

City of Omaha
Council Meeting
March 7, 2011

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

Guests: Charlotte and John Roberts/Fire Dept.

*The minutes from the previous monthly meeting were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Lisa to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

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

Old Business:

*Jake mentioned that Lona Yandell had ask to be put on the agenda again, because the street being blocked had not improved and was still occurring on a regular basis, signs had been put up facing Lona's house which did very little to improve the situation; Lona had decided not to stay for the council meeting because of her work schedule. The council members mentioned that they had kept an eye on the street and that none of them had seen any vehicles blocking the street. Orville mentioned that it may be occurring at the time that Lona arrives home from work. Jake mentioned that a sign may need to put up. Robin mentioned that it maybe a good idea to put up a sign. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to put a sign up. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

*Jake mentioned that the bill of sale had not been signed and that he had not heard anything from Dwight Cutbirth on the matter. Lorene mentioned that Dwight had the deeds made up for the city and the fire dept. for the property on Boat Dock Rd. Lorene also mentioned that Dwight had mentioned going to talk to the Gregory's in person, with one representative from the city and one from the fire dept. John Roberts mentioned that as long as they still own the property that they would need to be the ones to sign the deed, because if they lose the property it will become a long drawn out process. Robin mentioned what the city would be willing to offer to get the land. Lorene mentioned that the fire dept. has given the Gregory's their fire dues. Lorene also mentioned letting them have a minimum bill on their water. Roy mentioned that they were back on their well now. Robin mentioned setting some limit on the water offered. Jake mentioned that they could not have free water, because it was federal money. Roy mentioned that he cold not see the court taking or keeping the water tower from us. Orville mentioned that it could cost the city allot of money. Robin mentioned that the matter needs to be settled. Lorene mentioned giving them a minimum. Roy mentioned up to 5000 gallons. Emmett mentioned the 10 acres being together or separate. Orville mentioned that they would have to be separate. Roy mentioned that it could be under the same mortgage. Robin mentioned sending someone to talk to them. Jake mentioned that he did not have a good relationship with the Gregory's. Lorene mentioned that maybe Orville could go (because he had been a neighbor to them)with Dwight and Gina would have to go so she could notarize the paperwork. Lisa mentioned talking to the bank. Lorene mentioned that the lawyer for the fire dept. said to go to the land owners. Lisa mentioned that she worked for the bank dealing with mortgages and that the city would only go to the land owners as a last

resort. John mentioned that there could not have been a lien against the property or he could not have signed the deed the first time. Robin mentioned that the council needs to decide who should go and talk to them. Lorene mentioned that it needs to be decided on. Robin mentioned that time is an issue. Robin also mentioned going to the Gregory's or to the bank, that if the opportunity arises it should be taken; along with the most cost effective method possible. Robin also mentioned to Orville about talking to the Gregory's because he knew them. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to send Orville to talk to the Gregory's with Dwight Cutbirth. Lisa voted Nay. Lorene abstained. Orville, Emmett and Robin voted Aye. Motion carried.

Robin mentioned Cranenest being hooked to the new well. Roy mentioned that it was.

Jake mentioned that several people had called him and told him that they did not want to be annexed in the city limits. Lorene mentioned that the city needed to find out what needs to be done, because the people are having to pay city taxes and we are not collecting. Gina was ask to call the assessors office in regards to this made.

New Business:

Jake mentioned that the city building was paid off. Jake also mentioned that funds will have to be taken out of the Street Fund for the truck and plow if the grant is passed. Jake mentioned that Gina will be putting the rent checks from the Fire Dept. and Grace Covenant Church into the Street Fund. Robin mentioned the loan that was procured for the paving of College Street was going to make the Street Fund break even.

Jake mentioned that the grant for the storm shelter and the generator were received. Jake also mentioned that Cassie Elliott had been hired to do all the final paperwork for the grant process. Jake also mentioned that on April 4th, 2011 there will be a public hearing on this matter. Robin mentioned the new well being able to supply everyone with water. Roy mentioned that the only people that would not be supplied would on Old Cricket Rd. Jake mentioned that Cassie Elliott receives 10% for her services, but that the amount is on top of the grant money.

*Jake mentioned that there were 51 broken meters. Roy mentioned that he had already replaced 4-5 of those meters with meters that he had. Lorene mentioned the amount of money to get them replaced. Roy mentioned that it was \$41.00 each for 30 or more meters. Robin mentioned to Gina about having the money for the new meters. Gina mentioned that the Water Dept. did have the monies needed to purchase the new water meters. Roy mentioned that he could have them all put in the month of March. Roy also mentioned that 10 boxes and 45 meters were needed. Robin mentioned needing spares. Roy mentioned changing out the old ones with the new meters and the old ones could be used as spars in Stonegate. Robin mentioned that some of the meters have been run over and was there anything that could be done about that. Roy mentioned that some of them would have to be moved and that others could be marked. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Robin to purchase 45 meters and 10 new boxes. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Roy mentioned using Peewee's old station to store the Water Dept. supplies. Robin mentioned that he did not think the church was using it any more for a food pantry; if they are not using it then the Water Dept. needs to use it. Lorene mentioned that there is some metal Water Dept. supplies above the big room in the fire station that needed to be removed from there.

Roy mentioned that he had to move Angie's meter for Hometown Market because it was in the middle

of the driveway and it was moved to the Northwest corner of the building. Jake mentioned that Angie had agreed to pay for all the backhoe time to move the water meter. Rick mentioned that the weeds are very high at the new well. Rick also mentioned that he would like to maintain it so it would look nice. *Jake mentioned that he should take the backhoe to the new well and take care of. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Robin to have Angie Huston/Hometown Market pay for 2 hours of backhoe time to move the meter. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Robb mentioned that he had turkeys right now and it maybe some time before he can get back to work. Robb also mentioned that the City may need to look at hiring another part time police person. Robin tabled the discussion to how it goes.

John Roberts mentioned the restrooms. Gina mentioned that everything was fine.

*Rick mentioned the mowing for the City and the Water Dept., which includes the old well, new well, cricket, Boat Dock Rd., and the city properties (park/land that city bldg. is on) in Omaha. Rick also mentioned that he would do it for the same amount of money. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to have Rick continue the mowing service for the same amount of money(which is \$200.00 every time it is mowed). All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Roy mentioned that the city truck really needed new back tires. Jake mentioned that the tires could be ordered from Jim Pierce.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
