

City Council Meeting
October 6, 2021

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

Final Budget Hearing: Johnson presented the proposed final budget for 2022 totaling \$420,051.24. The number of mills levied for the budget are slightly below the amount levied in 2021. Bakke moved, Day second to approve budget as presented, roll call Harris-yes, Bakke-yes, Bagley-yes, Day-yes, carried.

Engineer Report:
No Report.

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

Building Permit: Bagley moved, Bakke second to approve building permits as follows, carried.

1. Handt, Addition, Lots 4 & 5 Blk 2 Residence Park
2. Savey, Sidewalk, N 50' of S 150' of W 130' of Outlot K Letter Outlots
3. Gebhardt, Front Steps, S ½ Lot 5 all Lot 6 Blk 10 Washburn's Addition
4. Donna's Diner, Concrete Patio, Lots 8 & 9 & N 70.5' Lots 10 & 11 Blk 12 Original Plat
5. Handt, Concrete Pad, Lot 1 & N ½ Lot 2 Blk 2 Residence Park
6. Wagner's LLC, Demolish Building, RR Lease Site #1915-3232

Game of Chance Permit: Harris moved, Bagley second to approve game of chance permits as follows, carried.

1. Kedish House – Raffle Board
2. Outback Dancers – Calendar Raffle

Bills: Bakke moved, Bagley second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

Aflac	199.64	Agtegra Coop	1,952.58
American Welding	37.83	Avid Hawk	1,037.50
City of Fargo	42.00	Colonial Life Ins.	148.88
Computer Express	200.00	Corner C Store	246.04
CPI Dakota Inc.	150.00	Dakota Concrete	2,640.00
Dakota Improvement	685.00	DRN	825.15
Domine Sales & Service	189.80	Embroidery Creations	96.00
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Ferguson Waterworks	1,910.60
Grainger	102.80	Hawkins	4,133.08
James River Repair	58.10	Jeanine Pahl	17.07
Kustom Machine	49.31	Maguire Iron	2,295.00
Mertz Lumber & Supply	33.48	Midwest Radar & Equipment	80.00
Napa Parts	386.51	ND League of Cities	75.00
ND One Call	8.75	ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	1,177.50
NDPERS-Insurance	15,796.56	NDPERS-Retirement	6,938.84
Oakes Ambulance	907.38	Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce	410.00
Oakes Community Hospital	120.00	Oakes Enhancement	10,996.25
Oakes Times	38.00	Odin	22.00
Otter Tail Power	6,612.82	Paradis Law Office	500.00

Praska's Hardware Hank	839.49	Purchase Power	108.99
Quill	96.97	Rod's Cleaning	425.00
Sitzler Yardworks	375.00	Starion Bank	2,407.03
Starion Bond Services	151,230.00	Sweeney Controls Company	126.00
Sweets & Stories	94.34	Visa-Library	169.55
Visa-City	636.80	Visto's Carquest	171.95
Waste Management	2,819.67		

Visitor:

Presley Forward, had previously made contact with Johnson about options to slow traffic down near her home. She has concerns due to having visually impaired children. Speed bumps, special signage and stop signs were possibilities discussed. Bakke moved, Harris second to install stop signs on Hickory Ave running east and west beside the home, carried.

Committee Reports:

Mowers: Nelson and Nitschke updated the council on the plan to upgrade lawnmowers. Wait times are months out and if they want to get a replacement mower for next spring they need to order right away. Bakke moved, Harris second to approve and order new mower for next year, carried.

New Business:

Property Tax Abatement: request was received from the property owner of N 10' Lot 11 & All Lots 12-13 Block 35 Washburn's Addition. Day moved, Bakke second to approve abatement as presented, roll call: Harris-yes, Bakke-yes, Bagley-abstain, and Day-yes, carried.

Property Tax Exemption: construction exemption request was received from the property owner of Lot 3 Block 8 Washburn's Addition. Harris moved, Day second to approve exemption as presented, carried.

Landfill Noncompliance: The city received a letter from the state department of environmental quality regarding the condition of our landfill site. Several issues were identified and will need to be resolved to ensure the site remains open. Nelson and Nitschke will work with our district representative to come up with and implement a plan to comply with requirements.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Email was received from a resident about mosquito spraying concerns. It was explained that the spray needs to be used when the mosquitos are out which is around dusk. During this time of year that is earlier than mid-summer and individuals may need to adjust their schedules if they wish to avoid the spray. More attempts will be made to provide advanced notice of plans to spray going forward.

Day moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 6:41PM.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST  _____

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