

City Council Meeting  
March 7, 2022

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Bagley, Harris, Day, Hernandez and Bakke. Mayor O'Brien. Employees present: Darrick Nitschke, Lee Bredeson, Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson. Visitors present: Janell Mayer.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Harris moved, Bakke second to approve minutes, police report and auditor reports (cash balance, expenditures, revenues, tax income & journal entries), carried.

Special Event Permit: Bakke moved, Day second to approve permit for Angry Beaver Lodge customer appreciation at Growing Small Towns, carried.

Bills: Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Aflac	199.64	Avid Hawk	200.00
Balco Uniform	21.67	Central Business Systems	147.82
City of Fargo	28.00	Corner C Store	98.91
Dakota Supply Group	1,877.37	Dakota Valley Electric	965.00
Dickey Rural Networks	835.50	Domine Sales & Service	67.99
Economy Oil	984.70	Economy Propane	1,391.94
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Galls	508.88
Hawkins	2,103.55	Heritage Ins.	1,375.00
Information Technology	47.40	Kustom Machine	67.43
Mertz Lumber	91.77	Midwest pest Control	75.00
ND League of Cities	30.00	OEI	13,102.95
Oakes Times	762.24	Oakes Truck & Trailer	1,623.27
Otter Tail	9,964.77	Paradis Law Office	500.00
Pat O'Brien	300.00	Praskas	109.77
Pitney Bowes Reserve account	1,000.00	Pro Forms	1,491.05
Rod's Cleaning	80.00	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Team lab	208.00	Tornado Stop	3,839.63
Visa-City	154.98	Vistos Carquest	174.47
Waste Management	3,051.55	Workforce Safety	3,528.64
Salaries	11,696.69	Payroll Taxes	49,989.31

Visitors: Janell Mayer has expressed interest in joining the city council to fill the final vacant position. Bagley moved, Bakke second to appoint Mayer, carried.

Committee Reports: *Streets:* Bagley commended the public works crew for their clean-up efforts after the most recent storm. *Audit:* Day gave a brief overview of the meeting with Harold Rotunda, expressing his confidence in continuing with Rotunda as our auditor. *Public Works:* Nitschke explained the sanding truck has severe rust and problems with the chain, will be able to get through rest of this winter but received a quote from Kustom Machine to fix concerns in the off season. Lagoon has not been dredged in several years, received information from Team Laboratory about measuring sludge amounts and possibly using biological solutions to reduce amounts. Several intersections in town have ice buildup from water drainage that are creating difficult conditions. The crew is doing their best to improve these areas but we ask that everyone use caution while driving as the freeze/thaw cycle continues. *Election:* Johnson reminded council of petition deadline of April 11<sup>th</sup> to have your name on the ballot.

Unfinished Business:

*Chapter 11 Ordinance Updates:* no changes or additions to draft were brought forward, Paradis will finalize draft for first reading at the next meeting.

*Residential Zoning Regulations:* were reviewed regarding accessory buildings/detached garages. Size, height, green space, color, and setbacks were all discussed. Updates will be made and presented at next meeting for further discussion.

New Business:

*First Reading of Chapter 17 Article 2 Updates:* termination date changed to reflect the results of the 2020 election.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Reminder that the April Meeting includes the Board of Equalization and will be held on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> – 6pm.

Bagley moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

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

