

Reorganization Meeting June 24, 2014

The Reorganization Meeting of the Oakes City Council was held 6:00 PM at Oakes Armory with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Forward, O'Brien, Conklin, Engel and Harris. Strutz was absent. Visitors present: Nathan Carda and Stacy Zimmer. Employees present: Marke Roberts, Pat Nelson, and April Haring.

New Members were given the Oath of Office-Mayor Zimmer and Council Members Harris, Conklin and O'Brien.

Committee Assignments, Forward moved, O'Brien second to approve assignments as follows, carried:

- Public Safety & Health (O'Brien & Harris)
- Finance & Purchasing, Legal, HR, Economic Development (Conklin & Forward)
- Airport, Trees & Parks, Cemetery (Forward & Strutz)
- Water, Sewer, Garbage (Harris & O'Brien)
- Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks (Engel & Conklin)
- Public Buildings, Building Permits, Variances, Lights (Strutz & Engel)
- Vice President (Forward)
- President (Engel)

Account Authorizations, O'Brien moved, Conklin second to authorize the Mayor, Council President, and City Auditor to sign for funds for the City and require two signatures for drafts or other withdrawal orders issued, carried.

Mayor Appointments, Conklin moved, Harris second to approve appointments as follows, carried:

- City Attorney (Gary Neuharth)
- City Auditor (April Haring)
- Chief of Police (Marke Roberts)
- City Supervisor (Pat Nelson)
- Health Officer (Rup Nagala)
- Cemetery Sexton (Adam Dahlstrom)
- Tree Specialist (Sharon Bartel)
- Building Official (Kevin Gelinske)

Special Meeting called to order with same members and visitors present.

Variance Request & Building Permit Application, Building Official and Strutz met with applicant regarding project and concerns for placement; construction was approved to begin and variance hearing waived; neighbors were contacted by property owner regarding application.

Harris moved, Engel second to approve variance request and building permit for following, carried:

- Nathan Carda, Lot 7 Block 21 Washburns, add deck and steps to home within allowed setback.

Discussed and reviewed suggestions to change ordinances relating to variance process and approval. Will have first reading at next regular meeting.

Tree & Branch Disposal, discussed concerns regarding fees and hours for waste disposal site and compost pile. Reviewed current policies and rate analysis for month of June. Harris moved, O'Brien second to approve policy to allow branches to be disposed of free of charge if less than six feet in length, smaller than twelve inches in diameter and does not have any roots, carried.

“What’s in Your Town” Promo, Engel moved, Harris second to approve funding up to \$700 (matching OEI contribution) from lodging tax to support radio promotion with Scott Hennen in July, carried.

Harris moved, O’Brien second to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

MAYOR Marty Zimmer ATTEST Paul Hering
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)