

City Council Meeting  
January 9, 2023

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Bagley, Harris, Day, Hernandez-Waite and Mayer. Mayor O'Brien. Employees present: Lee Bredeson, Dan Brandner, Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson. Visitors present: Brandon Reber, Chris, Matthew and Lucas Brademeyer.

Engineer Report: The water plant study is 25% done, will be finishing up and providing the final report. Street project scoping meeting will be held Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm prior to the regular February meeting. Reber will provide an agenda ahead of time for review.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Harris moved, Mayer second to approve minutes, police report and auditor reports, carried.

Year-End Financial Statement: Bagley moved, Harris second to approve the report as presented showing Year End Financials for 2022 ending cash balance \$ 3,703,384.79, carried.

Budget Amendment: Bagley moved, Day second to approve budget amendments for 2022 fiscal year decreasing overall budget by \$116,560.27, carried.

Pledge of Assets and Designate Depositories: Starion Financial, First Community Credit Union, BankNorth are designated depositories with pledges of \$5,444,582.89, \$0.00, \$259,455.01 accordingly; Harris moved, Mayer second to accept report and depositories designation, carried.

Building Permit: Nodak Insurance application was received, tabled for further information.

Game of Chance Permit: Harris moved, Day second to approve OHS Student Council 50/50 Raffle permit, carried.

Bills: Bagley moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Aflac	118.10	Avid Hawk	200.00
B & K Murphy Plumbing	265.00	City of Fargo	28.00
Bobcat of Gwinner	535.08	Butler Machinery Company	394.73
Chris Larson	45.00	Colliers Securities	500.00
Computer Express	125.00	Dakota Valley Electric	1,058.00
Dickey County	3,396.86	DRN	737.83
Economy Propane	3,190.20	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Green Iron	512.75	Hawkins	3,170.29
Information Tech	67.00	Jane Demoray	255.00
Joey Mcguire	50.35	Kustom Machine	1,460.57
Mertz Lumber	659.62	Midwest Pest Control	75.00
Mottomobile	925.00	Napa	478.30
Nathan O'Brien	2,227.50	One Call	3.90
NDPERS-Ins.	14,689.33	NDPERS-Retirement	7,535.45
Oakes Times	250.91	Oakes Truck & Trailer	395.65
Omni Site	2,730.00	Ottertail	8,524.45
Paradis Law	500.00	Pat O'Brien	255.00
Pitney Bowes	164.97	Praskas	449.79
Pro Forms	1,344.85	Rod's Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweeney Controls	7,402.00

Sweets & Stories	73.06	Tornado Stop	8,808.77
Visa-Library	434.14	Visa-City	69.47
Vistos	393.30	Waste Management	6,535.40
Oakes Enhancement	12,434.70	Salaries	16,599.40
Payroll Taxes	66,444.60		

Visitors: Matthew Brademeyer addressed the council about allowing chickens in city limits. He listed several positive reasons to have chickens and answered council questions. Council will review other cities' policies on chickens and discuss at the next meeting.

Committee Reports: Mayer informed that it was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked our officers for their work. Mailbox damage was discussed and the policy was reiterated: unless the plow physically strikes the box the city is not liable for damage caused by the snow being pushed into the boulevard. Bagley spoke about the OEI proposed housing study and clarified a few points. Equipment replacement schedule is being worked on, payloader is the next piece of equipment that will need to be upgraded. Day spoke about hydrants being cleaned out and marked better, will take a look around town and flag any that are hard to find. Chief O'Brien is looking at options to replace the Tahoe which is seven years old. Nelson Auto has a few options and they will work with us on trade. Mayer moved, Day second to approve purchase of new police vehicle, carried. Dickey County will be shorthanded while they look to hire a new deputy so the police department may be helping out on calls outside of city limits. The skating rink was discussed but this is park board property so ultimately they have the final say. The location they regularly have the rink is also used for snow storage and is quickly filling up.

Unfinished Business:

NDIRF notified the City that the claim for Moore's sewer backup was received and after investigation it was determined that we are not liable for damages. Moore's insurance agent was also notified.


New Business:

Fire District inquired if the City would be willing to pay for the costs of connecting their new building to city water and sewer services. Discussion was held about funding entities that receive their own tax revenue and where the funds would come from if the request was approved. Tabled to research options further. A request was received from Dickey County Senior Citizens and Transportation to use the cold storage area of the community center to store their buses once fire trucks are moved. Other possible locations for them were discussed and no decision was made. Gary Schnell is currently the City representative on the Dickey County JDA board and his term is up, Day moved, Mayer second to reappoint him to the position, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Appreciation note for snow removal from Martha MacLeod.

Bagley moved, Mayer second to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST  \_\_\_\_\_  
 (minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)