

City Council Meeting
July 13, 2020

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: O'Brien, Bakke, Schaefer, Bagley and Conklin. Harris was absent. Visitors present: Russell Thompson. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke, Kevin Haring, Jason Paradis and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: No Report.

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

Building Permit:

O'Brien moved, Schaefer second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Zimmer, Pergola, Lot 5 Blk 1 Vculek's 1st Addn
2. Bohnenkamp, Fence, S 1/2 Lot 5 All Lot 6 Blk 19 Washburn's Addn.
3. Dickey County Historical Society, Steps/Ramp, Lot 1 Blk 10 Original Plat

Special Event Permit: Two special event applications were received for events at the Community Center. Discussion was held on guidelines for reopening large venues and what should be required of renters. Bakke moved, Harris second to open the entire space to the public for events with direction to follow state guidelines, Roll call: O'Brien-No, Bakke-Yes, Harris-Yes, Bagley-Yes, Conklin-No, Schaefer-Yes, carried. Schaefer moved, Bakke second to approve special event permits as listed, carried-O'Brien voting no:

1. The Last Shot, Wedding Reception – Oakes Community Center August 1
2. The Last Shot, Wedding Reception – Oakes Community Center October 10

Bills: O'Brien moved, Bakke second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

Acme Tools	69.99	Aflac	299.46
Agtegra Coop	3,891.34	AHR Construction	813.00
American Welding & Gas	32.55	AmeriPride Linen & Apparel	76.52
Arthur Strutz	500.00	Austin Brummund	280.00
Avid Hawk	200.00	B&K Murphy Plumbing & Htg	1,016.96
Bear Creek Flying Service	296.50	Bobcat of Gwinner	2.54
Brownies Tree Service	550.00	Butler Machinery	314.72
Chris Larson	180.00	Circle R	374.96
City of Fargo	28.00	City of Fargo	28.00
Computer Express	349.00	Dakota Improvement	840.00
Dakota Improvement	60,054.58	Dakota Valley Electric	195.00
Dickey Rural Comm.	827.40	Economy Oil	1,394.37
Economy Oil	441.99	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Edward Jones	200.00	Fargo Electric Construction	2,296.58
Gahner Sanitation	2,646.00	General Irrigation	50.00
GS Services	200.00	Hawkins, Inc	4,799.68
Heritage Ins.	8,366.00	Information Technology	77.90
Interstate Power Systems	1,169.31	James River Repair	669.66
Jason Paradis	500.00	Kelly's Welding & Sandblasting	70.00
Kustom Machine	29.00	Lisbon Body Shop	133.63
Mertz Lumber	438.32	Miller Motors	466.86
Napa Parts	193.91	National Life Insurance	200.00
ND League of Cities	1,539.00	Oakes Times	176.44
One Call Concepts	12.00	ND Sewage Pump Lift Stations	1,675.00

NDPERS-Group Ins.	15,744.80	NDPERS-Retirement	10,378.92
Novak Electric	5,722.45	Oakes Enhancement Inc.	10,147.63
Oakes Family Pharmacy	20.57	Oakes Truck & Trailer	789.69
Olderness Construction	9,375.50	Otter Tail Power Company	6,368.59
Pitney Bowes	140.97	Priska's Hardware Hank	1,292.34
Quill	156.53	Rod's Cleaning	350.00
Sanitation Products	20,000.00	Starion Bank-WTR equipment	27,727.88
Starion Bank Interest/Principal	2,407.04	Swanston Equipment	61.76
Sweeney Controls	1,639.55	Sweets & Stories	181.80
Tara's Thrifty White	31.98	Thein Well	28,883.24
Tornado Stop	1,531.55	UPS	35.00
Visa Card-City of Oakes	1,152.24	Visto's Carquest	1,111.96
Waste Management-Recycle	428.00	Waste Management-Cardboard	975.02
Waste Management-Landfill	2,416.97		
State of ND Tax Commissioner	1,596.24	ND Job Service	2808.27
Salaries	84,409.58	Payroll Taxes	19,162.56

Visitors:

Russell Thompson, recently received a letter notifying him he needed to move the semi-trailer parked on his property. He explained he recently had unexpected heart surgery and it was never his intent to leave it there for this length of time. As his condition improves they will be moving items in the trailer and removing it from property. Johnson will stay in touch with them on timeline and progress. **Dennis Bohnenkamp**, was not present to discuss his request to have access to city water connected to a home he owns just outside of city limits. Discussion was held on city ordinances and other properties outside of city limits with water service with no decision being made without more information from Mr. Bohnenkamp.

Committee Reports:

Conklin, has been approached by residents concerned about high water levels along the north side of the railroad tracks near Hockenberry Park. The water is rising into yards and doesn't seem to be draining. Nelson stated he had worked with Dakota Improvement to shoot elevations with laser and they then improved drainage based on findings; will check on culverts for issues but believes the ground water is too high to allow more drainage. **Schaefer**, received reports that areas of the sidewalk along Highway 1 are raising up causing hazards for pedestrians. Ordinance states that homeowners are responsible for repairs to sidewalks along their property but will check if that sidewalk is part of the walking path possibly shifting responsibility to the city. **Police Department**, is back in the state overtime program and will be applying for funds to cover overtime shifts for underage drinking and seatbelt use. **Public Works**, Nelson updated the council on the sink hole that formed on the corner of Main & 15th. High ground water made work difficult and General Irrigation was called to dewater. Haring & Nitschke were able to fix the issues with the sewer line and the water line that collapsed when filling the hole. Sewer lines were televised revealing clay time from 14th-16th and Moore Engineering has suggested using a sleeve to fix the problem. Johnson will work with USDA & Moore to find funds for the project. **Waste Disposal Site**, rates for dumping items were discussed. Nitschke contacted Waste Management to deliver containers to the site as they will take many items for less money than Gahner Sanitation. Working on ideas to access the site that wouldn't involve paying an attendant to be at the site and allow for extended hours. The garbage portfolio will meet to come up with a plan moving forward. **Auditor**, a property that has been notified to clean up junk items multiple times is still not making any progress. Council agrees to move forward with writing citation to property owner. Disconnects for non-payment were suspended in March and some bills are now \$1000+. These are bills that were well past due in March and are on the disconnect list continually. Harris moved, O'Brien second to start disconnects for non-payment of water bill, carried. **Zimmer**, updated council on updated quote for emergency sirens. A sound study will be completed to determine the number of sirens that will be required to provide coverage City Wide.

New Business:

Conklin asked about options for replacing trees along Highway 1 that were killed and damaged over the last two winters. He would like the trees replaced or pruned to improve looks.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Water Appropriation notice received from John Zetocha.

Harris moved, Bakke second to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.

MAYOR Marty Zimmis ATTEST Zasha Johnson
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)