

City Council Meeting  
June 7, 2021

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: O'Brien, Conklin, Bagley, Harris, Schaefer and Bakke. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke, Jason Paradis, and Zasha Johnson. Visitor present: Robert Hernandez.

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

Building Permit: Bakke moved, Harris second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Bopp, Garage, Lot 8 Block 24 Washburns Addn
  2. Hernandez, Garage, Lot 4 Block 33 Western Town Lots
  3. Maley, Concrete/Move Building, S 1/2 Of Lot 5 & All Of Lot 6 Blk 13 McCarthy's Addn
- Brown application for concrete work was discussed, when permit for the building is submitted it will require a variance for oversize building, Bakke moved, Harris second to approve Brown, Concrete only, N 20' Lot 9 & Lots 10 & 11 Blk 2 Baldwins Addn, carried.
- Jorgenson application for fence and deck requires a variance. The permit committee recommended not to approve the variance but to get feedback from all neighbors within 150' of the property and review again at the next meeting. Bagley moved, Conklin second to deny Jorgenson permit for fence and deck, carried.

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

1. Tiny Tornadoes – Raffle
2. Skills USA – Raffle
3. Grace Lutheran Youth – Raffle
4. Oakes Archery - Raffle

Alcohol License: Bakke moved, Schaefer second to approve the annual liquor license applications as listed, carried:

1. Angry Beaver Lodge; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor \*\*No Sunday Openings\*\*
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 Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings

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

Aflac	199.64	Arthur Strutz Jr.	320.00
Avid Hawk	200.00	Agtegra Coop	507.62
Brownies Tree Service	675.00	Central Business Systems	131.67
City of Fargo	28.00	Colonial Life Insurance	74.44
Computer Express	349.00	Corner C Store	389.16
Dakota Improvement	200.00	Dakota Supply Group	1,957.06
Dakota Valley Electric	317.00	Dickey Rural Networks	832.35
Drew Dethlefsen	20.15	Economy Oil	434.68
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Ferguson Waterworks	10.80
General Irrigation	9.00	Happy Valley Tree Farm	2,675.00
Hawkins, Inc	1,382.90	Information Technology	77.90

Interstate Power Systems	1,176.65	James River Repair	525.40
Jeanine Pahl	53.45	Kelly's Welding	3,361.16
Kustom Machine	47.89	Maxair	521.62
Mertz Lumber	15,888.14	Midstates Wireless	21,514.23
MMC	9,540.42	Napa	240.05
ND Dept. Enviro Quality	20.00	ND Dept of Health	25.00
ND One Call	19.20	NDPERS Insurance	14,734.56
NDPERS-Retirement	6,926.11	Novak Electric	200.36
Oakes Enhancement	11,340.41	Oakes Public School	2,199.00
Oakes Roofing	141.52	Oakes Times	557.76
Oakes Truck & Trailer	7,663.59	OtterTail	9,218.66
Paradis Law Office	500.00	Praskas Hardware	1,193.35
Praxair	112.45	Quill	169.02
Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes	2,000.00	Rod's Cleaning	350.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweeney Controls Com.	1,224.00
Sweets & Stories	157.20	T&T Pump	5,080.92
Tornado Stop	2,350.67	Visa-Library	563.51
Visa-City	1,539.10	Visto's Carquest	168.21
Wades Service Center	296.93	Waste Management-Landfill	1,584.07
Waste Management-Recycling	233.93	Waste Management-Route	12,175.47
Salaries	46,437.74	Payroll Taxes	10,921.85

#### Committee Reports:

Harris informed the council that bids were received for a new garbage truck and the committee recommends accepting the bid for the Peterbilt/Labrie truck. The garbage equipment fund will be used to make the purchase. Bakke moved, Schaefer second to approve the purchase of a new garbage truck from Sanitation Products, carried.

Bagley was approached by Clement Township about the City paying for a portion of the gravel on the road leading to the landfill. It was discussed and decided to not pay for gravel outside of the City.

Conklin brought up the neglected properties in town. Some letters have been sent out this spring and council should let auditor's office know of any others. Last fall the weather prevented following through with the final step of the process for one individual. Conklin moved, Bagley second to proceed with the final notice to the owner of Lots 6 Thru 9 Blk 26 Outlots & Additions, carried.

Nelson told the council that he was approached about replacing the culverts south of James Valley Grain. They were removed after issues were caused by beaver damns. Will look into a past easement requirements. Chief O'Brien updated the council on the school resource officer position. The school approved the hiring of and share of costs for the SRO. Officer Sitzler will take the position and will start the training as soon as possible. He also talked about the recent rise in thefts and drug related arrests.

#### Unfinished Business:

**CARES Act Funds**, there are still funds available from the CARES Act money, no action taken.

#### New Business:

**Bid Openings**, two bids were received for the lawnmowers. One for the John Deer for \$550.00 and one for the Hustler for \$501.00. Conklin moved, Bakke second to accept both bids, carried.

**Moving Mountains Exemption**, this exemption was listed with the religious/charitable applications at the equalization meeting and no action was taken on it specifically. The county assessor would like action to be taken to formally approve/disapprove, Harris moved, Bakke second to approve the application for Moving Mountains Preschool: Darrel & Paula Brummund (owners), carried.

**Special Event Permit**, Bakke moved, Harris second to approve application for the American Legion on June 12<sup>th</sup>, beer garden for the rodeo at Bear Creek Roughrider arena, carried.

**Mayor Vacancy,** Paradis explained the options for filling the vacancy of the mayor position. Bakke moved, Conklin second to elect Nathan O'Brien as mayor until the next city election, carried. Discussion of an open house to thank Monty Zimmer for his service was discussed, Johnson will reach out to him to plan something.

Announcements & Correspondence:

**Thank you,** cards were received from Bear Creek Roughriders and Oakes Chamber for the support for Irrigation Days and Scoop's Liquor for waiving annual license fees.

**Letter of Concern,** was received regarding maintenance and repairs at the cemetery. The city will work with the Legion and Dahlstroms to address the concerns.

Bake moved, Schaefer second to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST



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