

City Council Meeting
June 3, 2013

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at SE Regional Career and Technology Center-Community Room with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Brandriet, Forward, Engel, Strutz, and Sitzler. Harris absent. Visitors present: Caleb Aberle, Don Flaherty-Dickey County Tax Director, Jerry Hollingsworth, Justin Hall-Moore Engineering and Jerod Klabunde-Moore Engineering. Employees present: Gary Neuharth, Marke Roberts, Pat Nelson and April Haring.

Engineer Report:

2012-2 Phase 4 construction complete and asphalt being scheduled soon. Sitzler moved, Strutz second to approve partial payment #6 to Kuechle Underground for \$109,215.96, carried. Brandriet moved, Sitzler second to approve engineering invoice to Moore Engineering for \$41,067.00, carried.

Safe Routes to School funding application for 2014 was denied, the project included sidewalk improvements throughout the community.

Water Tower Improvement, Brandriet moved, Sitzler second to submit application to Rural Development for funding to rehab the existing 250,000 gallon tower and build a new 250,000 gallon tower, carried.

NW Drainage still unable to start construction due to pending certified wetland determination.

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

Game of Chance Permits: Forward moved, Brandriet second to approve game of chance permit applications as follows, carried:

1. Relay For Life, Quilt Raffle
2. Relay For Life, Bingo
3. Relay For Life, BoPeep Bingo

Building Permits: Strutz moved, Brandriet second to approve building permit applications as follows, carried:

1. Howard Anderson, Lots 1 & 2 Huebners, garage
2. Oakes Church of Nazarene, Lot 10 & S ½ Lot 11 Block 13 McCarthys, shed
3. Katharine Chevalier, Lot 12 Block 9 McCarthys, garage
4. Hwy 1 Fuel & Service, All Block 1 Vistos and 25' x 300' on the East side, concrete

Following building permit was denied, size and height do not follow zoning ordinances:
Myron Strutz, Lot 2 Block 1 Titus, garage.

Annual Beer & Liquor License Approvals

Brandriet moved, Engel second to approve applications as listed, carried:

1. Angry Beaver Lodge; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor with No Sunday Openings
2. American Legion Club; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
3. Rudy's/The Other Side; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
4. Harvest Inn; On Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
5. Oakes Bowling Lanes; On Sale for Beer Only plus Sunday Openings
6. Scoops Liquor; Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings

Bills: Brandriet moved, Engel second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

CSE	275.54	Capital Bank & Trust	50.00
City of Mapleton	35.00	Dakota Valley Electric	243.00
FCCU	37.50	Hawkins, Inc	3,866.65
Heritage Insurance	3,952.00	ITD	27.75

Manairco	204.05	NDPERS 457	57.50
Oakes Times	350.44	Red River Electric	226.28
CSE	275.54	Capital Bank & Trust	50.00
Flex	500.00	FCCU	37.50
NDPERS457	57.50	Visa	152.73
AFLAC	106.04	AT&T Mobility	396.09
City of Fargo	28.00	Dakota Supply Group	554.24
Dakota Valley Electric	2,592.60	Economy Oil	105.96
Neuharth Law Office	650.00	General Irrigation	354.04
Harold Rotunda, CPA	4,800.00	KLJ	121.72
ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	366.00	Newman Signs	28.24
Novak Electric	117.00	Oakes Areas Chamber Commerce	67.00
OEI	9,916.42	Oakes Signz & Grafix	3.20
Oakes Times	216.82	Oakes Truck & Trailer	334.10
Oakes True Value	134.31	Oakes Veterinary Service	30.00
Otter Tail Power	6,699.22	Quill	212.05
Rod's Cleaning	237.50	Sanitation Products	2,847.15
Sweets & Stories	86.63	Team Laboratory	1,202.00
Vistos Carquest	35.47	Waste Management-Landfill	2,105.66
Ameritas Life Insurance	659.00	MGA	15.00
NDPERS-Insurance	10,542.35	NDPERS-Retirement	5,175.45
Ransom County Sheriff	57.00	Riverside Building Center	1,964.47
State Auditor	165.00	Visa	315.49
Western Agency	18.00	Quarter Salaries	2,110.19
Starion – Bank Fees	39.15	Payroll Taxes	10,555.12
Salaries	31,221.81		

Committee Reports:

Police, Engel moved, Forward second to approve COPS grant application to fund an officer to work as both School Resource Officer and patrol officer, carried. A proposal will be given to the School Board to cost share this position. **Street Lights**, discussion on current lights versus LED. The City was give an LED to test, this will be placed at 5th Street and Nectarine Avenue to determine if lighting is acceptable before switching out all lights. **Shop**, Forward moved, Engel second to accept proposal to improve shop door to allow garbage truck to be stored indoors overnight, roll call approved. **Streets**, striping was started and street lights are being worked on to have all lights working. **Landfill**, still searching for new site and working with the ND Department of Health on applications. The current landfill will be filled by the end of the year, alternate options were discussed such as contracting with Waste Management, more information and research will be done for new landfill and alternate options. **Property Clean-up** notices were sent out to ten properties to have yards mowed and debris/junk picked up.

Visitor:

Don Flaherty-Dickey County Tax Director addressed the Council regarding concerns on valuations and what to expect at Dickey County Tax Equalization Meeting. At the beginning of the year the request was made to have an 11% increase to value of commercial structures and no changes to residential values. After all equalization meetings were completed, the City of Oakes is still low in commercial and residential valuations. Flaherty is proposing a 5% increase to the value of commercial structures, with that increase the County will be at the State's acceptable value. Flaherty discussed and explained the process in determining sales ratios and median sales percentage and the reason for valuation adjustments. There are concerns for next year's residential values as current sales may call for large adjustments to valuations. Flaherty will contact Mayor Zimmer with the Dickey County Commissioners changes.

Unfinished Business:

Outlot L Alley, alley located between 6th and 7th Street, north of Maple Avenue still has not had favorable responses in making the current "alley" a legally recorded city owned alley. Letters were received from Mr. Aberle and his attorney regarding the city's request for a quit claim deed for the property considered an

alley. Currently the property is used as a public alley and is maintained by the City, letters were sent to property owners asking for the alley to be deeded to the City to make it a legal alley and prevent further property disputes; only one property owner came forward with a definite yes. Discussion was held to possibly request easements to be signed for this alley, property would still be owned privately but alley could not be blocked and City would still maintain. Strutz moved, Brandriet second to leave the alley, and all other alleys in this similar situation, as privately owned, no easements and no City maintenance, carried (Engel voted no).

Announcements & Correspondence:

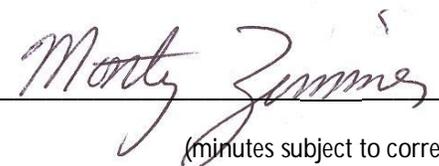
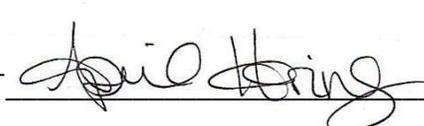
Irrigation Days Weekend requests from the Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce-fogging, barricades, etc.

Ptacek/Shrine Bowl contribution request received, no action taken.

Moore Engineering Golf Tournament Invite, July 31 at Mapleton.

Notice of Water Appropriation Application-Quandt Brothers

Brandriet moved, Sitzler second to adjourn meeting at 7:55PM.

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