

City of Omaha
Special Council Meeting
July 12, 2012

The special council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. All council members were present: Robin Tilton, Lisa Heston, Lorene Roberts, Emmett Fickes and Orville Lippe.
Also present: Roy Huston

Special Meeting was called in regard to the Restoration of the South Water Tank.

Jake mentioned that Neil Hodge from Rural Development had called him about the restoration on the south water tank. Jake also mentioned that there were no grants at this time for maintenance projects, only for adding water lines. Jake also mentioned that the city could get a loan with a 2.75% rate and that water bills would need to go up about \$1.20 per customer, cost is around \$120,000.00. Jake mentioned that there was \$2000.00 needed for a trailer for a generator; \$20,000.00 was needed for a 50KW generator; 100 meters for \$11,000.00 and finally the sandblasting and painting of the water tank for \$60,000.00, the sub total is \$93,000.00. Jake mentioned that the trailer was not needed. Jake also mentioned that if the city borrows the money then the city would need an engineer. Gina mentioned that the generator was not needed, because the new well could run water for everyone. Roy mentioned that the old well pumps 170 gallon per minute and the new well pumps \$28,000 per hour and 70,000 in 24 hours.

Jake mentioned taking out the generator and getting rid of the meters. Lorene mentioned how many meters were still broken. Roy mentioned that there was 20 new meter on hand and 20 non readable meters. Roy mentioned that there was some meters where at properties where they were not being used and that he could use some of them. Lorene mentioned the \$1.20 increase on the water bills and would it be for the entire water system. Lorene mentioned adding \$20.00 on for the customers on the old water system only. Lisa mentioned that the old water system should have the increase. Robin that this well pulls water for the entire system. Roy mentioned it was correct that it did.

*Roy mentioned that he thought the tank could be painted and sandblasted for \$40,000.00. Roy also mentioned that he could some prices for the sandblasting, painting, the piping and the nuts for the well and well house. Robin mentioned that the grant needs to be revised so the price would get knocked down. Emmett mentioned the water dept. being able to pay for it out right. Gina mentioned that there was no way. Roy mentioned that the paint company has engineers that they use and that the other engineers get 10% of the bid. Roy also mentioned that the State of Arkansas has its own engineers that would come and inspect it. Lorene mentioned who submitted the bid. Roy mentioned that it was an estimate by the engineers. Jake mentioned that there are no grant available. Lorene mentioned how much time it would take to pay off. A motion was made Orville, seconded by Lisa to get rid of everything but the \$60,000.00 for the sandblasting and the painting of the tank. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Lorene mentioned the \$1.20 and was that based on the \$120,000.00 amount. Roy mentioned that he figured that it was.

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

Jake Arnold/Mayor

Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.
