

City Council Meeting  
March 12, 2018

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Engel, Forward, Harris, O'Brien, Conklin, and Ford. Visitors present: Lauren Goetze and Rebecca Udem. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Carson Quam, Pat Nelson, Gary Neuharth, and April Haring.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Conklin moved, Ford second to approve minutes and all other reports as presented, carried.

Game of Chance Permit & Gaming Site Authorization: Forward moved, O'Brien second to approve game of chance permit application for CHI Oakes Hospital raffle board and gaming site authorization for OEI at Rudy's, carried.

Building Permit: O'Brien moved, Ford second to approve building permit application as follows, carried:

1. Tim Forward, Cline Addition, new home.

Bills: O'Brien moved, Ford second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

NDPERS 457	50.00	Edward Jones	50.00
American Welding	28.31	Medical Flex	795.21
Dakota Valley Electric	298.00	Dakota Valley Electric	29.00
Dickey County Recorder	62.00	National Life Insurance	200.00
Nelson Auto Center	21,540.66	Trailer Ramps	129.99
NDPERS 457	50.00	Edward Jones	50.00
Companion Life	505.69	Verizon Wireless	422.51
AFLAC	270.08	American Welding & Gas	26.63
Ameripride Linen	164.05	B&K Murphy Plumbing	812.94
Berubes	297.52	Carson Quam-Travel	71.45
Circle R	133.80	City of Fargo	28.00
Computer Express	372.98	Dakota Improvement	256.72
Dakota Supply Group	231.96	Dakota Valley Electric-Airport	281.00
Dakota Valley Electric-Sign	29.00	Dept of Transportation	11.50
Dickey County Recorder	40.00	Dickey Rural Networks	763.46
Ecolab	106.97	Economy Propane	990.00
Edward Jones	50.00	Electric Pump	1,461.45
Farmland CoOp	2,689.21	Gahner Sanitation	882.00
Green Iron Equipment	2,954.71	GS Services	525.00
Hawkins	2,098.50	Health Chemistry Lab	11.77
Information Technology Dept	50.70	Interstate Engineering	4,290.00
Locators and Supplies	174.41	Macqueen Equipment	528.44
Mertz Lumber & Supply	37.98	Millers Fresh Foods	8.22
Moore Engineering	16,280.00	Napa Parts Supply	195.15
National Life Insurance	200.00	ND One Call	1.00
NDPERS 457	50.00	Neuharth Law Office	8,000.00
Novak Electric	1,280.04	Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce	67.00
OEI	11,777.09	Oakes Times	124.80
Oakes Truck & Trailer	1,851.88	Oakes Veterinary Service	30.00
Otter Tail Power	10,121.74	Praskas Hardware Hank	756.50
Quill	426.54	Rods Cleaning	310.00
Seyer Appliance	1,400.00	Seyer Plumbing & Heating	510.76
Shelby Volk	294.83	Signworks	532.50
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweets & Stories	138.52
The Jim	1,000.00	USDA	84,762.00

Visa-Library	337.66	Visa-City	87.00
Visto's Carquest	71.44	Waste Management-Cardboard	849.14
Waste Management-Landfill	4,286.56	Starion/PSN – Bank Fees	422.51
Payroll Taxes	11,054.48	Salaries	36,363.67

Visitors:

**Rebecca Udem and Lauren Goetze-Oakes Chamber of Commerce** requested funding assistance of \$6,000 for Irrigation Days activities. The reasons for the increase are due to costs for entertainment. Conklin moved, Harris second to approve Tourism Funding Request of \$3,000 to Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce for Irrigation Days activities and advertising. Additional funding can be requested as more planning is completed, carried.

**Tourism Funding Request-Napa Car Show** request was received for funding assistance of \$3,000 for entertainment. Ford moved, O'Brien second to approve funding of \$3,000 to Napa Car Show for advertisement, and entertainment. Roll Call: Forward-abstained, O'Brien-no, Engel-no, Harris-no, Conklin-yes, Ford-yes, motion failed. O'Brien moved, Harris second to approve funding of \$2,000 to Napa Car Show for entertainment, additional funding can be requested as more planning is completed but a budget will be required to show need. Roll call: Forward-abstained, Ford-yes, Conklin-yes, Harris-yes, Engel-yes, O'Brien-yes, carried.

Committee Reports:

**Richard Iverson Sewer Repair Request**, a letter was received regarding reimbursement for repairs to a residential sewer line that ended up being caused by the City's line. O'Brien moved, Ford second to approve payment of \$1,098.50 to Richard Iverson for sewer repairs. Roll call: Engel-yes, O'Brien-yes, Forward-yes, Harris-yes, Conklin-yes, Ford-yes, carried. **Trees**, Conklin requested the City look into programs to rebuild the urban forest in our community. He suggested providing trees to property owners to plant in the boulevard or creating a cost-share program for replanting. More research will be completed to find funding and implement a program. **ND Department of Transportation Demonstration Project**, Oakes has been selected to participate in a program to install small-scale short-term projects designed to "test drive" different modes of transportation, the program is affiliated with the ND Moves plan. Engel moved, O'Brien second to approve participation and proceed with the program, carried. Haring will attend initial training to gather more information.

New Business:

**Community Center Bleachers**, Conklin reported \$15,000.00 has been donated by community groups and potentially another \$5,000.00 will be donated. The estimated cost of the bleachers is \$28,000.00; this amount does not include any electrical work that may be required. Conklin stated he will continue to raise money to offset costs. Forward moved, Ford second to approve the purchase of the bleachers with the City using sales tax funds as needed, carried.


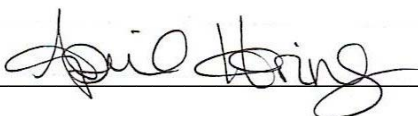
**New Police Officer**, O'Brien moved, Engel second to approve the hiring of Carson Quam, carried. Officer Quam was sworn in as an Oakes Police Officer.

Announcements & Correspondence:

**Oakes Fire District Annual Meeting Notice**, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm.

**2018 Safe Drinking Water Achievement Award** to Kevin Haring for meeting all requirements in 2017.

O'Brien moved, Ford second to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM.

MAYOR  ATTEST   
 (minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)