

City Council Meeting  
July 11, 2022

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor O'Brien, Council: Bagley, Hernandez-Waite, Harris, Day and Mayer. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Darrick Nitschke, Lee Bredeson, Jason Paradis and Zasha Johnson. Visitors: Rebecca Wisnewski, Keith Wisnewski and Brandon Reber.

Engineering Report: Brandon Reber presented the street improvement report that was recently completed. Many streets are in need of repair and maintenance. Street committee will review the report and meet next month to discuss further. Water treatment plant is nearing the age that components will need to be replaced. The state revolving fund offers a grant to complete a study of the plant and provide guidance on priority of improvement projects. Harris moved, Bagley second to move forward with the grant application, carried.

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

Building Permits: Mayer moved, Bagley second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Miller, Lot 12 Block 19 Washburn's Addn, Shed
2. Hehr, Lot 4 Block 40 EOP, Fence

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

A W Diesel	106.65	Aflac	199.64
Agtegra Coop	317.71	American Welding & Gas	511.73
Avid Hawk	200.00	B & B Gardens	69.88
Bear Creek Flying Service	1,055.77	Butler Machinery Company	1,405.56
Chris Larson	420.00	Cindy Bagley	47.98
City of Fargo	42.00	Computer Express	200.00
Corner C Store	521.23	Dakota Improvement	287.50
Dakota Performance	137.70	Dakota Supply Group	2,750.00
Dakota Valley Electric	227.00	Dickey Rural Network	982.61
Domine Sales & Services	92.20	Economy Oil	1,401.49
Ellendale Concrete	158.00	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Information Technology	47.40	Interstate Engineering	4,881.58
James River Repair	61.00	Kustom Machine	670.96
Linde Gas & Equipment	127.56	Matt Schmit	753.11
Mertz Lumber	29.99	Michael Todd & Co	397.36
Napa	74.82	ND Dept. of Enviro Quality	124.47
ND One Call	14.30	ND Tax Commissioner	1,646.69
NDPERS-Insurance	13,666.61	NDPERS-Retirement	7,072.25
Novak Electric	316.40	Oakes Enhancement	11,165.50
Oakes Times	630.96	Oakes Truck & Trailer	14,515.14
Paradis Law Office	500.00	Patrick O'Brien	270.00
Pitney Bowes	245.71	Praska;s Hardware Hank	1,557.81
Quill	80.43	Rod's Cleaning	80.00
S&P Global Market Intelligence	91.00	Sanitation Products	566.40
Starion Bank	2,407.04	Sweeny Controls Company	2,416.60
Sweets & Stories	97.72	Team Lab	800.00
Tornado Stop	5,012.48	Visa-Library	191.38
Vistos Carquest	215.38	Waste Management	11,345.84
Salaries	59,624.62	Payroll Taxes	13,723.75

Committee Reports:

**Water Treatment** Nitschke informed the council of valves and filters that need to be replaced at the plant. Recommended replacing some now to avoid a possible malfunction in the future. Harris moved, Bagley second to approve the purchase as discussed, carried.

Unfinished Business: **Police Department** presented information about switching to the NDPERS Public Safety Retirement Plan with an increase of 1.19%. Motion was made by Harris for City of Oakes Police Department to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that City of Oakes Police Department is formed pursuant to N.D.C.C. §-----and is neither a non-profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and off the plan to all eligible employees of the City of Oakes Police Department. The motion was seconded by Hernandez-Waite. The Board approved joining the NDPERS Public Safety Retirement Plan effective August 1, 2022. Motion carried.

New Business:

City Insurance Values, State Fire & Tornado Fund is conducting an audit of structural values insured by the City of Oakes. They have made recommendations to increase several properties that they feel are undervalued in the event of a loss. Harris moved, Day second to accept the increases as presented, carried. A sewer main blockage caused backup into a residential home. I bill was received for clean-up and there will be an additional bill coming from the plumber. The clean-up bill was tabled until all bills relating to the incident are received.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Nitschke will be having a tour of the water treatment plant immediately following the meeting for anyone who wishes to attend.

Harris moved, Mayer second to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

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

