

City Council Meeting
May 1, 2023

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor O'Brien, Council: Bagley, Hernandez-Waite, Harris, Day, Bakke and Mayer. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Dan Brandner, Lee Bredeson, Jason Paradis and Zasha Johnson. Visitors: Chamber Rep.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Bagley moved, Bakke second to approve minutes, police report and auditor reports, carried.

Special Event Permit: Bagley moved, Mayer second to approve special event permits as listed, carried.

1. Angry Beaver Lodge – Street Dances
2. American Legion - Rodeo

Building Permits: Mayer moved, Bagley second to approve building permits as listed, carried.

1. Lots 6-8 Block 8, Original Plat – New Park
2. Blocks 6 & 7 Washburn's Addition – 3rd Floor Upgrade

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

1. Skills USA – Raffle
2. DECA – Calendar Raffle

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

American Welding	39.83	Avid Hawk	200.00
City of Fargo	28.00	Computer Express	400.00
Dakota Performance	58.00	Dean Schmit	4,950.00
Dickey County	97.26	Midwest Pest Control	63.00
NDPERS INS	16,465.43	NDPERS-Retirement	7,601.84
OEI	8,292.68	Oakes Public School	307.61
Oakes Truck & Trailer	936.89	Otter Tail Power	10,170.11
Paradis Law Office	500.00	Pat O'Brien	105.00
Quill	150.97	Red River Valley Railroad	100.00
Rod's Cleaning	80.00	Sanitation Products	504.95
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweets & Stories	112.18
Verizon	476.60	Vistos	362.69
Visa Credit Card-City	492.67	Visa Credit Card-library	485.45
Waste Management-Recycle	2987.85		
Payroll Taxes	12,370.60	Salaries	52,534.75

Committee Reports: Mayer talked about the SRO grant progress. Bakke explained he had attended the housing study meeting and vacant houses and lots were discussed. Bakke moved, Day second to begin charging all properties a minimum bill of \$50 a month regardless of whether or not they are using services, carried. Discussion clarified that this would include properties that are empty seasonally such as snowbirds and out of state hunter owned homes. Bagley inquired on the status of the kennel that was to be built for stray animals, work has not started on it. She also updated the council on some maintenance and changes that will be happening at the cemetery. Day talked about next steps for the possible street improvement project including the need to evaluate streets now that the snow has melted. Also, mentioned he has been looking at options for a City phone app and thinks it will be much used tool for residents.

Unfinished Business:

The waste disposal site and clean up week were discussed with the week of May 15th decided on for clean up week. The hours at the waste disposal site will be Wednesdays 3-7pm and Saturdays 8am-12pm, compost area is always available for yard waste.

New Business:

Official Paper Designation, Day moved, Bagley second to designate the Oakes Times as the official paper of the City of Oakes, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Bagley moved, Bakke second to the declare May 21-27, 2023 EMS Week and to declare May 12th 2023 Arbor Day, carried.

Bagley moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST _____

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

