

## City Council Meeting October 1, 2012

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: Harris, Strutz, Engel and Sitzler. Brandriet and Forward were absent. Visitors present: Jerry Hollingsworth, Ryan Marthaller, Ethel Erickson, Donna Cline, Harry Cline, Robert Schaefer, Nick Olson-Titan Machinery, Jim Hill-RDO Equipment, and Gary Fitzgerald. Employees present: Pat Nelson, Marke Roberts, and April Haring.

### Engineer Report:

**2012-2 Phase 3**, construction is finished, will be withholding final payment until seeding areas are addressed. Sitzler moved, Strutz second to approve engineering invoice to Moore Engineering for \$2,336.25, carried.

**2012-2 Phase 4**, construction is continuing on to other areas and paving is scheduled for the end of October. Discussed the needed repairs to the forcemain at lagoon cell #1, repairs need to be completed before winter. Harris moved, Strutz second to accept estimate from Kuechle Underground to make necessary repairs to lagoon for \$36,040.00, carried. Strutz moved, Harris second to approve partial pay estimate #2 to Kuechle Underground for \$317,570.36, carried. Sitzler moved, Engel second to approve engineering invoice to Moore Engineering for \$32,631.30, carried.

**Water Treatment Plant**, research is still being completed on purchasing replacement filters. Finalized details will be presented at November meeting.

**NW Drainage**, Sitzler moved, Strutz second to direct Moore Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for project, carried. Work is still expected to be completed this year, waiting for final approval from the Dickey County Water Board.

Budget Hearing: Comments and concerns were heard from visitors. Sitzler moved, Strutz second to approve the 2013 City of Oakes Budget as presented, roll call approved.

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

### Building Permits:

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

1. Nathan O'Brien, Lots 5 & 6 Block 23 Washburns, new building
2. Bear Creek Roughriders, S 420' Outlot O WTL Historical Society Subdivision, deck
3. Dave & Lori Novak, E ½ Lot 11 & all Lot 12 Block 40 EOP, enclosed porch
4. Farmland CoOp, N 212' of S 312' of Lot 3 Industrial Park, new shop

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

CSE	275.54	FCCU	37.50
American Funds Service	50.00	NDPERS 457	57.50
Visa	1,557.78	OEI	10,823.39
Oakes Truck & Trailer	1,168.65	Hawkins	4,666.12
Oakes Area Chamber	67.00	Sweets & Stories	52.67
Neuharth Law Office	300.00	Quill	228.21
Oakes Times	246.42	Ferguson Waterworks	1,071.59
Dakota Valley Electric	2,592.60	Dakota Improvement	227.50
NDPERS 457	57.50	FCCU	37.50
American Funds Service	50.00	CSE	275.54
Oakes Veterinary	30.00	USDA	141,326.00
Starion Bond Services	102,388.75	Otter Tail Power	7,248.29
NDPERS Retirement	4,242.05	NDPERS Group Insurance	9,887.64
Dahlstrom Funeral Home	808.00	Waste Management	1,777.86
Computer Express	458.00	Seyer Plumbing & Heating	692.50

Economy Propane	24.89	Pitney Bowes	131.25
Larson Electric	200.00	Brokers National Life	739.80
AT&T	208.26	Rod's Cleaning	232.50
Fargo Water Equipment	1,724.24	Visa	1,173.23
Verizon Wireless	26.97	Starion – Bank Fees	44.27
Payroll Taxes	9,548.81	Salaries	31,954.91

Pay Loader Bid: Strutz moved, Sitzler second to purchase 2012 John Deere 544K from RDO Equipment for \$126,000.00 with no trade-in, roll called approved.

Committee Reports:

**Cemetery** repairs to the markers are complete for the year; the City will work trying to repair the terraces before winter. A big thank you to Adam Dahlstrom for all the hard work that was done on improvements this year at the cemetery! **Water Tower** painting and repairs will be completed in the spring due to the current night temperatures, an estimate will be worked on for spring pricing. **Armory**, Sitzler moved, Engel second to accept grant from ND National Guard 50/50 Project Fund and to approve entire project including costs over the original application, carried. **Fire Department**, Chief Hollingsworth reported work on creating a fire district will resume with the City as part of the district instead of a contract. **Streets**, Pat Nelson stated damaged street signs are being replaced. Council requested estimates and plan for replacing all old and outdated signs in sections over a number of years. **Police**, Chief Roberts reported the high number of fights outside the bars after closing and suggested the penalty on the ordinance prohibiting consumption of alcohol in public areas be reviewed. **Mayor Zimmer** reported concerns he has been hearing regarding the stop signs at Main Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The statements are regarding the turning capabilities of trucks and the possibility of hitting the parked cars. No other Council Members have been contacted; the issue was discussed and tabled until more information can be received.

Unfinished Business:

**Dangerous Building/Abatement Applications**, the property owners have been served with notices regarding the condition of the property and the City's plans to demolish the structure. Attorney Gary Neuharth was contacted by the legal property owner and explained the urgency in this matter and possible solutions. Sitzler moved, Engel second to allow Neuharth to negotiate a deed for Lots 8 & 9 Block 21 McCarthys for the property in exchange for abating delinquent city property taxes, roll call approved.

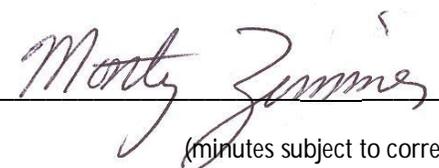
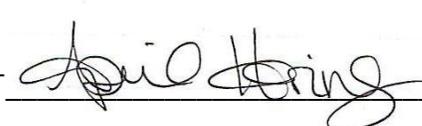
New Business:

**Special Event Permit**, Strutz moved, Harris second to approve special event permit for Angry Beaver Lodge on October 6, 2012, at Armory for a wedding, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

**South Central Dakota Regional Council Public Hearing** for 2013 CDBG Program Distribution is scheduled for October 4, 2012, in Jamestown.

Engel moved, Harris second to adjourn meeting at 7:20 PM.

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