

City Council Meeting
March 2, 2020

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Harris, O'Brien, Conklin, Schaefer and Engel Mayor Zimmer and Forward were absent. Visitors present: Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Pat Nelson, Kevin Haring, and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report

Street Project, Cavin Berube prepared a preliminary presentation for review. He will attend the informational meeting about the street project and present as well as answer any questions. Discussion was held on the scheduling of the meeting. Johnson will check the meeting room availability and schedule the meeting on one of the suggested dates. Additional information will be provided to Berube to include in the presentation.

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

Game of Chance Permit & Gaming Site Authorization: Schaefer moved, Harris second to approve game of chance permit application for CHI Oakes Hospital raffle board, carried. Harris moved, Schaefer second to approve gaming site authorization for Hole-In-One foundation at the Angry Beaver Lodge and Harvest Inn, carried.

Bills: Harris moved, Conklin second to approve bills as listed and additional bills pending review by council at a later date, carried:

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| NDPERS 457 | 50.00 | Edward Jones | 200.00 |
| Aflac | 199.64 | Medical Flex | 928.46 |
| Bobcat of Gwinner | 57.00 | National Life Insurance | 200.00 |
| Ameripride | 82.05 | Avid Hawk | 200.00 |
| NDPERS 457 | 50.00 | Edward Jones | 200.00 |
| Central Business Systems | 90.95 | City of Fargo | 28.00 |
| Dakota Supply Group | 4815.16 | Economy Propane | 1064.00 |
| Fabian Pest Control | 105.00 | Hawkins | 1564.70 |
| Heritage Insurance | 25457.00 | Paradis Law Office | 500.00 |
| Midstate Wireless | 127.24 | ND League of Cities | 30.00 |
| NDPERS – Insurance | 16518.64 | NDPERS – Retirement | 7113.93 |
| Oakes Enhancement | 9737.53 | Oakes Times | 147.84 |
| Oakes Truck & Trailer | 357.42 | Ottertail Power | 8763.31 |
| RDO Equipment | 1557.61 | Rod's Cleaning | 350.00 |
| Starion Bank | 2407.04 | Sweeney Controls | 273.17 |
| Sweets & Stories | 68.79 | USDA – Rural Development | 84762.00 |
| Verizon Wireless | 456.44 | Visa – Library | 358.08 |
| Visa – City | 501.12 | Visto's Carquest | 28.37 |
| Waste Management – Landfill | 2030.38 | Watchguard | 5020.00 |
| Starion/PSN – Bank Fees | 564.23 | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 12167.28 | Salaries | 37959.87 |

Committee Reports:

Property Tax: Don Flaherty submitted an abatement application for T. Nannenga due to a data entry error on the value. Harris moved, Schaefer second to approve application for abatement, carried. **Streets**: R. Foss requested an alley entrance be cut to allow access to the alley behind his home. Harris moved, Engel second to cut curb, prepare dirt and bring in gravel to develop the alley that is plotted, carried with Engel voting nay. **Public Works**: Robert Thompson will be retiring March 20th. Darrick Nitschke has been doing well

since his hiring. When Thompson retires Nitschke will be promoted to the foreman position. Committee is discussing how to fill the open position left after the promotion. **Police:** Chief O'Brien gave a brief update on the SORN system and equipment upgrades that will be required. Waiting on more information about state funding. **Auditor Office:** several applications have been received for the deputy position. Committee will review applications and schedule interviews as soon as possible.

Unfinished Business:

Main Street Revitalization: Received an opinion from the CDBG state manager that the Slum & Blight declaration is required based on HUD National Objectives used to operate the program. She does not foresee any complications or issues for properties if this is approved. Due to time constraints Zimmer agreed to submit the declaration, with council having the ability to revoke it if they disagreed. Engel moved, Harris second to INTRODUCE & APPROVE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SLUM & BLIGHT AREA, roll call approved. **C. Bagley:** trying to move forward with plan to purchase and demolish existing property to develop residential lots. Requesting assistance with installation of water/sewer service lines. Council would like to provide assistance, but will need more information before determining how they can help.

New Business:

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Program: received a request from South Central Dakota Regional Council director to sign off on resolution to adopt the Dickey County, North Dakota, Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was updated during multiple meetings in 2019. Council would like to have more information and review the plan before agreeing to adoption. Johnson will request information from Dickey County emergency manager. **Gravel Bids:** One gravel bid was received, Harris moved, Schaefer second to accept gravel bid from Dakota Improvement for \$14.90 per cubic yard, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Notices of Application for Appropriation of Water were received from Eric Larson, Kasowski Farms and Paul Roney.

Harris moved, Engel second to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM.

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