

City Council Meeting
July 12, 2023

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor O'Brien, Council: Bagley, Harris, Day, Bakke and Mayer. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Dan Brandner, Lee Bredeson, Steve Berntson, Jason Paradis and Zasha Johnson. Visitors: Fran Brummund and Brandon Reber.

Engineer Report: Reber gave a brief overview of the water treatment plant study, committee does not have any recommendations for immediate action. Street survey responses were discussed, council will take more time to review further. A bid was received from Astech Corporation for chip seal and crack sealing. Harris moved, Day second to reach out to them to discuss crack sealing with a budget up to \$25,000, carried.

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

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

1. W 1/2 Of Lots 1, 2 & 3 Blk 17 Mccarthy's Add. – Fence
2. Lots 10 Thru 12 Blk 17 Mccarthy's Add – Fence
3. N 20' Lot 9 & Lots 10 & 11 Blk 2 Baldwins – Garage, reapplication
4. Lo t9 Blk 13 Original Plat – New Home

Special Event Permit: Bakke moved, Harris second to approve special event permits as listed, carried.

1. The Last Shot – Wedding Dance

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

Aflac	118.10	Agtegra	392.70
Avid Hawk	200.00	Bear Creek Flying	2159.00
Chris Larson	300.00	City of Fargo	42.00
Corner C Store	67.54	DRN	862.14
Dakota Supply Group	98.96	Dakota Valley Electric	174.00
Dooley Enterprises	474.44	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Factset Research Systems	91.00	Ferguson Waterworks	84.73
Hawkins	8545.49	Information Technology	106.75
Jane Demoray	155.00	Kustom Machine	41.30
Linde Gas & Equipment	138.40	Mertz Lumber	151.49
Midwest Pest Control	75.00	Moore Engineering	9653.21
Napa	403.02	ND League of Cities	1698.00
ND One Call	13.00	NDPERS INS	19,770.82
NDPERS-Retirement	8,053.16	ND Tax Commissioner	1916.66
Northern Truck Equipment	2875.00	OEI	11,842.51
Oakes Times	230.33	Otter Tail Power	7,659.20
Paradis Law Office	500.00	Pat O'Brien	307.50
Pitney Bowes	164.97	Praskas Hardware Hank	789.53
Rod's Cleaning	80.00	Starion Bank	30,134.92
Steve Berntson reimbursement	157.50	Sweets & Stories	25.50
Team Lab	690.50	Tornado Stop	2994.68
Van Diest Supply	2878.50	Vistos	532.19
Visa Credit Card-City	2856.06	Visa Credit Card-library	336.02
Waste Management-Recycle	13756.98		
Payroll Taxes	14,317.52	Salaries	61,964.49

Committee Reports: Trash/Cigarette receptacles on Main Avenue have been inquired about. Most of the concern is with cigarette butts outside the bars. Brandner made a comment that there is a cigarette receptacle in the entrance nook of the Last Shot. Reminders will be given to the bars that state law prohibits smoking within twenty feet of the entrance to a building. Mayer inquired about spraying for mosquitos and how often it is done. Fire pits were discussed and clarified that only wood may be burned in them, not household waste. Follow up on property clean-up is needed and a few additional ones will be sent. A lengthy discussion about Off-Highway Vehicles took place. Paradis provided the state's legal definitions of different types of OHVs which do not include golf carts. There has been a large increase in the number of OHVs, golf carts, scooters, etc driving on city streets and there are concerns from the police department. There have been instances of unsafe operation, unlicensed drivers and a hit-and-run accident. It was repeated multiple times that this is North Dakota state law not a City Ordinance issue. The city will put out information regarding the laws, especially surrounding golf carts and other illegal vehicles. The police department will also work with the public to educate everyone about what vehicles they can operate on city streets, registration and insurance requirements and the safety equipment needed. Questions about parking ordinances were asked, specifically looking for limitations on campers, trailers and other recreational items. Research will be done to determine options for more specific rules for things other than regular vehicles. Chief O'Brien reported that he and Anna Sell attended the Chief's Conference and were able to gain valuable information from the presentations. The police department will be receiving a Back the Blue Grant from the State given for hiring and retention of police officers. Brandner talked about the need to replace the current street sweeper and presented a quote for a used one. More quotes will be requested to determine the best way to proceed. Berntson presented information about the water treatment plant and problems with several of our membrane filters. A letter from Steven Johnson of Aqua-Pure explained what he believes the problem is and what caused it. The information will be passed along to Moore Engineering who has been assisting at the water plant as well.

New Business:

Bakke moved, Bagley second to provide \$500.00 to the American Legion for their fireworks display, carried. A street closure request form was presented for residents wanting to close their street for a neighborhood event or block part. The form will help ensure the proper notice is given to not only the city but other emergency service departments as well. It will also list all rules the applicant must follow including removal of barricades before dark.

Mayer moved, Bagley second to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.

MAYOR _____

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

ATTEST

