

City Council Meeting
January 4, 2021

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

Public Hearing: Zoning Requests

Hearing was opened with same attendees. One request was received from the zoning committee with a recommendation to approve:

1. Oakes Public School, Block 2 Ex. S 20' of W 646.8' Oakes School Dist. Addn – Residential to Commercial

No protests were received and none were heard in person. Conklin moved, Bagley second to approve all requests as presented, carried. Public hearing closed

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

Year-End Financial Statement: Conklin moved, Harris second to approve the report as presented showing Year End Financials for 2020 ending cash balance \$ 2,541,295.37, carried.

Budget Amendment: Schaefer moved, Harris second to approve budget amendments for 2020 fiscal year decreasing overall budget by \$167,560.19, carried.

Pledge of Assets and Designate Depositories: Starion Financial, First Community Credit Union, BankNorth are designated depositories with pledges of \$2,397,253.98, \$0.00, \$1,266,298.70 accordingly; Harris moved, Bagley second to accept report and depositories designation, carried.

Transfers: Discussion was held regarding the transfer of CARES Act funds. Committees would like to discuss and explore further options before moving forward with transfers.

Building Permit: Harris moved, Bagley second to approve Scours Inc. permit, Lot 3 Block 8 Washburn's Addn, new duplex, carried.

Bills: Conklin moved, Schaefer second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Avid Hawk	200.00	City of Fargo	28.00
Colonial Life Ins	111.66	Computer Express	325.00
Dickey County	4117.06	Dickey Rural Networks	823.23
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Green Iron Equipment	2033.02
GS Services	400.00	Hawkins	2520.40
Internal Revenue Service's	314.96	Jason Paradis	500.00
Michael O'Brien	600.00	Napa	34.47
ND Rural Water Systems Assoc.	130.00	ND Water Users Association	300.00
NDPERS – Insurance	15784.28	Oakes Enhancement	19641.82
Oakes Family Pharmacy	4.93	Oakes Truck & Trailer	809.14
OmniSite	2646.00	Ottertail	7210.46
Praska's Hardware	426.34	Quill	163.49
Rod's Cleaning	350.00	Starion Bank	2407.04
Swanberg Construction	327.00	Sweets & Stories	76.49
Visa – Library	240.90	Visto's	324.53
Payroll Taxes	12104.45	Salaries	52021.98

Visitors: Jason Paradis brought up the Park Board filling the skating rink this winter. There were no objections to this and the option of an outdoor activity for residents now was supported.

Committee Reports: *WTP*, will begin interviews this week for some of the applications we have received. *Main Ave*, Concerns about barriers on Main & 15th, Nelson said they can be moved. *Drainage*, O'Brien reported that Dakota Improvement had done some more work on the drainage ditch west of 7th St along the railroad tracks. The water still is not moving much but it will continue to be monitored. *Sewer*, during the holidays an issue with a sewer line was reported. Will review ordinance and talk with property owner about repairs. *Electrical*, two electrical panels are attached to street light poles, they were intended to be only seasonal for summer events, talk with Chamber about removal.

Unfinished Business:

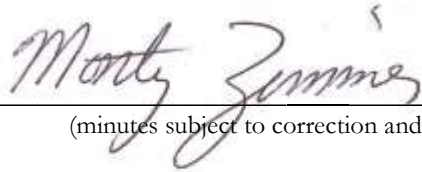
Employee Evaluations & Pay, Harris moved, Schaefer second to approve pay increase for Sitzler to H1 on the pay scale as discussed when he was hired, carried. A 2% cost of living raise was budgeted for 2021, Conklin moved, Harris second to approve the 2% increase, carried. Harris moved, O'Brien second to approve a step raise for Lee Bredeson to reflect his dedication and years of service, carried.

New Business: No new business.

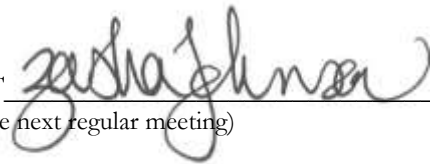
Announcements & Correspondence: Nothing received.

Bagley moved, Schaefer second to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM.

MAYOR



ATTEST



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