

City Council Meeting
June 8, 2020

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Forward, O'Brien, Harris, Schaefer and Engel. Mayor Zimmer and Conklin were absent. Visitors present: Cindy Bagley, Robert Hernandez, Rhett Garland, Mark Claeys, Sandra Claeys, Jay Harris and Mark Kuipers. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke, Rod Rodningen and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: No Report.

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

Abatement: Rodningen presented abatement applications for Presler parcel 10534000 for the years 2018-2020. The home had damage and structural issues that were unknown previously. County Assessor Flaherty met with Rodningen and inspected the property; together they came to an agreed upon new valuation of \$30,000 for 2018 & 2019; the value for 2020 will be \$24,300. Harris moved, Schaefer second to approve property tax abatements as recommended, carried.

Building Permit: Youle permit was received late Friday and Pat did not have a chance to measure property and there are questions about the storage shed foundation and percentage of the lot that is covered, tabled. Forward moved, Harris second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Bagley, Demo/Move, Lot 1 Ex E 28.48' in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ Misc.
2. Maddock, Patio & Fence, Lots 11 & 12 Blk 11 McCarthy's Addn.
3. Titus, Addition, S 25' Lot 5 & All Lot 6 Blk 21 Washburn's Addn.
4. Ellingson/Sonora, Fence & Deck, Lot 5 Andrew's Addn.
5. Burkhardt, Gazebo & Deck, Lot 7 & S ½ Lot 8 Blk 20 Washburn's Addn.
6. Loeks, Fence, Lot 3 Blk 32 Western Town Lots.
7. Rodningen, Concrete/Deck, S ½ Lot 3 & all Lot 4 Blk 2 McCarthy's Addn.
8. Lynch, Garage, Lot 13 Blk 4 Washburn's Addn.
9. Claeys, House/Garage, S 100' of W ½ of Outlot L Lettered Outlots.

Game of Chance Permit: Forward moved, Engel second to approve game of chance permits and gaming site authorizations as listed, carried:

1. Oakes Golden Age Club, Bingo
2. Oakes Lions Club, Site Authorization Angry Beaver
3. Oakes Lions Club, Site Authorization Western Agency

Alcohol License: A current license holder asked the council to consider waiving or reducing fees due to the impact on their business from the Covid-19 pandemic. Harris moved, Engel second approve all applications and reduce the fees by half, motion failed. Engel moved, Schaefer second to approve all applications and reduce the fees by 1/3, carried. Johnson will draft notice to all establishments of change in fees.

- Angry Beaver Lodge; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor No Sunday Openings
- American Legion Club; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
- The Last Shot; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
- Shadow Lanes; On Sale for Beer Only plus Sunday Openings
- Scoops Liquor; Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings
- Harvest Inn, On Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings

Bills: Engel moved, Harris second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

Aflac	199.64	Agtegra	456.30
Ameripride	76.52	American Welding	33.14
Starion/PSN – Bank Fees	645.91	Austin Brummund	1280.00
Avid Hawk	200.00	B&B Gardens	61.25
Circle R	64.58	Salaries	41015.41
Bear Creek Flying Service	442.20	Bobcat of Gwinner	280.81
Central Business System	103.89	Circle R	264.07
City of Fargo	28.00	Colonial Life Ins	74.44
Computer Express	200.00	Dakota Improvement	1723.40
Dakota Supply Group	226.03	Dakota Valley Sign	22.00
Dakota Valley Airport	208.00	Dickey Rural Networks	379.44
Economy Propane	729.00	Ellendale Concrete	4503.00
Faban Pest Control	105.00	Ferguson Waterworks	348.00
Gahner Sanitation	3528.00	General Irrigation	15.22
Hach Company	605.5	Harris Concrete	1400.00
Hawkins	2377.90	Info Tech Dept	77.90
Interstate Power Systems	313.00	John Deere	192.16
Kustom Machine	74.06	Maguire Iron	3000.00
MDH Construction	100.00	Mertz Lumber	510.39
Midstates Wireless	500.00	Napa	1167.77
National Life Ins	200.00	ND League of Cities	60.00
ND One Call	25.86	Novak Electric	354.50
Oakes Community Clinic	100.00	Oakes Family Pharmacy	6.66
Oakes Times	450.24	Oakes Truck & Trailer	1870.92
Ottertail Power	5834.94	Praska's Hardware	1362.52
Quill	677.97	RDO Equipment	87800.00
Rod's Cleaning	425.00	Simek Refrigeration	243.00
Sweets & Stories	47.59	Team Lab	1034.00
Tornado Stop	1357.73	Rural Development	58034.00
Visa – Library	468.84	Visa – City	2203.51
Visto's	986.67	Waste Management – Recycle	882.85
Waste Management – Landfill	8365.43	Starion/PSN	431.95
Salaries	43652.66	Payroll Taxes	13340.66

Visitors:

Rhett Garland, voiced his concerns about the constant water running by his house from homes discharging sump pumps into the gutter. The water pools drawing insects and algae grows on the concrete. Nelson stated they can try to do some work at alley entrances to prevent pooling. **Jay Harris**, updated council that the CDBG application submitted was approved; thanked the council for their support. **Cindy Bagley**, will begin demolition of twin pines motel soon. Trailers have been sold and will be moved. She has contracted with Moore Engineering to survey and plat the property. She asked the city if they would be willing to deed back the E 28.48' that was previously needed for drainage. Once the survey is completed the topic will be revisited. **Mark Kuipers**, voiced his concern about standing water on the north side of the railroad tracks behind his home. Area has been cleaned out in the past. Nelson said they have already looked at it and will be working with Dakota Improvement to clean it out and ensure elevations are correct. **Robert Hernandez**, Checking on progress of his zoning application change. Zoning commission made a recommendation to change the zoning as requested. After two weeks of publication the public hearing will be held June 23rd at the organizational meeting.

Committee Reports:

Engel, inquired as to how many of the summer help are being paid to spray mosquitos in the evenings, Nelson stated only one is paid, the others ride with to keep them company. **Police Dept**, Chief O'Brien reported on the siren inspection we had done. Recommendation is to replace the old sirens as they are obsolete and difficult to repair. Will look into grant or emergency money options. **Public Works**, Nelson reported Chris Larson will be filling in as waste disposal site attendant for the time being. Disposal charges should be looked at as we are losing large amounts each year, shingle prices have not changed since before the landfill closed. Culvert replacement costs in JVG easement area range from 10 to 70 thousand dollars. Since the culverts were removed there have been no issues with beaver damns, at this time there is no need to move forward with replacement. **City Hall**, based on Governor Burgum's guidelines we will open the lobby and Auditor's office to the public but not the gym or meeting room for rental events.

Unfinished Business:

Facility Custodian, Application for community center custodian was reviewed, Engel moved, Forward second to hire Arthur Strutz as custodian, carried.

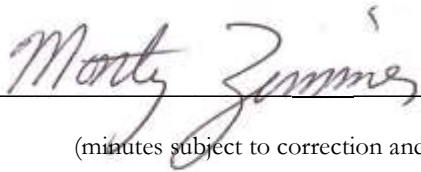
New Business: None

Announcements & Correspondence:

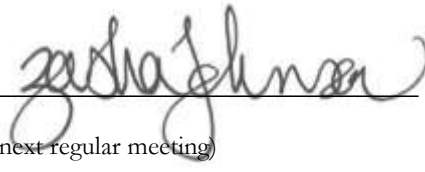
Thank you, from Oakes Enhancement to Pat Nelson and public works crew for their assistance in leveling and spraying weeds in their lot behind the Angry Beaver Lodge.

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

MAYOR



ATTEST



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