

City Council Meeting  
November 28, 2023

The City Council met at 6:30 PM at the Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor O'Brien, Council: Mayer, Harris, Bakke, Bagley, Day and Hernandez-Waite. The Oakes Police Department, Dickey County Sheriff's Department, several Dickey County Commissioners, County Auditor and State's Attorney were also present.

*Public Safety:* Councilman Harris began the meeting by discussing some of the issues that the police department is experiencing and expressing the need for these issues to be resolved for the safety of and service to our community. Chief O'Brien talked about the lack of communication between the departments and clarifying jurisdictional policies. He stressed the importance of working together to ensure the safety of not only the public but also the officers. Multiple attendees suggested a group of select individuals get together to find solutions for the issues and develop policy/procedures to address future situations. Sheriff Estes stated he has an open-door policy in his office and anyone is welcome to talk with him and he will help direct them to the best possible solution. Bagley suggested that the Sheriff, Chief, Mayor and Chairperson could meet first and work out any personality conflicts that may be contributing to the problems; it was determined it would be best to also have City & State's Attorneys involved.

Bakke moved, Bagley second to have Chief O'Brien, Sheriff Estes, State's Attorney Radermacher, City Attorney Paradis, Mayor O'Brien and Chairman Hokana meet by December 18<sup>th</sup> to begin addressing all issues, carried.

Bagley moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

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

