

City Council Meeting
May 3, 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 and Bakke. Schaefer was absent. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke, Jason Paradis and Zasha Johnson.

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

Game of Chance Permit: O'Brien moved, Bagley second to approve game of chance permits and gaming site authorizations as listed, carried:

1. Oakes Golden Age Club, Bingo

Building Permit: One permit was tabled for more information. O'Brien moved, Conklin second to approve building permits as listed, carried:

1. Visto, Fence, Lots 4 & 5 Blk 8 Washburns Addn

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

Avid Hawk	200.00	Brady Hurt	297.36
City of Fargo	230.00	Computer Express	200.00
Dakota Performance	250.54	Dickey Rural Networks	829.48
Ferguson Waterworks	3,602.78	Forum Communications Company	446.94
Grainger	82.95	Hawkins, Inc.	3,403.28
Insituform	38,179.00	Jason Paradis Law Office	500.00
Jeanine Pahl	355.76	Midwest Pest Control	63.00
Moore Engineering	2,882.82	ND Community Corrections	9.85
ND League of Cities	170.00	NDPERS-Group Ins.	14,734.56
NDPERS-Retirement	6,926.43	Newman Signs	349.55
Novak Electric	1,985.00	Oakes Enhancement	8,128.76
Oakes Truck & Trailer	291.48	Otter Tail Power Company	10,618.84
Praska's Hardware Store	813.49	Quill	224.98
Rod's Cleaning	350.00	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Visa Card-Library	1,193.91	Visa Card-City	863.37
Visto's Carquest	152.48	Wade's Service Center	282.17
Waste Management-Route	2,513.96	Salaries	47,124.17
Payroll Taxes	11,157.43		

Committee Reports:

Bagley wanted to clarify rumors of a prison being moved into Oakes. She stated plan is not for a prison but a detention center and there are specific differences between them. Sheriff Estes has been in contact with various groups and other law enforcement regarding the need and support for such a facility. Planning and discussions are ongoing. **Streets**, Nelson updated council on a couple of areas that will be concreted due to deterioration. **Police**, Chief O'Brien spoke about discussions he has had with the school regarding a school resource officer (SRO). Another officer would be hired to fill this position with a cost share agreement with the school for the salary. Another officer would allow for better schedule rotation and cut down on-call hours that the officers are currently not paid for. The department has requested funds from OEI to help purchase an additional vehicle if an SRO is hired. Officer Sitzler will be attending training for the D.A.R.E. program in June and will be working with the school to implement that program in the fall. The school board will be discussing these items at their next meeting. On-Call hours were discussed further along with the funding sources for an additional police vehicle. O'Brien moved, Bakke second to enter into an

agreement with the school to hire an additional officer to act as the school resource officer, carried. Bagley moved, O'Brien second to approve \$21,800 from CARES Act Funds to purchase additional vehicle if agreement with school is reached, carried. Conklin moved, Harris second to approve a \$2.00/hr on-call rate for the police department, carried.

Unfinished Business:

CARES Act Funds, Bagley moved, Conklin second to give \$5,000 to Oakes Volunteer Ambulance for all of their work during the pandemic and to help replace donations after their annual fundraiser had to be cancelled, carried.

New Business:

Official Paper Designation, O'Brien moved, Harris second to designate Oakes Times as the official paper for the City of Oakes, carried.

Wellhead Protection Signage, was discussed after receiving information from the Department of Environmental Quality, signage is not required. No action taken.

Oakes Housing Authority, Zimmer informed the council that the housing board had received an increased offer to buy the townhomes but it was still below the amount owed on their loan. Discussion was held about offering them for sale with a realtor or looking at selling each unit individually. Conklin moved, Bagley second to have the city pay the deficit amount of any sale of the townhomes, roll call: O'Brien-no, Harris-no, Bagley-yes, Conklin-yes, Bakke-no, motion failed.

Announcements & Correspondence:

EMS Week Proclamation, O'Brien moved, Harris second to proclaim May 16-22 EMS Week in the City of Oakes, carried.

Arbor Day Proclamation, O'Brien moved, Bagley second to proclaim May 14th Arbor Day in the City of Oakes, carried.

Mayor Resignation, Conklin moved, O'Brien second to accept the resignation of Mayor Zimmer and thank him for his many years of service to the City, carried.

Bagley moved, O'Brien second to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

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