

City Council Meeting
March 8, 2011

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM at SE Regional Career and Technology Center-Community Room with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Sitzler, Rosendahl, Forward, and Kuipers. Brandriet arrived at 6:30 PM and Harris was absent. Visitors present: Stacy Zimmer, Darwin Gebhardt, Alma Bagley, Bernie Vculek, John Westra, Dave Novak, Lori Novak, Shayla Novak, Dale McHarry, Doug Schmit, Laroy Chesley, Kevin Adam, Tristan Nelson, Gary Fitzgerald, Larry Engel, and Jerod Klabunde-Moore Engineering. Employees present: Gary Neuharth, Pat Nelson, Corey Heim and April Haring.

Minutes and Auditor Reports: Forward moved, Kuipers second to approve minutes and all other reports as presented, carried.

Game of Chance Permits:

Kuipers moved, Sitzler second to approve game of chance permit for SnoBusters raffle, carried.

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

Four Points Logistics	17,100.00	Northern Excavating	20,189.70
Vaaler Insurance	176.00	Waste Management	6,188.80
Waste Management-Cardboard	421.40	Capital Bank & Trust	50.00
FCCU	37.50	CSE	275.54
NDPERS 457	50.00	Capital Bank & Trust	50.00
FCCU	37.50	NDPERS 457	57.50
CSE	274.54	AFLAC	212.64
Alltel	393.82	American Welding	7.28
Ameripride	63.98	Bank of ND	7,182.93
Better Homes & Gardens	12.00	Brokers National Life	1,162.80
Butler Machine Company	97.20	Circle R	363.31
Computer Express	538.43	Dacotah Paper	61.76
Dakota Valley Electric	2,891.60	Dickey Rural Communications	763.35
Dylan Murphy	70.00	Ecolab	81.00
Economy Oil	103.30	Fargo Electric Construction	583.70
Farmland Coop	7,682.81	Galls	210.88
General Irrigation	633.82	Genesys	5,676.18
Gerald Schumacker	2,532.50	Hach	55.10
Hawkins	2,186.88	Hwy 1 Fuel & Service	1,001.79
Jacobson Implement	28,446.81	JP-Uniforms	23.96
Kelly's Welding	313.50	Kinetic Leasing	56,561.50
Kustom Machine	15.00	Lau Motors	145.87
Mertz Lumber & Supply	120.00	Modern Marketing	137.98
Myron Strutz	1512.50	Napa	273.94
ND One Call	1.30	ND Sewage Pump Lift	956.75
ND Water & Pollution	43.00	NDPERS-Group Insurance	9,705.31
NDPERS-Retirement	3,436.12	Neuharth Law	1,050.00
Oakes Chamber of Commerce	67.00	Oakes Enhancement Inc	9,760.49
Oakes Feed	2,813.56	Oakes Times	307.75
Oakes Truck & Trailer	595.68	Oakes True Value	95.73
Oakes Veterinary Service	30.00	Office Equipment	20.99

State Auditor	165.00	Otter Tail Power	8,780.55
Petty Cash	39.13	Prairie Printing & Design	57.50
Praskas Hardware Hank	684.72	Quill	130.60
Red River Electric	950.00	Rods Cleaning	190.00
Sanitation Products	210.51	Springfield Armory	36.36
Streichers	253.96	Sweets & Stories	56.82
Team Laboratory	805.00	USDA	211,145.00
Visa	750.94	Vistos Carquest	24.90
Waste Management-Recycling	2,247.40	Waste Management-Cardboard	125.90
Waste Management	3,949.88	B&K Murphy Plumbing	100.18
ITD	47.75	Flex Reimbursement	4,000.16
ND Health Department	32.00	Neuharth Law Office	4,000.00
Western Agency	25,154.00	Material Testing Services	4,448.00
Payroll Taxes	9,163.19	Salaries	28,949.28
Quarter Payroll	2,155.89	Starion – Bank Fees	29.32

Possible Gravel Project, a public meeting was held on Wednesday, February 23 with property owners in the proposed improvement areas to review cost estimates and project plans. A survey will be sent to areas in the direct benefit areas to determine interest in the project. Sitzler moved, Kuipers second to split the assessment costs in the proposed areas by 75% direct benefit area and 25% city wide, roll call approved.

