

City Council Meeting  
March 2, 2021

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: O'Brien, Conklin, Bagley, Harris, Bakke and Schaefer. Employees present: Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke, Brady Hurt and Zasha Johnson. Visitors present: Shawn Ulmer and Troy Schumacher.

Special Event Permits: The Angry Beaver and The Last Shot have each submitted permits to hold street dances June 11 & 12. Discussion was held about each taking one night but both locations have hired bands. The owners were open to the idea of holding their dances concurrently. O'Brien moved, Conklin second to approve permits for both street dances each night, carried.

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

Gaming Site Application: Harris moved, Bakke second to approve gaming site authorization for Oakes Enhancement at The Last Shot, carried.

Building Permit: O'Brien moved, Schaefer second to approve building permit for a garage and porch, Lots 10, 11 & 12 Blk 16 McCarthy's Addn, carried.

Bills: Conklin moved, O'Brien second to approve bills, carried.

Art Strutz Jr.	385.00	Avid Hawk	200.00
City of Fargo	28.00	Economy Oil	544.62
GS Services	200.00	Hawkins	3467.38
Jason Paradis Law	500.00	Maxair	91.50
ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	13,900.00	Oakes Enhancement	10,244.62
ND State Auditor	60.00	Ottertail Power Co	7808.42
Rod's Cleaning	350.00	Starion Bank	2407.04
Strata	682.50	Verizon	363.08
Visa – Library	294.28	Visto's	141.20
Waste Management – Route	2097.41	Westside Auto Body	204.00
Payroll Taxes	11303.07	Salaries	47480.42

Committee Reports:

**Streets,** Nelson & Nitschke have received quotes to purchase a new skid-steer. Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve purchase of new Bobcat skid-steer, carried, O'Brien voting no.

Unfinished Business:

**City Lots on Main Ave,** will likely be selling on bids but will work with attorney to have correct wording and stipulations, tabled.

**CARES Act Funds,** OEI has agreed to provide half of the cost for the emergency siren replacement. Newly discovered grants are being applied for, but due to the short timeline to get sirens installed the project will move forward in one month regardless of status. Bakke moved, Schaefer second to sign purchase agreement on sirens to lock in price, carried. If grant funds are not received city portion of cost will come from CARES Act funds. Discussion was held on ways to assist local businesses that have struggled during the pandemic. Bakke moved, Conklin second to waive liquor license fees for all licensees, carried. A committee will research more ideas to present at the next meeting.

O'Brien moved, Schaefer second to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.

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