## City Council Meeting December 7, 2020

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Schaefer, O'Brien, Bagley, Bakke, Harris and Conklin. Employees present: Zasha Johnson, Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien, Darrick Nitschke and Pat Nelson.

<u>Minutes, Auditor and Court Report</u>: Harris moved, O'Brien second to approve minutes, auditor reports (cash balance, expenditures, revenues, tax income & journal entries) and police report as presented, carried.

Bills: O'Brien moved, Schaefer second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

Aflac	199.64	Airport Association of ND	300.00
American Ag Video Auction	352.00	American Welding & Gas	32.55
Arthur Strutz	410.00	Austin Brummund	1,280.00
Avid Hawk	200.00	Butler Machinery Company	585.80
Caseys Business Mastercard	33.88	Central Business Systems	105.57
Circle R	134.15	City of Fargo	28.00
Colonial Life Ins.	74.44	Dakota Improvement	300.00
Dakota Supply Group	39,159.89	Dakota Valley Electric	496.00
Dickey Rural Communications	651.43	Embroidery Creations	31.96
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Ferguson Waterworks	629.55
Gahner Sanitation Service	2,196.00	Hawkins, Inc.	3,502.84
Information Technology	77.90	Intergraph Corp.	1,000.08
Jason Paradis Law Office	500.00	Mertz Lumber	31.97
Napa Parts Supply	388.68	National Life Ins.	200.00
ND One Call	13.20	NDPERS-Retirement	6,952.63
Nichole Nitschke	106.38	Novak Electric	242.00
Oakes Area Chamber	900.00	Oakes Enhancement	10,595.52
Oakes Times	161.56	Otter Tail Power Company	6,260.23
Pitney Bowes	80.74	Praskas Hardware Hank	521.32
PRO Forms	1,247.10	Quill	266.52
Rod's Cleaning	425.00	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Streichers	718.95	Sweets & Stories	71.37
Tornado Stop	1,361.70	Visa-Library	288.90
Visa-City	160.32	Visto's Carquest	38.90
Waste Management	7,263.79		

## **Committee Reports:**

Nelson told the council the sewer lining agreement has been signed and there is a completion date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is approximately 66' of old water line still in that same area and he feels it should be looked at for replacement. Conklin reported that there is still water along the railroad from 7<sup>th</sup> St to 14<sup>th</sup> St and asked that a closer look be taken to remedy this.

## New Business:

**Specials Abatement,** Conklin moved, O'Brien second to abate the specials on parcel 1006000, carried. The property was up for auction by the county for non-payment of taxes and did not sell. The county commissioners would like to deed the property to the City.

**CDBG Resolution,** Harris Machine was awarded a \$100,000 from the Governor's Fund reducing the amount needed from South Central Dakota Regional Council to \$100,000. O'Brien moved, Bagley second to amend RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR HARRIS MACHINE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING, carried.

Ottertail Power, presented a contract proposal to add 30 lights to our service contract. O'Brien moved, Harris second to accept the proposed contract changes, carried.

Employee Appreciation, Bakke moved, Harris second to give \$250.00 in Oakes Bucks to each full-time City employee and \$75.00 in Oakes Bucks to each part-time City employee as an appreciation gift, carried with one voting against.

Employee Evaluation, there are a few evaluations left to be completed. All evaluations will be reviewed at the January meeting.

## Announcements & Correspondence:

Bagley thanked Mayor Zimmer for his letter in the paper encouraging the public to wear masks and follow all other measures recommended by the Department of Health.

O'Brien moved, Schaefer second to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

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