

City Council Meeting  
June 7, 2010

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Opp and Council: Brandriet, Rosendahl, Sitzler, Kuipers, and Harris. Forward was absent. Visitors present: Bernie Vculek, Monty Zimmer, Stacey Zimmer, Gary Fitzgerald, Richard Lauderdale, Bob Schaefer and Kent Ritterman-Moore Engineering. Employees present: Gary Neuharth, Ralph Packulak, Pat Nelson, Marke Roberts, Mike Sandy, Lee Bredeson, Rod Rodningen, Zasha Johnson, and April Haring.

Minutes, Police and Auditor Reports: Sitzler moved, Harris second to approve minutes and all other reports as presented, carried.

Building Permits:

Sitzler moved, Rosendahl second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Lauren & Linda Poppen, N 15' of S 230' of W 150' & S 10' of W 80' Outlot A Bittman's, addition to home
2. Bill Huebner, Lot 1 Huebner's 2<sup>nd</sup>, addition and deck
3. Greg Hermes, Lots 20-22 Nagala Addition, concrete shop floor
4. Jim & Nicole Grotelueschen, N ½ of 17 all of 18 Blk 17 McCarthy's, Deck
5. Janet Pfeifer, W ½ of Lots 1-3 Blk 17 McCarthy's, Shingles
6. Brad McHarry, Lot 6 Blk 8 McCarthy's, Deck/Porch
7. Joan Buske, Lot 18 Blk 25 O&A, Windows
8. Chad Bohnenkamp, Lots 1 & 2 Blk 35 Washburn's, Greenhouse (this permit approved on the condition that the greenhouse will only be on Lots 1 & 2, not on any other lots owned by this resident)
9. Richard Lauderdale, Lot 5 Blk 2 Widmer's, Garage/shop (this permit approved on the condition that Pat Nelson will meet with Richard to clarify size/dimensions of building)

Special Event Permits:

Harris moved, Kuipers second to approve special event permits as listed, carried:

1. Angry Beaver Lodge Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>, Street Dance on Main Avenue
2. Angry Beaver Lodge Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, Street Dance in empty lot south of building

Annual Beer & Liquor License Approvals

Sitzler moved, Harris second to approve applications as listed, roll call approved:

1. Angry Beaver Lodge; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
2. American Legion Club; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
3. Rudys/The Other Side; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
4. Oakes Bowling Lanes; On Sale for Beer Only plus Sunday Openings
5. Scoops Liquor; Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings

Bills:

Sitzler moved, Rosendahl second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

American Fund Services	50.00	FCCU	37.50
NDPERS	50.00	Yesterwings	1765.00
AFLAC	188.28	Alltel	307.65
Alltel	145.48	American Welding	15.08
Ameripride Linen	126.92	Brokers National Life	618.30
Butler	21.47	Circle R	324.71

Computer Express	630.94	Dakota Valley Electric	2592.60
Dickey Rural	747.39	Dakota Improvement	97.50
Dakota Valley Electric	236.23	Economy Oil	38.52
EcoLab	81.00	Farmland Ampride	5123.26
Ferguson Waterworks	1606.74	Gary Neuharth	675.00
Geo Haggart	2500.00	Hawkins	1638.50
Hwy 1 Fuel & Service	711.42	Lee Bredeson	105.85
Lau Motors	782.31	Mertz Lumber	198.37
Marke Roberts	65.25	Michael Todd	651.91
Moore Engineering	2225.15	Napa	325.51
NDDOH	32.00	NDPERS	10083.19
NDPERS PT	57.04	NDPERS- Retirement	3177.08
Novak Electric	614.51	Oakes Area Chamber of Com	70.00
Oakes Food Center	42.08	Oakes Enhancement	10,928.21
Oakes Times	832.11	Oakes Truck & Trailer	328.31
Oakes True Value	109.69	Oakes Vet Service	30.00
ND One Call	48.10	Ottertail Power Co	5099.01
Praskas Hardware Hank	375.50	Rods Cleaning	220.00
Sanitation Products	158.39	Seyer Plumbing & Heating	1037.84
Smith Engineering	4316.65	State Treasurer	1726.34
Twin Pines	410.03	Team Lab	1721.50
Visa	437.26	Visto's	127.84
Waste Management	4186.48	Waste Management	149.30
Waste Management	2247.40	Zach Roberts	2125.00
Dakota Valley Electric	234.77	Economy Oil	752.45
Electronic Communications	1820.00	Farmplan	368.75
Novak Electric	112.50	Oakes Times	318.46
Petty Cash	40.92	Praxair	52.80
Quill	136.60	Van Diest Supply	2383.00
Waste Management	2247.40	Quarter Salaries	2110.19
Salaries	31519.54		

#### Visitors:

Bob Schaefer approached the council concerned about the curb and gutter issues near his home on Fir Ave. Kent Ritterman from Moore Engineering presented the council with several options for improving the curb and gutter in this area. His recommendation was to alter the grade of the curb and mill the road down in certain areas to improve water flow. Rosendahl moved, Sitzler second to move forward with recommended improvements to Fir Ave, carried.

