

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
January 13, 2014

The regular monthly council meeting scheduled for January 6, 2014 was postponed due to weather, the meeting was rescheduled for January 13, 2014. The monthly council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. Council members present: Leslie King, Lorene Roberts, Emmett Fickes and Orville Lippe Absent : Lisa Heston

Also present: Roy Huston/Water Supervisor, Robb Hulsey/Police Chief

Guests: Robert Hathaway, Trudy McManus

Agenda: Robert Hathaway/running for County Judge  
Trudy McManus/exercise program

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was by Leslie, 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 Rick's mowing. Gina mentioned that it was the end of November. A motion was made by Orville, seconded by Emmett to accept the financial reports for both the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Jake turned the floor over to Robert Hathaway. Robert mentioned that he was running for County Judge in 2014 and he wanted to come here first because this is where he lives. Robert also mentioned that he had worked for the county for 30 years. Robert mentioned that he has also tried to help the city and all over the county. Robert also mentioned that he has been married for 35 years. Robert mentioned that he had worked on the county roads for 24 years and that 15 years in a supervisor position and 10 years as road supervisor. Orville mentioned where Robert lived. Robert mentioned that he lived down Curtis Ln. by Jake's mother-in-law. Robert also mentioned that he wants to spend the money here in Boone County. Robert mentioned that he is not big on chip and seal. Lorene mentioned that where the road was cut way on top of Mary Dody and that now there was a big dip in the road. Robert mentioned that his men did the work but that only had two hours to get the job done, because the contractors caused the problem because they were to fast and they did not do a good job. Lorene mentioned new graters. Robert mentioned that they are leased. Robert also mentioned that his son Chad would be willing to donate some of his time and if there were others that did the work they would need to paid. Robert mentioned that he wants trust and transparency because it is important for the people to see where the money is going. Robert also mentioned that when he worked with Mike Moore he used to write a article for the newspaper to let people know where the money was going, but that with this administration it was stopped and when he was elected he would go back to writing the article again. Orville mentioned that Mike Moore did a better job. Robert mentioned that when he worked with Mike Moore he had the authority to get clay when it was needed, he could dig a pond for the clay needed for the roads, but when the new administration went in the authority was taken away from him. Robert also mentioned that he trusts the hands that he has working for him and if they do something wrong he wants to know about it and he will make it right. Robert thanked the council for letting speak at the council meeting. Robert mentioned that when the city gets ready to do the streets to let him know. Robert also mentioned that he had some of his men come out on Sunday to grate roads, primary come first then secondary roads.

\*Jake turned the floor over to Trudy McManus with University of Arkansas Boone County Extension Office. Trudy mentioned that she runs a program called strong woman and men, and they did not just want it to be in Harrison but wanted to come to Omaha. Trudy also mentioned that the strength program uses hand and ankle weights and can be simple to difficult depending on the person. Trudy mentioned that the classes are for middle to older aged persons the classes would twice a week for one hour. Lorene mentioned what time would the class be held. Trudy mentioned that she was not sure just yet, but probably in the morning. Trudy also mentioned that she had a few contacts here but needed more and that she may have the class at a church were there is already people there but she was not sure yet. Trudy mentioned that she needs to draw people out so she would use the newspaper. Trudy also mentioned that there would ten people are required. Lorene mentioned what days, Tuesday and Thursday. Trudy mentioned that she was thinking of doing it Tuesday and Thursday. Trudy also mentioned that she would like to start the class the end of January or first of February. Lorene mentioned that she should get in touch with Dorthy Brown the president of the Ladies Auxiliary, because she knows allot of people. Lorene mentioned that she would get her number for Trudy. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Orville to let Trudy use the City Hall bldg for the classes twice a week. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

#### New Business:

\*Jake mentioned that the budget for 2013 would need to be amended. Gina mentioned that because of the grant money that the budget would need to be amended. A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Emmett to amended the budget to include the grant money. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

\*Jake mentioned the Budget for 2014 and that it needed to be approved. Gina mentioned that if there were things that came up and that would be more than the allotted budget it would also need to be amended. A motion was made by Orville, seconded by Leslie to approve the Budget for 2014. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Jake mentioned the MacDonal Properties. Gina mentioned that she had made copied of everything that Gail had sent via email so that council will be up to date.

Jake mentioned that the city had received a park grant. Gina mentioned that as soon as Cassie gets things set up then we will know more.

\*Jake mentioned that the city needs a bigger safety deposit box. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to get the next size bigger safety deposit box. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes

Gina mentioned the State Audit for the State. Gina read the things that the Mayor Jake Arnold and Gina Dunn/Secretary were not in compliance with.

Mayor Jake Arnold: They included the budget for 2011-2012 not being amended for the General Fund and the Street Fund. The 2010 Budget not being adopted. Business being conducted with a council member for repair and maintenance services without a ordinance being adopted by the council prior to the payments being made.

Gina Dunn/Secretary: The Storm Shelter disbursements were made with out supporting documentation or authorization in 2012. There were no prenumbered receipts issued for the Emergency Shelter and Generator Funds. There were no cash receipts and disbursements journals for the Emergency Shelter and Generator Fund.

Lorene mentioned Betty Lenard. Gina mentioned that there did not look to be as much stuff piled there where the car is parked. Jake mentioned that he did not think anything had been done due to the weather.

Jake mentioned that there was trash piled up outside of the T-Tom Arnold rental house. Jake also mentioned that it needed to be removed. Leslie mentioned that there was quite a bit of bags of trash and the dogs would have it tore up before long. Gina mentioned getting a hold of T-Tom. Orville mentioned that he would talk to Dalton so the T-Tom could get rid of the trash. Gina mentioned the time frame for the trash removal, like giving him a week to remove. There was no vote to give T-Tom a week to remove the trash. Leslie mentioned the city just getting rid of it. Emmett mentioned that there was some room in his dumpster. Gina mentioned that the city had room in their dumpster. Lorene mentioned that the church dumpster was probably empty and that they could use it. Leslie mentioned that he would just go get rid of the trash and use the church and the city's dumpster and maybe Emmett's if there was more room needed. Robb Hulsey mentioned that he had his truck here and that he would go help after the council meeting. Leslie mentioned that would be great.

Emmett mentioned the chair setting outside the Shelter bldg. and that it need to be removed. Jake mentioned that it really needs to be removed cause it looks bad. Gina mentioned that she would sent a note telling him that he needs to remove the chair.

Jake mentioned if the Police Dept. had anything to report. Robb mentioned not at this time.

Jake mentioned the Water Dept. was there anything to report. Roy mentioned that the white truck was at Jim's again because of a shifting problem. Roy mentioned that Rick was having to get under the truck to shift gears.

\*No further business before the council. A motion was by Leslie, seconded by Emmett to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 4/Ayes Meeting adjourned.

Mayor/Jake Arnold

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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