West Drainage, Doug Schmit has approached Forward regarding a past verbal agreement for use and maintenance of his land, 17-131-59 and 20-131-59, as drainage area for storm water from the City. The area needs to be cleaned and the drain maintained to prevent future problems especially if more water is to be redirected to the area. Doug plans on placing drain tile in the area but any increase in water is not accounted for. Sitzler moved, Forward second to place and pay for two additional drain tiles in this area to be paid from the sewer contingency fund. Roll call: Sitzler-yes, Forward-yes, Kuipers-yes, Rosendahl-yes, Brandriet-yes, carried.

East Main Alternate Truck Route, the Advisory Committee met and discussed plans and responsibilities for the proposed alternate truck route east of Oakes. The Dickey County Commissioners have requested to keep Main Avenue open for trucks but to limit and strongly encourage the use of the alternate route. The City and Township will split the costs for any needed improvements to an alternate route and the County might help with maintenance and snow removal and with assistance from their engineers. Negotiations will continue and another meeting is scheduled.

Visitors:

John Westra, requested the Council to reconsider their motion in regards to the demolition of the structure at 401 Grape Avenue. This property was acquired by the City through a Tax Deed Sale and the property is in poor condition. John and his brother plan on renovating the property. Kuipers moved to place the property on bids for purchase as is, motion failed for lack of second. Pat Nelson, Building Inspector, will do further investigation on the condition of the property and will report back to the Council.

New Business:

Bobcat Bids, Forward moved, Rosendahl second to accept the highest bid of \$16,759 from Dennis Stebner for the 1999 Bobcat Skid Steer 763 Loader with Snow Blower attachment and Dirt Bucket, carried.

Committee Reports: **Water Treatment Plant** was toured by SE Rural Water for the possibility of the City selling water to them. A proposal including costs and feasibility will be submitted for their review.

Garbage Truck, Sanitation Products is still interested in trading the current truck and Northern Truck Equipment will be meeting with Pat Nelson to discuss options to provide a quote. **Armory**, an estimate has been requested to place light switches for the gym near the doors instead of in the furnace room.

Recycling, as per request by a business owner, the possibility of having businesses included in the City's Recycling Contract with Waste Management was reviewed. It was decided to continue with the existing contract and current policies. Businesses and apartments wishing to begin recycling should contact Waste Management and contract with them directly. **Main Avenue**, Pat Nelson reported the burnt out street lights will be replaced. Jerod Klabunde will contact Scott's Electric on the problem.

Moore Engineering:

2011 Spring Flooding, Kuipers moved, Forward second to solicit for Engineering Services for help with spring flooding, carried. A Request for Qualifications will be sent to at least three firms.

2010-1 Phase 2, Sitzler moved, Kuipers second to approve and pay engineering invoice 1176 to Moore Engineering for \$5,175.00, roll call approved, carried.

Water Treatment Plant, Forward moved, Rosendahl second to approve and pay engineering invoice 1177 to Moore Engineering for \$4,372.50 for support services, roll call approved, carried.

2010-2 JVG/SDWG Improvements, Brandriet moved, Sitzler second to approve and pay engineering invoice 1178 to Moore Engineering for \$22,876.90 for final payment, roll call approved, carried.

Unfinished Business:

Forward visited with Bill Geffre regarding counteroffer passed at the February Council Meeting regarding a payment arrangement. Bill did not agree with City's agreement and is unable to pay the taxes on the property to be deeded to the City. Forward moved, Sitzler second to accept Bill Geffre's original payment plan with no interest and penalties. Roll call: Brandriet-yes, Kuipers-yes, Rosendahl-yes, Sitzler-yes, Forward-yes, carried. Forward moved, Sitzler second to grant abatement of taxes and specials to Lots 6 and 7 Block 9 Original Plat subject to it being deeded to the City of Oakes, carried.

New Business:

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Forward moved, Brandriet second to approve St. Patrick's Day parade for Saturday, March 19th at 5:30 pm, carried.

Zoning Appointment, Sitzler moved, Forward second to approve appointment of Mayor Zimmer to the Dickey County Zoning Board, carried.

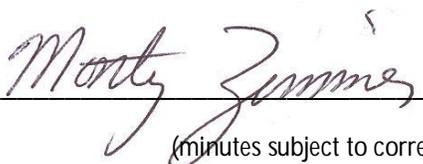
Abatement, Forward moved, Rosendahl second to approve tax abatement for N 50' of a tract of land E of Koot's 1st Subdivision, between 13th Street South and Bittman's Outlot C due to the City now owning the property, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Notice of Application of Appropriation of Water for NE ¼ of 17-131N-57W by Chris Mathias was received.

Board of Equalization will meet on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM and regular meeting will follow.

Rosendahl moved, Forward second to adjourn meeting at 8:15 PM.

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