

City Council Meeting
August 9, 2021

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor O'Brien, Council: Schaefer, Bakke, Harris, and Bagley. Visitors present: Red Iverson and Shannon Day. Employees present: Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien, Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke and Zasha Johnson.

Council Resignation: Schaefer announced his resignation from City Council as a result of accepting a position working for the City. Bakke moved, Bagley second to accept Schaefer's resignation, carried.

Public Works/Water Treatment Operator: Matt Schaefer has accepted the offer for the public works/water treatment operator position. Bakke moved, Bagley second to hire Matt Schaefer, carried.

Engineer Report:
No Report.

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

Building Permit: Bagley moved, Bakke second to approve building permits as follows, carried.

1. Dani Dahlstrom, Demolition, Lot 12 Block 6 Original Plat
2. RSSA LLC, Footings, Lot A Ex N 235' & E 35' Hans Low Addition

Special Event Permit: Harris moved, Bakke second to approve building permits as follows, carried.

1. Angry Beaver Lodge, Grand Opening, 510 Main Ave

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

Arthur Strutz	140.00	Avid Hawk	200.00
B&B Gardens	60.00	B&K Murphy Plumbing	98.86
Bank of ND	22,590.68	Bank of ND	421,922.50
Bear Creek Flying Service	488.70	Chris Larson	672.00
City of Fargo	28.00	Colonial Life Ins.	74.44
Computer Express	4199.00	Corner C Store	513.72
Dakota Performance	97.99	Dickey Rural Networks	828.75
Economy Oil	355.80	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Green Iron Equip.	169.77	Hawkins, Inc	3,437.90
Information Technology	55.35	Jamestown Inflatable Games	674.00
Midstates Wireless	19551.23	Midwest Pest Control	138.00
Miller's	85.61	NDPERS Insurance	14,020.18
NDPERS Retirement	6497.54	Napa	478.29
Nelson Auto Center	32,907.69	Newman	1,113.70
Novak Electric	5,160.39	Oakes Enhancement	10,570.93
One Call	7.85	OtterTail	8,132.69
Praska's	1,776.57	Primary Arms	802.95
Randall Hamann	200.00	RDO	372.10
Rod's Cleaning	350.00	Seyer Plumbing & Heating	181.61
Sitzler Yardworks	375.00	Streicher's	119.99
Sweets & Stories	117.73	Tornado Stop	2,443.90
USDA	23,718.58	Van Diest	2,340.00
Visto's Carquest	180.89	FCCU-Library	605.35
Visa-City	877.81	WM-Recycle	183.02
WM-Route	8,204.46	WM-Cardboard	2,122.96

WM-Landfill
Payroll Taxes

1,386.10
12,014.54

Salaries

51,058.55

Visitor:

Red Iverson, told the council about the absence of a headstone at the cemetery for an individual that was the city auditor in the 1800's. Relatives of this individual visited from Norway and were saddened by the lack of identification. Iverson offered to personally pay \$100.00 of the roughly \$400.00 estimate to purchase a marker and asked that the city contribute the rest in honor of the man's civil service. Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve purchase from the cemetery fund, carried. **Shannon Day**, has been approached about joining the city council as there are two positions open for appointment. Bagley moved, Bakke second to appoint Shannon Day to fill Nathan O'Brien's vacant position on the council, roll call Bakke-aye, Harris-aye, Bagley-aye, carried. Mayor O'Brien welcomed Day to the council and invited him to join the meeting as a member.

Committee Reports: **CARES Fund Projects**, ridge cap on community center roof and a few road signs are left to be installed, all other items have been completed. **Streets**, stoplight parts are on order and repairs will be made once received. **Police**, emergency sirens have been installed. Officer Sitzler completed SRO training and is fully certified to begin that program. First Responder Night in the Park will be August 23rd from 5-8pm at Hockenberry Park.

Preliminary Budget Hearing:

Discussed 2022 Budget and proposed mill levy changes, Johnson explained the budget was prepared based on slightly higher revenue projections but also increased expenses in the general fund. The council was reminded that at the final hearing the budget can be decreased but not increased from the preliminary amount. Bakke moved to use remaining CARES Funds to offset increased expenses in general fund and avoid raising mills, motion died for a lack of a second. Harris moved, Bagley second to approve preliminary budget as presented, roll call Bakke-aye, Harris-aye, Day-aye, Bagley-aye, carried.

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading Sales Tax Request, Oakes Golden Age roof repairs. Approved at first reading with stipulation that payment will be made upon completion of the project, Bakke moved, Harris second to approve second reading, carried.

New Business:

Propane Bids, Two bids were received: Economy Propane and Agtegra Coop. Bakke moved, Harris second to accept a bid for propane from Economy Propane of \$1.35/gallon for the 2021-2022 season, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

September meeting will be moved to Wednesday September 8th 2021 due to Labor Day and scheduling conflicts.

Bakke moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST  _____

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