

City Council Meeting
February 3, 2020

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Engel, O'Brien, Conklin, and Harris. Schaeffer and Forward were absent. Employees present: Kevin Haring, Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson. Visitors present: Cindy Bagley, Jay Harris, Cavin Berube, Moore Engineering.

Public Hearing for the Harris Machine Company Community Development Block Grant. The application is for \$200,000 for the purchase of new equipment that will allow for job creation. No one appeared to comment and no written comments were received. O'Brien moved, Conklin second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR HARRIS MACHINE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING, roll call approved. Public hearing closed.

Engineering Report: some funds still left on grant, as soon as more meter invoices are received they will be submitted to finish off grant funds. City will set a date for an informational public meeting regarding the need for a street resurfacing project. Cavin Berube will attend to provide more detailed information on street projects, timelines and cost estimates.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: O'Brien moved, Harris second to approve minutes, police report and auditor reports (cash balance, expenditures, revenues, tax income & journal entries), carried.

Game of Chance Permit: Engel moved, O'Brien second to approve game of chance permit application for Grace Lutheran Youth Group, bingo, carried.

Bills: Conklin moved, O'Brien second to approve bills, carried.

Aflac	199.64	Avid Hawk	218.00
Bank of ND	61570.00	Banyon Data	195.00
ND Chiefs of Police	150.00	City of Fargo	28.00
Colonial Life	74.44	Computer Express	775.00
Dickey County	4201.30	Dirty Deeds Excavating	8995.00
Economy Propane	1383.00	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Four Star Ag	50.00	GS Services	700.00
Hawkins	3380.30	Jason Paradis Law	500.00
ND Sewage Pump	2392.50	NDPERS – Ins	18292.52
NDPERS – Retirement	7077.64	Novak Electric	1175.41
Oakes Community Hospital	2232.69	Oakes Enhancement	8492.11
Oakes Truck & Trailer	107.10	ND State Auditor	340.00
Ottertail Power Co	9860.45	Pat Nelson	15.00
Praska's Hardware	368.14	Quill	244.72
RDO Equipment	130.80	Rod's Cleaning	350.00
Starion Bank	2407.04	SM Inc.	101.95
Sweets & Stories	67.99	Visa – Library	531.68
Visa – City	94.62	Visto's	65.03
Waste Management – Landfill	2294.57	WSI	3272.49
Starion/PSN – Bank Fees	547.12	Payroll Taxes	12453.76
Salaries	49896.72		

Visitors: Cindy Bagley reported that she would like to purchase a property in town to demolish existing structure and develop residential lots for new construction. This would require multiple residential service lines be installed for water/sewer and she would like to know what if anything can be done to assist her in

the costs or specially assessing the cost to future owners. Committee will research options and work with Cindy as the project progresses.

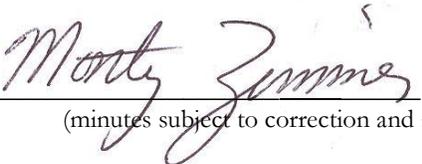
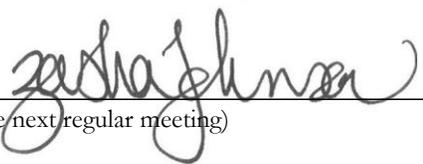
Committee Reports:

Deputy Auditor, Conklin moved, Engel second to give current employee until February 15th to return to work, if still unavailable, benefits will end and the position will be opened for hiring, carried. **Website,** Conklin provided an update on the website, progress is being made with hope to have it up soon. **Police,** Chief O'Brien recently attended Chiefs & Sheriffs meeting in Bismarck received information on radio updates that are coming in the future. Also informed council that the Oakes tower for that project has been installed. School cross walk signs were fixed today and hopefully will be installed this week. **Auditor,** seeking clarification regarding background check requirement from last meeting. Full criminal history checks requiring fingerprinting will be required of all new hires.

New Business:

County JDA, O'Brien moved, Harris second to nominate Gary Schnell to the Dickey County JDA board. **Main Street Revitalization,** South Central Dakota Regional Alliance and state Division of Community Services offer a grant to improve main street areas. To qualify for funds the property must be in an area declared a Slum & Blight area. Before approving council would like assurance that declaration will not have detrimental effects on property values, insurability or qualification for other programs. Auditor Johnson will contact SCDRC to verify all consequences of declaration.

O'Brien moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM.

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