#### Committee Reports:

**Cemetery:** Marke and Pat are compiling figures for improvements needed in the cemetery, including sunken graves and broken headstones. They will present these to the council when all numbers are together.

**Water/Sewer:** Rosendahl brought up that he would like residents on the east end of Main Ave be given a financing option to encourage them to connect to the city's water main. In the past residents have been given zero percent financing with a \$50.00 per month payment option. Letters will be sent to residents inquiring about interest in such an option.

**Public Buildings/Lights/Sidewalks:** Harris brought to the attention of the council the further deterioration of Bill Geffre's building at 411 Main Ave. Previous meetings gave Mr. Geffre until September 11, 2010 to have the building demolished. The council expressed concern about upcoming construction and

the effects it may have on the building. Recent storms with strong wind have caused bricks to fall from the exterior of the building. A letter will be sent to Mr. Geffre asking if he would be able to accelerate his demolition schedule. There will be a special meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss this matter further.

**Economic Development:** The council was presented with a promotional video produced by Kallie Van De Venter and Larry Engel. This video features the school, parks, businesses and other attractions in Oakes. To distribute this video and provide compensation the city has been asked to contribute \$200.00 along with OEI and the Chamber of Commerce. Sitzler moved, Brandriet second to approve the payment for the promotional video, carried.

#### New Business:

**Sanitation Products:** Pat Nelson spoke with a representative at Sanitation Products and they along with a representative from Wayne Engineering would like to meet with the City Council to discuss a resolution to the ongoing warranty issues. The City of Oakes believes they are not responsible for charges incurred on repairs as they believe the truck was faulty when delivered. Further discussion will be tabled until a meeting date with all involved parties can be scheduled.

**EECBG Grant Award (Armory):** Brandriet moved, Harris second to approve the Mayor signing the EECBG Grant Award, carried. The city has been awarded a grant to improve the heating system in the armory. Along with the grant there are rebates available from Ottertail Power Company which will leave the city a very minor amount to pay from our funds.

**Special Assessment Commission:** Kuipers moved, Sitzler second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION TO APPOINT GARRY OPP TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COMMISSION, roll call approved. Terry Dawson and Richard Bourne have chosen to remain on the commission.

**Ferm Bill Payment Request:** Brandriet moved, Sitzler second to approve reimbursement to Gerald Ferm for work done to his water line. Yard was damaged when an abandon line was turned on while the Ferns were out of town.

#### Visitors:

Kent Ritterman with Moore Engineering presented the council with the latest updates on the city projects.

**Water System Imp. District 2006-1:** Watersmith will be on site this week to conduct various water tests.

**Water System Imp. District 2009-2:** Sitzler moved, Brandriet second to approve Pay Estimate #4 – Kuechle Underground and Engineering Invoice #17867, carried.

Kuipers moved, Sitzler second to approve Main Street Beautification Engineering Contract, carried.

Sitzler moved, Kuipers second to approve Main Street Construction Change Order, carried.

**Sewer, Water & Street Improvement Dist 2010-2:** Sitzler moved, Brandriet second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CITY BOND ISSUE, roll call approved.

Sitzler moved, Kuipers second to approve engineering contract for 2010-2, JVG & SDWG, carried.

Sitzler moved, Rosendahl second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT, roll call approved. Contract award is contingent on Engineering Review.

#### Announcements & Correspondence:

**Bear Creek Roughriders:** Thank you for the donation to the club.

**Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce:** Thank you for the support of Irrigation Days and extra funds for the Youth Games.

**First State Bank:** Invitation to Open House reception Wednesday June 9, 2010.

**Sue McLean Fun Run:** Invitation to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the multi-use path Saturday June 12, 2010.

**Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District:** Informational newsletter.

Reorganization and Special Meeting June 22, 2010 at 6:00 PM.  
Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 6:00 PM.  
Brandreit moved, Harris second to adjourn meeting at 7:45 PM.

MAYOR Larry Opp ATTEST Paul Harris  
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)