

City Council Meeting  
August 8, 2022

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

Engineer Report: Reber reported about the street improvement project and discussion held with the street committee. He explained the steps for authorizing the project, legal resolutions needed and creating the special assessment district if the council wishes to move forward. After lengthy discussion Day moved, Bagley second to proceed with the next steps of the project, roll call vote Mayer-no, Harris-no, Bakke-no, Bagley-yes, Day-yes, Hernandez-Waite-yes, O'Brien-yes, carried.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Report: Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve minutes, auditor reports and police department report as presented, carried.

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

1. Maley, Lot 9 Block 24 Washburn's Addn.- Patio & Fence
2. DLN Properties, Lots 6 & 7 Block 21 McCarthy's Addn. – Addition
3. Meehl, Lot 9 & 10 Block 15 Original Plat – Demolition
4. Oakes Fire District, Outlot D Outlots & Addn. – New Building
5. Historical Society, Lot 1 Block 10 Original Plat – Flagpole
6. Garland, Lot 9 & S ½ Lot 10 Block 37 EOP – Concrete
7. Geffre, Lots 1 & 2 Block 3 Original Plat – Entryway

Tourism Funds Request: Request was received from Dickey County Relay for life. After discussion of the intended use of the tourism funds Bagley moved, Day second to deny the request, carried.

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

Agtegra Coop	596.64	Aflac	199.64
Avid Hawk	200.00	American Welding & Gas	37.14
Cindy Bagley	70.00	B&B Gardens	56.97
B&K Murphy Plumbing	70.00	Bank of ND	22,590.68
Brownies Tree Service	70.00	Chris Larson	405.00
City of Fargo	42.00	Computer Express	491.97
Corner C Store	285.32	Dakota Improvement	272.50
Dakota Fluid Power	2592.48	Dakota Valley Electric	231.00
Dickey Rural Networks	859.26	Digital Ally	835.00
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Green Iron Equip.	6059.99
Hawkins, Inc	9,477.14	Information Technology	46.05
Jane Demoray	240.00	Jerry Schumacker	70.00
Kustom Machine	881.92	Mertz Lumber	114.29
Midwest Pest Control	138.00	Napa Parts	576.60
NDAAO	30.00	ND League of Cities	1693.00
NDPERS Insurance	13,666.61	NDPERS Retirement	7127.50
Newman Signs	337.13	Novak Electric	187.00
Oakes Enhancement	9,692.24	Oakes Times	165.43
One Call	13.00	OtterTail	7,573.65
Pat O'brien	195.00	Praska's	258.60
Paradis Law Office	500.00	Red Iverson	202.50
RDO	164.40	Rod's Cleaning	80.00

Sanitation Products	713.43	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Sweets & Stories	45.85	Thein Well	370.00
Tornado Stop	3,645.71	Visto's Carquest	1018.57
FCCU-Library	329.15	Visa-City	2584.28
WM-Recycle	109.03	WM-Route	2,933.33
WM-Landfill	2,469.93	Zack's Repair	284.24
Salaries	57,817.39	Payroll Taxes	14,151.93

Visitor:

Preliminary Budget Hearing:

Discussed 2023 Preliminary Budget and proposed mill levy changes. Bakke moved, Harris second to approve preliminary budget as presented, carried.

Committee Reports: Bagley inquired about possibility of moving temporary speed bumps at the pool to an intersection she has had numerous complaints about. Hesitations include short timeframe they would be in place and drilling holes into streets. Day brought up the need for more surveillance cameras around city owned property. Will look into camera systems and Dickey Rural quotes. Chief O'Brien reported on Officer Cihak's resignation and the opening this creates in his department. Mayor O'Brien asked about the effects on the sewer system if the few remaining sump pumps would be directed into system. Nitschke did not think the remaining pumps around town would overload the system, he will speak with homeowners about redirecting the discharge. A few properties that are in need of mowing/clean up were identified, initial letters will be sent out to them. Nitschke presented quotes for a few snow blower attachment for the bobcat and a sand spreader for the plow truck, Bakke moved, Mayer second to approve the purchases, carried. Bakke moved, Bagley second to increase Nitschke pay to match other department heads, carried.

Unfinished Business: Iverson sewer backup was discussed, blockage was in the sewer main down the street from the house. Mayer moved, Bakke carried to reimburse the cost of the plumber and clean-up, carried.

New Business:

**Propane Bids,** Two bids were received: Economy Propane and Agtegra Coop. Bakke moved, Mayer second to accept a bid for propane from Economy Propane for the 2022-2023 season, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

September meeting will be moved to Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 due to Labor Day and scheduling conflicts.

Bakke moved, Bagley second to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_



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