

City of Omaha  
Council Meeting

November 14, 2011

The regular monthly council meeting for November 6 was postponed until November 14. The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Arnold. All council members were present: Lorene Roberts, Lisa Heston, Orville Lippe, Robin Tilton and Emmett Fickes. Also present: Roy Huston/Water Supervisor.

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

\*The financial reports for both the city and the water dept. were distributed and discussed. Lorene mentioned that the mowing had been occurring at least every 2 weeks and that it had been done that way even in September. Jake mentioned that it had been left up to Ricks discretion on when it would be mowed. Lorene mentioned that she thought it was mowed to much. Robin mentioned that the season was over for now and that something could be done next year. Lorene mentioned that it was probably needed but probably not as much. Lorene also mentioned the audit for the water dept. and that the Fire Dept. had gotten a estimate on an audit for \$4,000.00. Gina mentioned that what the water dept. was paying was not so bad after all. 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. 5/Ayes

Old Business:

\*Lorene mentioned the Bueford Gregory and LaVerda Rose White Buffalo matter. Gina mentioned that the matter was discussed but it was never voted on. Gina also mentioned that she had typed a contract for the council to read and see if it was the one that needed to be used. Orville mentioned that he had talked to Bueford about it and that he said he would go with the minimum bill. Emmett mentioned that if that is what Bueford said he would go with; then the council should do that. Gina mentioned that they owed for 3 months of bills and the \$35.00 reconnect fee as well. Robin mentioned providing Bueford Gregory and LaVerda Rose White Buffalo water service up to a minimum bill (2000 gallons); anything over that would be their ( Bueford Gregory and LaVerda Rose White Buffalo) responsibility and forgiving the 3 months of water bill debt. also forgiving the \$35.00 reconnect fee. A motion was made Robin, seconded by Emmett to forgive the 3 months of water bill debt, the \$35.00 reconnect fee and provide Bueford Gregory and LaVerda Rose White Buffalo with a minimum amount of water per month, if the water usage is above the 2000 gallon then Bueford Gregory and LaVerda Rose White Buffalo will be responsible for that portion of the bill. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

Jake mentioned the heater for the fire dept. Robin mentioned that he had not gotten a price yet, but that he would. Lorene mentioned that the fire dept. had mentioned to her that there were going to be some 28 degree nights coming up and that the heater was needed. Gina mentioned that the Fire Dept. had requested to have the old heater put back on the fire dept. side , because the fire dept. had purchased it. Jake mentioned that they were under the city at the time and that it belonged to the city.

New Business:

Robin mentioned receiving any bids for the storm shelter and the generator. Gina mentioned that we had not received any, but that they had either sent them to Cassie or they were bringing them in on Tuesday. Roy mentioned that allot of them want to bring them in themselves.

\*Jake mentioned the snow plow and that he had the prices for them. Jake also mentioned that Bus Andrew was the one that the county, the city of Harrison and Big Cedar had purchased their snow plows from. Jake mentioned that Bus Andrew had a 7' plow for \$4,850.00 or for a hundred dollars more \$4,950.00 the city could get the 8' plow. Trux Equipment Sales also has plows for \$4,100.00 but it was a generic price with no size and no specs. Jake also mentioned that the 8' plow would be better. Orville mentioned that it would give the tires more coverage. Robin mentioned for \$100.00 more to go with the 8' plow. Jake mentioned that the street fund had over \$10,000.00 in and that the money would come out of the street fund. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Emmett to purchase the 8' snow plow from Bus Andrews in Springfield Missouri. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes Orville mentioned that if Bus Andrews mentioned that the 7' plow would better for the dump truck then the city would need to go with their recommendations.

\*Jake mentioned that Gina had found a 1997 Ford F-150 4.2 liter truck for \$2,000.00 Emmett mentioned that the only thing that needed to be fixed with the white truck was the stirring column. Jake mentioned that Rick Gross would like to put a bid in on the white truck when it comes up for sale. Lisa mentioned that Shawn would be putting in a bid as well. Lorene mentioned that Tyler, her grandson might be as well. Orville mentioned that four wheel drive trucks would cost more to fix. Lorene mentioned how often the four wheel drive would be used. Roy mentioned mainly in January and February, maybe three times a year. Roy also mentioned that in the past he had used his truck and that if it is really bad the bills are estimated and that they have been estimated only twice in the last three years. Roy also mentioned that the wires were showing and that new tires would need to be purchased soon. Robin mentioned that the 1997 truck might not be any good, but you never know. Orville mentioned that he thought it was a good deal. Lorene mentioned that for price she did not think that the city could go wrong. Robin mentioned that the truck was probably good. Robin mentioned authorizing someone to go and purchase the truck. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Lorene to authorize someone to look at and purchase the truck. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*Gina mentioned that there were some shelves down there that could be used to store the 10 years worth of papers that needs to be kept. Robin mentioned authorizing someone to spent up to \$500.00 on what the rest of the departments needed. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Emmett to authorize someone to spent up to \$500.00 on the needs of the other departments. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes Orville mentioned that he could be put on the list or Robin could be put on the list. Gina mentioned that you did not have to be on the list to go, only to make a purchase. Orville mentioned to put Robin on the list. Lisa and Lorene both mentioned that neither one of them wanted to go.

Jake mentioned that Pee Wee's old station should be used for the water dept. because nothing else could be done with it. Jake also mentioned painting the building so it would look better. Jake mentioned renting some equipment to break up the concrete in front of the building so as not to run over it any more.

Lisa mentioned that the MacDonald Morgan property had been broken into and that they took the copper wiring.

Lorene mentioned the city's ability to get a CD. Gina mentioned that she had spoke to Dusty from the Arkansas State Auditors office and that he said that it would be fine for the city to purchase a CD.

Jake mentioned that the bids would be opened at 2:00 P.M. and the other would be opened at 2:30 P.M.

Lorene mentioned the time it would take to build the building. Roy mentioned that it is usually in the specs. Jake mentioned that the engineer would have that information. Lorene mentioned that the school had 100 working days for the building of the new class rooms.

\*Lorene mentioned the Christmas Party for the fire dept. Gina mentioned that the council members needed to decide what they wanted to do for the Christmas Party. Jake mentioned going to Cadran Creek Catfish House. Gina mentioned that last year we had it at Western Sizzling. Dec. 2 , 2011 was the chosen date for the party. A motion was made by Robin, seconded by Lorene to go ahead and set the party for Dec. 2, 2011 at Cadran Creek Catfish House if they have the date if not go with Western Sizzling if Cadran Creek Catfish House is not available. All in favor. Motion carried. 5/Ayes

\*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

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Gina Dunn/Sec./Treas.

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