

City Council Meeting
March 4, 2015

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Armory with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: O'Brien, Forward, Conklin, Strutz and Harris. Engel was absent. Visitors present: Don Flaherty, Harold Rotunda, and Jerod Klabunde-Moore Engineering. Employees present: Justin Prochnow, Corey Heim, Pat Nelson, Gary Neuharth, and April Haring.

Visitors:

Don Flaherty, Dickey County Tax Equalization Director, reviewed 2014 sales information for Oakes. He has proposed a 9% increase on residential property and 0% increase on commercial property based on 2014 sales ratio calculations. City Assessor, Rod Rodningen, has already completed most of the adjustments that will be reviewed at the Board of Equalization meeting in Oakes. Don also discussed the transitioning to the Van Guard Assessment system in 2015 and how it should benefit the City and the County by making adjustments easier.

Harold Rotunda, CPA, presented the 2014 Audit and reviewed the report. Strutz moved, Harris second to approve and accept 2014 Audit, carried.

Engineer Report:

Water Tower Improvement, Forward moved, Strutz second to approve Partial Pay Estimate #6 to Maguire Iron for \$5,388.75, carried. O'Brien moved, Forward second to approve Amendment to Engineer's Contract to include work of water tower rehabilitation, carried.

Landfill Closure, ND Department of Health has reviewed the preliminary closure plans and have requested a few adjustments, Moore Engineering will change report and work with Department of Health for final approval. Conklin moved, Forward second to approve Moore Engineering Invoice #9476 for \$13,212.10, carried.

Street Improvement Project protest hearing was held on February 26, 2015. Written and verbal protests were received regarding north 14th Street improvements. Another written protest was received prior to this meeting from Dr. Rup and Dr. Vani Nagala against the widening and installation of curb and gutter on 14th Street. Discussion was held regarding the plans and specifications, will continue to work with homeowners on concerns. Forward moved, O'Brien second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ENGINEER'S DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO 2015-1. Roll call: Harris-yes, Strutz-no, O'Brien-yes, Conklin-yes, Forward-yes, carried. O'Brien moved, Harris second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION DIRECTING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO 2015-1. Roll call: Harris-yes, Strutz-no, O'Brien-yes, Conklin-yes, Forward-yes, carried.

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

Building Permit: Strutz moved, O'Brien second to approve building permit application for Oakes Public School addition to library, carried.

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

City of Fargo	70.00	Computer Express	71.98
Dakota Supply Group	1,437.28	Economy Propane	1,889.45
Farmland CoOp	3,057.97	Hwy 1 Fuel & Service	551.98
Information Technology Dept	54.20	Jacobson Implement	62.21
Kustom Machine	98.17	Mertz Lumber & Supply	238.59

Millers Fresh Foods	36.34	Napa Parts Supply	325.80
Oakes Times	718.06	Praskas Hardware	276.76
RDO	215.06	Sanitation Products	198.52
Security Life Insurance	699.73	Vistos Carquest	94.58
Waste Management-Landfill	2,317.83	Circle R	179.93
Dakota Valley Electric	29.00	Dakota Valley Electric	594.00
Dickey Rural Communications	748.42	Digital Ally	40.00
Flex	2,990.00	Michael Todd & Co	936.00
Otter Tail Power	29.62	Clothing	90.94
NDPERS 457	70.00	Capital Bank & Trust	50.00
FCCU	37.50	Rod Rodningen-Travel	91.89
Dakota Improvement	972.31	Dakota Plains Cooperative	2,491.09
Ecolab	94.19	Ferguson Waterworks	347.57
ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	569.80	Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce	67.00
OEI	10,073.47	Oakes Truck & Trailer	286.77
Oakes Vet Service	30.00	Otter Tail Power	8,464.56
Sweets & Stories	130.44	USDA	295,907.00
Verizon Wireless	452.58	Visa	809.83
Visa-City	376.35	Waste Management-Landfill	1,681.09
Heritage Insurance	30,021.00	Neuharth Law Office	450.00
Capital Bank & Trust	50.00	FCCU	37.50
Rod Rodningen-Travel	34.50	Ameripride Linen	81.92
City of Fargo	28.00	Gahner Sanitation Service	2,196.00
GS Services	300.00	Lau Motors	129.48
Quill	135.97	Rods Cleaning	205.00
Security Life Insurance	699.73	Virginia Pratschner	740.00
Circle R	118.45	Computer Express	394.45
Dickey Rural Communications	683.15	Mertz Lumber & Supply	1,282.74
Millers Fresh Foods	8.54	Napa Parts Supply	212.94
Oakes Times	711.06	Oakes True Value	143.93
Praskas Hardware	205.53	Vistos Carquest	58.80
Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson	1,710.15	Sanitation Products	902.36
RDO	18,101.64	Farmland CoOp	1,926.37
Midstates Wireless	365.50	ProForms	73.24
Seyer Plumbing & Heating	466.34	Bank of ND	7,182.93
Flex	579.02	Dakota Valley Electric	2,592.60
J&S Backhoe Service	385.00	JT Homan Enterprises	245.00
Oakes Auto Body shop	3,941.45	Omni Site	1,104.00
ND One Call	2.20	PSECO	4,138.00
Ramkota Hotel	356.00	Starion/PSN – Bank Fees	311.93
Payroll Taxes	12,799.24	Quarter Salaries	2,110.19
Salaries	39,184.25		

Committee Reports:

Tree, Haring brought up concerns regarding City cost share of removal of diseased elm trees. Neuharth will work on ordinance amendment to include wording regarding the City must verify the tree as diseased before removal and approval of cost sharing.

New Business:

Special Assessment Committee Appointment, Forward moved, O'Brien second to approve Mayor's appointment of Doug Sitzler to Special Assessment Committee, carried.

Abatement Application for Lots 1 thru 3, Block 9 Original Plat tabled until further information could be obtained from City Assessor.

St Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 5PM. Police department has been contacted regarding route.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Cities Day at the Capitol, March 6, 2015, sponsored by ND League of Cities.

Notice of Appropriation of Water from Nathan and Jason Quandt.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6PM after Board of Equalization meeting..

Forward moved, O'Brien second to adjourn meeting at 7:35 PM.

MAYOR *Marty Zimmerman* ATTEST *Paul Hering*
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)