

City Council Meeting
February 7, 2022

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Bagley, Harris, Day and Bakke. Mayor O'Brien. Employees present: Darrick Nitschke, Lee Bredeson, Matt Schaefer, Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson. Visitors present: Kausha Magill, Janell Mayer and Robert Hernandez.

Council Member Appointment: Bagley has spoken with Robert Hernandez about filling one of the open city council positions and he has agreed; Hernandez introduced himself to the council. Bagley moved, Harris second to appoint Robert Hernandez to the City Council, roll call unanimous yes, carried.

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

Building Permit: Bakke moved, Harris second to approve Brown building permit for a garage, N 20' Lot 9 & All Lots 10 & 11 Blk 2 Baldwin's Addn, roll call unanimous yes, carried.

Bills: Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Aflac	199.64	Agtegra Coop	933.85
American Welding & Gas	75.66	Anderson Bros.	108.38
Avid Hawk	220.00	Banyon Data Systems	195.00
Bank of North Dakota	52,830.00	B&K Murphy Plumbing	558.47
BobCat of Gwinner	347.46	City of Fargo	28.00
Computer Express	400.00	Corner c Store	57.48
Creative Product Sourcing	212.60	Dakota Improvement	100.00
Dakota Supply Group	279.97	Dickey Rural Networks	790.94
Economy Propane	1,755.00	Embroidery Creations	111.84
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Government Finance Officers	160.00
Hawkins	2015.10	Information Tech	134.55
James River Repair	224.45	Jason Paradis	500.00
Kustom Machine	155.05	Midwest Pest Control	63.00
Moore Engineering	2000.00	Napa Parts	162.32
NDPERS Ins.	14,707.99	NDPERS Retirement	7,057.29
ND League of Cities	30.00	Northwestern Equipment	779.68
Oakes Enhancements	7742.17	Oakes Truck & Trailer	1161.99
Ottetail	8,033.07	Pitney Bowes	80.74
Praska's Hardware	62.38	Quill	136.73
Rod's Cleaning	350.00	Sanitation Products	185.85
Secretary of State	36.00	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Sweets & Stories	115.56	Tornado Stop	4,581.81
Uline	263.11	Visa – Library	395.42
Visa-City	583.38	Visto's	288.99
Waste Management-Route	8,101.25	Waste Management-Recycling	211.31
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Payroll Taxes	12,144.67	Salaries	51,285.41

Visitors: Kausha Magill, Oakes Chamber of Commerce, presented a Lodging Tax Fund request for Irrigation Days/All School Reunion. She provided budget information to show how much it costs to put on the events of that weekend and emphasized the importance of this year's event being the 50th Anniversary and reunion. Bakke moved, Bagley second to provide \$5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce, roll call Harris-no, Bakke-yes, Bagley-no and Day-no, motion fails. After further discussion Harris moved, Bagley second to

provide \$7,000 to the Chamber of Commerce, roll call Harris-yes, Bakke-yes, Bagley-yes and Day-no, motion carried.

Committee Reports: *Police* department will be ordering a safe restraint system to help protect subjects and officers in heightened situations. *Streets:* the blade will require serious repairs to the transmission, Bakke moved, Harris second to approve the repairs to the blade, carried. *Dangerous Property:* property on S 10th St has been secured and a letter detailing plans for a remodel in the spring was received. A letter will be sent to the owners of the property on S 9th St inquiring on their plans for the structure moving forward, it is currently secured. *Audit:* Harold Rotunda will be meeting with Day and Johnson on Wednesday to discuss concerns about his performance.

Unfinished Business:

Street Light: Ottertail will install a street light on the corner of 14th St near Harris Machine for no cost. There are two options for the light itself, Ottertail recommends the one that will cost approximately \$15.71/month. Day moved, Bakke second to approve the recommendation from Ottertail and install the light, carried. *Employee Recognition* policy draft was presented by Johnson, Harris moved, Bakke second to approve the policy as presented, carried. *Animal Ordinance:* Paradis provided the council with a draft of updates to the ordinance. He asked each councilman to provide feedback before the next meeting so he can prepare a final version for adoption.

New Business: *Court Services Contract:* The county has provided an updated court contract for the City to consider. Currently the city receives 20% of the fees from citations written by our officers. The new contract will reduce that share to 0%. Chief O'Brien explained that Dickey County Court handles all of our ordinance violations and he felt it was fair to give them our share of the fees for handling everything. Harris moved, Bagley second to approve the new contract, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Letter from property owner on S 10th Street was discussed during committee reports.

Bagley moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST _____



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