

City Council Meeting
October 2, 2017

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Engel, Conklin, Forward, and O'Brien, Ford, and Harris. Visitors present: Sara Maroney, Lane Maroney, Karen Peters, Jim Seyer, Dale Hoikkala, Harvey Wolff, and Matt O'Brien. Employees present: Pat Nelson, Gary Neuharth, and April Haring.

Budget Hearing:

The proposed increase in the mill levy for 2018 Budget is estimated to be about \$30 annually per \$100,000 of value. Questions and comments were received from the public and addressed. Conklin moved, O'Brien second to approve the 2018 City of Oakes Budget as presented; roll call approved.

Engineer Report:

2016-1 Lagoon Improvement construction almost complete. O'Brien moved, Ford second to approve Pay Request 2 to Reiner Contracting for \$235,745.18, carried. Engel moved, O'Brien second to approve engineering Invoice 16747 to Moore Engineering for \$25,730.95, carried.

2016-2 Main Lift Station Relocation construction has started, the temporary control panel was provided by Sweeney Controls, project completion anticipated in November. Harris moved, Forward second to approve Pay Request 2 to Wagner Construction for \$132,889.96, carried. O'Brien moved, Ford second to approve engineering Invoice 16763 to Moore Engineering for \$17,986.40, carried.

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

Game of Chance Permit: Conklin moved, O'Brien second to approve game of chance permit application as follows, carried:

1. Knights of Columbus – Calendar Raffle
2. Knights of Columbus – Bingo

Building Permits:

Forward moved, Ford second to approve permits as listed, carried (O'Brien abstained):

1. Arthur Conklin, Lot 7 Block 2 Glenwood, replace existing deck
2. Matt Handt, Lots 4 & 5 Block 2 Residence Park, home addition

O'Brien moved, Ford second to approve building permit and variance to allow construction within allowed setback for Harvey Wolff, Lots 1,2,3 Block 4 Residence Park, new garage, carried.

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

NDPERS 457	50.00	Edward Jones	50.00
Flex-Medical	1,040.00	Arnie Widmer	260.00
Oakes Times	34.00	Wolfe Ford	3,950.00
Bank of ND	111,955.18	USDA	2,926,599.27
USDA	2,460,253.59	AFLAC	270.08
Airborne Custom Spraying	3,585.00	Ameripride	87.18
City of Fargo	28.00	Computer Express	200.00
DOT-Motor Vehicle	10.00	Ferguson Waterworks	4,801.09
Gahner Sanitation	882.00	General Irrigation	5,550.00
Hawkins	4,507.54	Indigo Signs	5,000.00
NDPERS-Insurance	13,763.60	NDPERS-Retirement	6,406.31

Neuharth Law Office	300.00	Novak Electric	137.00
Oakes Chamber of Commerce	67.00	Oakes Enhancement Inc	9,518.55
Oakes Times	222.40	Oakes Veterinary Service	30.00
Otter Tail Power	6,778.36	Pitney Bowes	140.97
R&D Motorsports	316.88	Rod's Cleaning	350.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Starion Bond Service	122,701.00
Stu Campbell	39.08	Sweets & Stories	140.14
Total Home	6,178.04	Verizon Wireless	435.12
Visa	342.97	Visa-City	605.40
Waste Management-Landfill	2,992.71	Starion/PSN – Bank Fees	541.16
Payroll Taxes	11,915.36	Salaries	38,380.91

Visitors:

Karen Peters asked for more information regarding property tax exemptions and who qualifies. Homestead Credit Exemptions and New Home Exemptions were explained and how they affect the total city valuation.

Committee Reports:

None reported.

New Business:

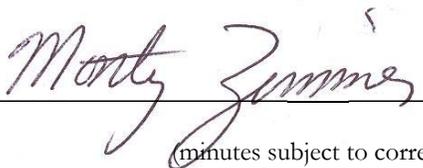
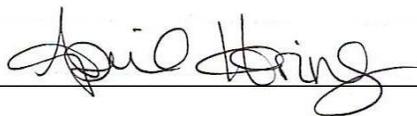
Application for Abatement, Ford moved, Engel second to approve applications for Abatement of Taxes for the 2015 and 2016 tax years for North ½ Lot 11, all Lot 12 and North 75' Vacated Alley Block 2 Vistos Subdivision; property owners qualify for property tax exemption due to disability under NDCC 57-02-08.20, carried.

Police Department Applications, two applications have been received for the Chief of Police position plus others that have expressed interest; the deadline is October 15th. Mayor Zimmer requested consideration to rehire Matt O'Brien as a patrol officer. O'Brien moved, Ford second to rehire Officer O'Brien as a patrol officer with starting pay of G4, roll call approved.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce invitation to membership kick-off meeting, October 4th at 12 pm.

O'Brien moved, Forward second to adjourn the meeting 6:23 PM.

MAYOR  ATTEST 

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