

City Council Meeting
December 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. Employees present: Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien, Matt Schaefer, Pat Nelson, Darrick Nitschke and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report:

No Report.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Report: Bakke moved, Bagley 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 permit for McHarry to demolish home on Lot 1 Block 2 Baldwin's Addition, carried. Discussion was held on Brown's application that included a variance request to be over height and size. Bakke moved to approve the permit and variance as submitted, the motion failed for lack of a second. After further discussion about variance ordinances Bakke moved, Harris second to approve the permit and variance as submitted, roll call vote: Harris-yes, Bakke-yes, Bagley-no, Day-no, with a tie vote Mayor O'Brien voted no, motion failed.

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

Agtegra Coop	492.00	Avid Hawk	200.00
Axon Enterprise, Inc	314.72	Central Business Systems	134.09
City of Fargo	168.00	Computer Express	1,399.99
Corner C Store	299.67	Dakota Supply Group	2,404.64
DRN	701.81	Economy Oil	2,865.29
Economy Propane	398.25	Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Hawkins	1,418.30	Knife River Materials	140,052.75
Kustom Machine	765.70	Midwest Pump & Tank	1,511.00
MMC, Inc	5,781.65	Napa	368.23
ND Community Corrections	200.00	ND League of Cities	30.00
ND One Call	7.50	NDPERS Insurance	15,796.56
NDPERS Retirement	10,396.28	ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	1,452.50
Oakes Ambulance	50.00	Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce	24,00.00
Oakes Enhancement	9,148.35	Oakes Truck & Trailer	141.12
Otter Tail Power	6,274.40	Paradis Law Office	500.00
Praska's Hardware	466.17	Quill	272.96
Rod's Cleaning	350.00	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Sweets & Stories	64.58	Tokina McHarry	30.63
Tornado Stop	2,424.51	Visa-City	2,225.76
Vistos	110.45	Waste Management-Landfill	2,262.1*
Waste Management-Route	3,330.81	Waste Management	542.68
Payroll Taxes	16,649.21	Salaries	72,143.15

Committee Reports:

Streets: Nelson told council they will be purchasing a snowblade for the front of the Dodge pickup. **Police Department:** Chief O'Brien informed the council they have been award the COPS grant for the SRO position, it is a three year grant. **Auditor:** Johnson notified the group that our custodians are retiring at the end of the year, currently have ads out for the position.

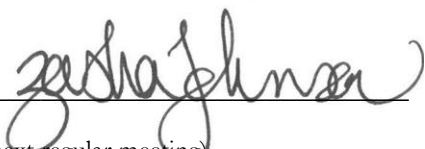
New Business:

Tourism Funding Request: was received from the Chamber for a portion of the cost of a BEK News commercial featuring Oakes. Council discussed other promotional events and previous funding approvals and declined to approve the request. **Employee Appreciation:** Bakke moved, Harris second to present full and part time employees with Oakes Bucks in appreciation of their work throughout the year, carried. **Cost of Living:** adjustments were discussed, Bakke moved, Day second to approve a 4.5% adjustment for all employees for 2022, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Moore Engineering: invitation to Christmas Party on December 8th. **Water Appropriation:** notice received from Steve Zetocha.

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

MAYOR _____ ATTEST  _____

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