

City Council Meeting
November 4, 2020

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer, Council: O'Brien, Bagley, Schaefer, Bakke, Harris and Conklin. Visitors present: Mike Sandy. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Darrick Nitschke, Jason Paradis and Zasha Johnson.

Public Hearing: Zoning Requests

Hearing was opened with same attendees. Three requests were received from the zoning committee all with recommendations to approve:

1. Bagley, Block 1 Ex. East 28.48' in SW ¼ of SE ¼ Misc. – Commercial to Residential
2. Great Frontier Meats, East 80' Lots 4-6 Ex N 15' of Lot 4 Blk 42 Chesley's Westview Park – Residential to Commercial
3. Kelly, N 195.86' of E 223.84' of W 845.3' of SE ¼ N of RR Misc – Industrial to Residential

No protests were received and none were heard in person. O'Brien moved, Schaefer second to approve all requests as presented, carried. Public hearing closed.

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

Building Permit: O'Brien moved, Harris second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Dahlstrom, Lots 21 & 22 Blk 2 St Charles, Fence
2. Hoffman, E 65' of Lots 1-3 Blk 4 Residence Park, Shed

Bills: Conklin moved, Bagley second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

Acme Tools	\$297.99	Aflac	\$199.64
Agtegra Coop	\$550.73	American Welding & Gas	\$32.55
Arthur Strutz	\$535.00	Austin Brummund	\$1,200.00
Avid Hawk	\$200.00	B & K Murphy Plumbing	\$434.73
Banyon Data Systems	\$2,780.00	Bear Creek Flying Service	\$910.00
Bobcat of Gwinner	\$186.17	Circle R	\$210.28
City of Fargo	\$28.00	Computer Express	\$274.50
D&B Portables	\$135.00	Dakota Improvement	\$350.54
Dickey Rural Networks	\$780.45	Domine Sales & Service	\$2785.10
Economy Oil	\$502.89	Fabian Pest Control	\$105.00
GS Service	\$200.00	Hawkins	\$1432.50
Information Technology	\$77.90	Interstate Engineering	\$7,360.00
James River Repair	\$91.50	Jason Paradis Law	\$500.00
MDH Construction	\$245.00	Mertz Lumber	\$34.98
Michael Todd	\$1,218.08	Midwest Pest Control	\$63.00
Napa Parts Supply	\$256.35	ND League of Cities	\$175.00
ND One Call	\$28.80	NDPERS-Insurance	\$15,744.80
NDPERS-Retirement	\$6,928.03	Novak Electric	\$86.25
Oakes Area Chamber	\$410.00	Oakes Enhancement	\$9,491.88
Oakes Times	\$290.92	Oakes Truck & Trailer	\$2,567.11
Off the Wall Signs	\$1,394.12	Otter Tail Power	\$7,492.40
Praska's Hardware	\$2,875.17	Quill	\$71.16
Rod's Cleaning	\$350.00	Starion Bank	\$2,407.04
Visa-Library	\$658.60	Visa-City	\$420.09
Visto's Carquest	\$343.18	Waste Management	\$5472.63

Visitors:

Harold Rotunda CPA gave his report on the 2019 City Audit, no serious concerns were found and the City is on track with all debt repayment.

Committee Reports:

Concerns with snow removal on the walking path were brought forward. Public works crew does remove the snow but it is the very last thing to get done. Questions on the water flow along the railroad tracks from 14th St to Hockenberry Park were asked, Pat Nelson was absent but will follow up on it. Water in the streets from sump pumps/wells was also discussed. Information was sent out telling residents to direct the water into their sanitary sewer for the season. The city has no requirements or regulations in regards to depth of basements or sump pumps. Discussion was held regarding face masks and if the council should pass any rules for wearing them in public. Mike Sandy with the Oakes Ambulance Service spoke about the increase in cases and number of transfers of seriously ill Covid-19 patients in the county. The ambulance service would like to have more support and assistance in getting information out to the public about wearing masks and how it will help protect other people not just yourself. Harris motion, Bakke second to encourage residents to follow all ND Smart Restart guidelines for the county when out in public, carried. The police department received a grant for new bulletproof vests, funds have been received and vests ordered.

Unfinished Business:

Debt Refinance, Paradis reported on the quotes received from AMKO Advisors and Colliers Securities. The costs of issuance are significantly less with Colliers as they are the underwriters and we would be working directly with them and cutting out the municipal advisor and their fees. Bakke moved, O'Brien second to hire Colliers Securities and John Shockley, Bond Council to begin the process of refinancing the available city bonds, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence

O'Brien thanked the Oakes Ambulance Service and first responders for their service and perseverance during the ongoing pandemic.

Next meeting December 7th, 2020 6pm.

O'Brien moved, Bakke second to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM, carried.

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