

City Council Meeting
November 6, 2023

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

Engineer Report: Reber talked about where we are with the street project. Inspection team was down and finished up, the survey team will be in town later this week. Invoice for work completed so far was presented, Day moved, Hernandez-Waite second to pay invoice, carried. The Clean Water funding applications for possible future projects were completed.

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

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

1. Moore, S 75' Of N 175' Of E 140' Blk 41 Subdivision Of Outlot E', Deck/Steps
2. Maley, Lot 9 Blk 24 Washburn's Addn, Reissue permit for Fence

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

Aflac	177.15	Aqua Pure	15112.79
Avid Hawk	200.00	Banyon Data Systems	2,915.00
B&K Murphy	533.17	City of Fargo	28.00
Computer Express	15.00	Dakota Supply Group	39.06
Dakota Improvement	571.57	DRN	866.17
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Heritage Insurance	1243.00
Information Technology	115.40	Jane Demoray	40.00
Kustom Machine	341.57	Mertz Lumber	13.98
Municipal Services	2000.00	Midwest Pest Control	63.00
Napa	449.90	ND One Call	54.60
NDPERS-Insurance	19,895.98	NDPERS-Retirement	7,783.16
Oakes Area Chamber	435.00	OEI	10,971.61
Oakes Truck & Trailer	64.85	Ottertail	5,754.64
Paradis Law	500.00	Pat O'Brien	182.50
Praskas Hardware	321.07	Ray Mac	60.00
Rods Cleaning	80.00	Sanitation Product	430.53
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweeney Controls	647.60
Sweets & Stories	84.09	Thein Well	430.00
Tornado Stop	3183.62	US Blue Book	92.99
USDA	21068.00	Verizon Wireless	497.61
Visa-library	606.08	Visa-city	1,357.31
Vistos Carquest	164.87	Waste Management	3,909.93
Salaries	80,506.25	Payroll Taxes	19,267.29

Committee Reports: **Police**, Chief O'Brien talked about the new radios they have researched and decided to go with Kenwood Radios. State will be contributing to each radio purchased, Mayer moved, Hernandez-Waite second to go ahead with ordering the radios, carried. Chief O'Brien also reminded everyone that First Noel with First Responders will be happening soon. Bagley gave a brief update on some of the projects OEI is working on. **Water**, received a quote to buy a chemical testing system for the water plant, installation will be in addition to quoted price. Bagley moved, Day second to purchase and install the equipment, carried. **Public Works**, crew is fully staffed once again. The generator auction has ended and final selling

price was \$12,500. The new payloader is scheduled to be delivered soon. Waste disposal site hours were discussed, lately have only been getting customers with trees/branches. Hours will switch to winter hours effective immediately, first Saturday of each month 8am-12pm. After seeing a recent article concerning open meetings, Paradis reminded council members that once a meeting has been adjourned discussion of city business must stop and members should depart. A council member discovered a resident that is in the nursing home has been paying a full utility bill even though he is no longer in the home, asked if that bill can be discontinued. Will check on status of water and if it is turned off the bill will be changed to the vacant home minimum bill.

New Business: After further research it was determined that the property tax exemption request was not valid and was withdrawn. If a tax abatement is requested, it must be requested from the county.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Water Appropriation notice received from Vculek.

City Hall will be closed November 10th for Veterans Day and November 23 & 25 for Thanksgiving.

Mayer moved, Bagley second to adjourn the meeting at 7:06PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST _____



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