

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting  
September 2, 2013

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Council Member-Leslie King, Mayor Jake Arnold was absent due to an illness. Council members present: Emmett Fickes, Lorene Roberts and Lisa Heston. Also present: Roy Huston/Water Supervisor

Guest: Dalton Arnold

\*The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned William being caught up on what he owed for rent and the electric bills. Gina mentioned that he was caught up on the rent but that he still owed for the electric bills and that a list of owed electric bills had been given to him. Lorene mentioned Sid being on duty and that Emmett had mentioned seeing him on duty. Emmett mentioned that they need to work of a night because that is when things are happening, not during the day. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Emmett to accept the minutes from the previous month council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

\*The financial reports for the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned the a/c repair for the daycare. Gina mentioned that there was a motor out, duct work repair and the need for two thermostats. Lorene mentioned the brushing hogging and that it did not cost as much as last time. Gina mentioned that it was not as bad this time. Lorene mentioned that she wished that the city knew when he was coming; because the post office had a van parked by some of the places that needed to be brush hogged and the van could have been moved. A motion was made Emmett, seconded by Lisa to accept the financial reports for the city and the water dept. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Lorene mentioned the MacDonald property and the Harrison had a building that they had yet torn down. Leslie mentioned that the City of Harrison had been to court several times over said property and that the gentleman that owned the property did not have the money to have it tore down. Lorene mentioned the cost to have the buildings torn down. Emmett mentioned that the cost to have the old CR Jones torn down was \$2000.00 and that Troy White offered Ms. MacDonald \$2000.00 to tear down the old store building but she never showed up. Leslie mentioned that he would be afraid to tear the old store building because of the boat that is right next to and that John Cook's place is very close too. Leslie mentioned that it could not be burnt or buried. Lorene mentioned that neither one of those things could be done.

Gina mentioned that the gentleman from the State of Arkansas came and looked at the land behind the daycare and that he thought it would be a great place for a park and that everyone would benefit from it. Lorene mentioned knowing something about the park grant. Gina mentioned that they go before the board in October and that we will not know anything until then.

Lorene mentioned there being new writing on the water tank north of town and the wiring around the tank. Roy mentioned that as far as he knew the writing was the same that had been there and there was not any new writing on the tank. Leslie mentioned that there was wiring around the tank but the gate did not have any on it and if it was put on the gate it would have to put in such a way that the gate could be opened. Roy mentioned that the chlorine gets delivered. Lisa mentioned that the gate looked bent. Roy mentioned getting a new gate. Lorene mentioned that she did not want the new sandblasting

and painting done, only to have someone get in there and write on it. Roy mentioned getting a ladder for the water tank that had a box over the steps where people could not get to it. Lorene mentioned the grant for the water tank. Gina mentioned that we would not know anything until after October. Lorene mentioned that after the tank gets painted that a new gate and other measures would need to be taken to prevent such things from happening again. Emmett mentioned the height of the gate. Roy mentioned that it was about 6 feet. Leslie mentioned that with the wire it would be about 8 feet.

New Business:

\*Gina mentioned that she had taken Orville over to look at the shelter(August 15, 2013) and that there was a puddle of water on the floor by the front door and that the puddle had been very large and had come from under the front door. Gina also mentioned that Orville mentioned that there was a black strip that could be attached to the bottom of the doors to keep the water from getting in. Gina mentioned that Leslie could get one and put it on. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to have Leslie get the strip and put it on the bottom of the front doors. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leslie mentioned the leak in the Mayors office and that he had to cut a hole in the ceiling because there was so much water and it was going every where. Leslie also mentioned that he has been unable to find the leak. Gina mentioned that there needs to be a storm in order to find it. Leslie mentioned that it seems to show up when the rain and wind is from the north. Lorene mentioned the leak only appears when the it rains and the wind blows hard from the north. Leslie mentioned that was right.

Gina mentioned the SoftTelPay system for taking credit cards. Gina also mentioned that the cost and pasted out the information on the system and references. Lorene mentioned how may people ask about taking credit cards. Gina mentioned that she normally gets two to three inquiries about credit card payments each day. Gina also mentioned that she would like for the council to look at the information before making a decision.

\*Lorene mentioned Rick's certification. There was a lengthy discussion about the certification, the hours, the duties and the fact that Rick had not been at any council meetings for two years. A motion was made by Lorene, seconded by Lisa to have Rick come to the next council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

\*No further business before the council. A motion was made by Lorene , seconded by Emmett to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Jake Arnold/Mayor

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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