

City Council Meeting
June 3, 2024

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Acting Mayor Harris, Council: Hernandez-Waite, Day, and Mayer. Employees present: Dan Brandner, Lee Bredeson, Jason Paradis Jeremy Sitzler, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: An engineering amendment for construction engineering services was presented. This amendment more specifically lists the engineering services that are provided during the construction phase of the project. The council will take additional time to review the amendment before taking action. Mayer moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve invoice 38764 for design engineering, carried.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Comment was made concerning overtime hours worked recently and the need to cut those hours back, with summer help hired it should improve. Mayer moved, Day second to approve minutes, police report and auditor reports, carried.

Building Permit:

1. Mayer moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve permit for a deck, Lot 9 Block 24 Washburn's Addn, carried.

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

1. Chamber of Commerce – Cowpie Bingo

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

1. American Legion - Rodeo

Annual Alcohol Licenses: Mayer moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve special event permits as listed, carried.

1. Angry Beaver Lodge; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor
2. American Legion Club; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
3. The Last Shot; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
4. Shadow Lanes; On Sale for Beer Only plus Sunday Openings
5. Scoops Liquor; Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
6. Harvest Inn, On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings

Bills: Mayer moved, Day second to approve bills, carried.

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| Aflac | 118.10 | Agtegra | 616.58 |
| American Welding & Gas | 80.32 | Arntson Stewart Wegner | 5,509.75 |
| Avid Hawk | 200.00 | Beckman Septic | 150.00 |
| City of Fargo | 42.00 | Computer Express | 200.00 |
| Corner C Store | 50.55 | Dahlstrom Funeral Home | 75.00 |
| Dakota Valley Electric | 302.00 | Dean Schmit | 1540.00 |
| DRN | 966.68 | Fabian Pest Control | 105.00 |
| J&K Seamless | 3920.00 | JJs Repair | 250.00 |
| Mertz | 15.99 | Millers Food | 14.39 |
| Moore Engineering | 440.00 | ND Dept of Enviro Quality | 548.17 |
| Napa | 65.48 | ND One Call | 13.50 |
| NDPERS INS | 19,895.98 | NDPERS-Retirement | 9,077.64 |
| ND Rural Water | 265.00 | ND Sewage Pump | 1000.00 |
| Newman Signs | 806.82 | Nichole Nitschke | 26.13 |

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| OEI | 11,636.74 | Oakes Times | 280.55 |
| Oakes Truck & Trailer | 550.71 | Otter Tail Power | 8,723.37 |
| Paradis Law | 500.00 | Praska's | 431.57 |
| Rod's Cleaning | 80.00 | Starion Bank | 2,406.68 |
| Steve Berntson | 156.11 | Sweets & Stories | 147.87 |
| Tornado Stop | 2723.05 | USA Blue Book | 36.90 |
| Verizon | 474.72 | Vistos | 693.75 |
| Visa Credit Card-City | 2301.42 | Visa Credit Card-library | 385.36 |
| Waste Management-Landfill | 9,986.76 | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 15,923.27 | Salaries | 64,138.39 |

Visitors: Gordon Brummund spoke about the drainage along the railroad tracks adjacent to his property. Railroad easement was discussed and residents driving across the area.

Committee Reports: The police department received a quote to replace their HVAC system, Mayer moved, Day second to accept the quote and go ahead with the replacement, carried. Mayer gave a reminder that we are all representatives of the city at all times and should always interact with residents and taxpayers in a polite and courteous manner. Day talked about any possible solutions to pumping sump pumps onto the city streets. Typically, these pumps are not allowed to be routed into sanitary sewer system, exceptions can be made occasionally. Have had some issues with lift stations lately and the main pumps are getting close to the end of their lifespan, ARPA money could be used to update. Asked public works guys to look at replacing some of the worn out and damaged street signs around town. Brandner stated they had some signs that were recently delivered and they would be getting them out and also working on trimming trees in areas of poor visibility. Chief O'Brien informed the board that Officer Stieha has resigned and he is advertising the now open position, he commented on the difficulty law enforcement is having in hiring, not just locally but statewide. Officer Jordan, previously of Lisbon PD, will be available to help out for Irrigation Days and possibly at other times if needed. Golf carts were again an area of concern and it was noted that parents/guardians can be ticketed for unauthorized use by minors.

Unfinished Business: Zoning hearing for first reading of ordinance updates regarding property setbacks. A property caretaker has contacted the city stating they will be taking over care of the property at 807 Grape Avenue that was previously deemed uninhabitable.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Jeremy Sitzler was thanked for 5 years of service. A resident note of concern was given to the council.

Mayer moved, Hernandez-Waite second to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST _____

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

