

City Council Meeting
October 2, 2023

The City Council met at 6:05 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor O'Brien, Council: Day, Harris, Mayer and Bagley. Visitors present: Chad Bohnenkamp, Jan Quandt, Cari Haugen, Sonia Meehl and Brandon Reber. Employees present: Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien, Dan Brandner, Lee Bredeson and Zasha Johnson.

Final Budget Hearing: Johnson presented the proposed final budget for 2024 totaling \$480,519.01, an increase of \$40,000 over the 2023 budget. Bagley moved, Day second to approve budget as presented, carried.

Engineer Report: Discussed the next phase of the street improvement project, will meet with committee to get more details on project design and scope. Signed engineering agreement. Discussion about the water treatment plant was tabled to make sure appropriate staff were present.

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

Game of Chance Permit: Mayer moved, Bagley second to approve game of chance permits as listed, carried.

1. CHI Oakes Hospital – Raffle
2. Oakes Lions Club - Raffle

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

Acme Tools	299.00	American Welding & Gas	\$39.83
Avid Hawk	200.00	Axon Enterprise	470.88
Chads Electric	1446.83	City of Fargo	28.00
Computer Express	2215.41	Dakota Performance	68.76
DRN	865.18	Hawkins	2477.13
Interstate Power Systems	30.00	Jeanine Pahl	99.35
Mcneilus Truck & MFG	78.38	Midstate's Group	114.99
Midwest Pest Control	75.00	ND League of Cities	275.00
NDPERS-Insurance	17728.02	NDPERS-Retirement	7674.97
Newman	417.76	Novak	262.00
OEI	13802.19	Office of the State Auditor	465.00
Ottertail	5527.33	Paradis Law Office	500.00
Pat O'Brien	127.50	Pitney Bowes	164.97
Quill	177.76	Rod's Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2407.04	Starion Bond Services	150,927.52
Streicher's	185.92	Sweeney Controls Company	686.00
Sweets & Stories	24.61	Team Lab	650.00
Verizon Wireless	516.76	Visa-City	716.95
Visa-library	726.35	Vistos	181.35
Waste Management	4987.68		
Salaries	53,656.61	Payroll Taxes	12,898.89

Committee Reports: Police Department roof still leaking, will contact roofing contractor to inspect. A request for a stop sign on a residential street led to lengthy discussions about semi-trucks driving in residential neighborhoods and increased education and enforcement of this violation.

Unfinished Business: Bohnenkamp requested the council reconsider his request to connect a new service line for 5 Main Avenue to the Oakes Body Shop service line instead of the main line. Harris moved, Bagley second to allow the connection as requested, with full cost of the hookup being the responsibility of the owner, carried.

New Business: The city received a non-compliance letter after an unannounced inspection of the waste disposal site. Several deficiencies were noted including waste on the ground, paint and chemical containers along with non-burnable items in the burn pile. If these issues continue the site could be closed permanently. Will work on educating residents about best practices and compliance. Clean-up week is typically scheduled in October and after addressing the conditions at the landfill it was decided to have a shortened clean-up time this fall to not expand the current issues. Bagley moved, Mayer second to authorize city auditor to publish petition to vacate alley in Block 4 of Washburn's Addition, carried.

Mayer moved, Bagley second to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST _____



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