on the bills in order tell everyone about the service.

New Business:

Lorene mentioned sued and that it was in the paper. Jake mentioned that the reporter had called him about how long it had been since both properties were occupied, 50 years for the old store and 30 years for the white house. Leslie mentioned that the paper mentioned the she had the house inspected and they found them structurally sound and that there was no way with the condition of the foundation. Lorene mentioned that the newer parts of the building had to be taken off for it to be put on the historical register. Gina mentioned that the last people she could remember living there was Joe and Christ Hicks some twenty years ago. Leslie mentioned that she had signed a contract with the city. Jake mentioned that the lawyers will be in touch with each other. Jake also mentioned letting Gail take care of it. Lorene mentioned that Lisa had been seeing cats going in and out and that she needs to document it. Lorene also mentioned that she was in breach of the contract.

Leslie mentioned that he had a friend that worked for Harness roofing and that he had him look at the roof on the city bldg and there is a rip piece and it was sealed but the seals are cracked. Leslie also mentioned that on a 50 degree day he could but this sealant on there and that it would need to be done twice. Leslie mentioned that it being done that way it would be done right. Leslie also mentioned that the sealant is \$250.00 for 5 gal. but his friend is doing a job and he said that was left he would donate it to the city. Leslie mentioned that he would be able to it when there was some good days.

Roy mentioned that Rick went to check the generator at the new well and the display screen was not on and would not come on. Roy also mentioned that he called and the people that service the generator are suppose to be up here to fix it and that the parts are still covered by warranty but that the labor will cost the water dept.

\*John Mertons mentioned that he was a pastor and that he has worked with Mark from the Stone Church. John also mentioned that he was looking for a place to have a bible study and service something to eat. John mentioned that he was wanting to use Peewee's station. John also mentioned that he would like to be able fix meals there and bring somethings from home. John mentioned that the city wants to help the community and that this would be a great way to do that. Orville mentioned how many days would the facility be used. John mentioned 6-8 pm once a week. John also mentioned that he would be putting up a sign to let people know. Roy mentioned him needing the whole building. Orville mentioned trying it for a month and see how things go. Gina mentioned that the other church tried the same thing over at Peeweess and because there was no running water that they were shut down. Gina also mentioned that there was no septic there and one could not be put in. Jake mentioned using the big room here in the city hall bldg. Orville mentioned that he did not see a problem with it. Leslie mentioned that he supported. A motion was by Leslie, seconded by Orville to let John Mertons use the big room in the city bldg. for a bible study and food. Emmett and Lorene abstained from the vote. Jake voted because there was tie. 3/Ayes Motion carried. Jake mentioned that he would need to keep it clean because Gina would have to be the one to clean and that it was not fair to her. John mentioned that he would pick the key up on Tuesday and have back to Gina by Wednesday.

No further business before the council. 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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