

City Council Meeting  
November 3, 2022

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

Engineer Report: Reber spoke about the proposed street project and what was discussed at the protest hearing. Council continued discussions on options for street improvements. Bakke moved, Harris second to seek bids for chip sealing the whole town, after discussion Bakke amended his motion to seek bids for two separate chip sealing projects over the next two years, carried, unanimous roll call. Reber presented a proposal for completing the water treatment plan study. The PAR grant will pay up to \$15,000; council will review and make a decision at the next meeting. Reber will also submit project questionnaires for sewer projects through the state clean water fund, these do not obligate the city to a project but allows us to be eligible for funding if needed.

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

Building Permit: Mayer moved, Bagley second to approve building permits as follows, carried.

1. Weber, Lot 16 Block 26 Outlots & Additions, Garage
2. Cotter Dental, Lot 14 & S 20' Lot 15 Block 8 Original Plat, Parking Lot
3. Ptacek, Lot 15 Nagala Addition, Concrete
4. Schnieder, S 84' of Lot 4 Huebner's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Concrete
5. Trageton, Lot 1 Block 33 Western Town Lots, Attached Garage

A permit submitted for Lot 9 Block 6 of Baldwin's Addition to move a home in was tabled to get more information to ensure it will follow requirements.

Game of Chance Permit: Bakke moved, Day second to approve game of chance permits as follows, carried.

1. Oakes Hospital Foundation, Calendar Raffle

Bills: Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

American Welding	37.14	Avid Hawk	200.00
Balco Uniform	1,582.37	Banyon Data Systems	2,915.00
Chris Larson	585.00	City of Fargo	28.00
Computer Express	391.98	Dakota Supply Group	412.51
DRN	855.08	Domine Sales & Service	2,890.00
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Harold Rotunda	9,800.00
Hawkins	2,754.39	Heritage Insurance	33.50
Jane Demoray	430.00	Kustom Machine	25.04
Mertz Lumber	154.99	Midstates Wireless	623.00
Midwest Pest Control	138.00	ND One Call	18.95
NDPERS-Insurance	14,706.55	NDPERS-Retirement	7,783.16
Novak Electric	170.00	Oakes Area Chamber	455.00
OEI	9,281.26	Oakes Truck & Trailer	5,366.75
Office of the State Auditor	255.00	Ottertail	8,259.71
Paradis Law	500.00	Praskas Hardware	462.08
R Enterprises	25,353.06	Rods Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweets & Stories	47.57
Visa-library	859.22	Visa-city	3,115.42
Vistos Carquest	583.14	Waste Management	4,684.50

Zacks Repair	79.00	Zastrow Sales & Service	576.00
Salaries	51,602.64	Payroll Taxes	11,898.40

Committee Reports: **Shop** Bagley is working with Nitschke on developing an equipment replacement schedule. **Development** A property just outside of city limits is being developed into a grain bin/shop site. Harris questioned if the city has any options to influence this. He also reiterated that Oakes as a city is landlocked and the council needs to look at options to acquire land if we wish to continue to grow. **Police** Mayer updated council on status of SRO grant and wanted to recognize the department for their efforts in recently assisting the FBI on a case. **Housing** OEI is exploring working with a group to conduct a regional housing study, both O'Brien & Bagley have been attending informational meetings.

Unfinished Business: Council was informed that the city had received a call from Bill & Char Moore's insurance agent regarding their payout. Our agent advised that we were not obligated to turn in a claim to our insurance and to wait until further information, if any, is received from the Moore's agent.

New Business: Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve property improvement exemption applications as follows, carried.

1. Novak, Lots 6 & 7 Block 21 McCarthy's Addition
2. Weber, Lot 16 Block 26 Outlots & Additions

Announcements & Correspondence:

**Water Appropriation** notices received from Seyer & Vculek. **Employee Recognition** for Matthew O'Brien, he has been with the City for 5 years and we thank him for his service and dedication.

Mayer moved, Bakke second to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST  \_\_\_\_\_

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