

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present. Member Fahey was in attendance via speaker phone. City Superintendent Josh Ulland and City Auditor Amie Vasichек were in attendance. Sheriff Kurt Schwind, Kelly Peters, David Thompson, Troy Bullis, Jeff Russo and Randy Karas were in attendance.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Member Solberg. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey recognized Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson stated the Lakota Trap team is looking to establish a shooting range near Lakota rather than traveling to Rainbow Lodge. Currently the club has 17 kids enrolled. Mr. Thompson proposed using the land owned by Sundeen's located southwest of the Lakota Golf Course. Mr. Thompson stated the Lakota Trap club would like to be under the city's liability insurance for this project. The club would like to keep the range private and possibly later on allow for public access. Mr. Thompson stated they would like to be operational by next spring. Auditor Vasichек was instructed to look into liability insurance.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Bullis left the meeting at 6:10pm.

Mayor Hooey recognized Sheriff Schwind.

Sheriff Schwind stated the calls for service have almost tripled in the last 3 years. Sheriff Schwind stated he will provide a 3-year call list to the council via e-mail.

Mayor Hooey stated he is still seeing side by side usage by juveniles who don't wear helmets. Sheriff Schwind asked the council if they see it, please report it.

Mayor Hooey questioned if there are any areas where external security cameras could be placed that would help the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Schwind stated it all depends on activity and did not provide additional locations.

Sheriff Schwind questioned if the city has discussed the engine noise ordinance post placement. Supt. Ulland stated he has spoken with NDDOT and has not heard much from them on it. Sheriff Schwind stated Supt. Maixner stated they take care of HWY 2, but not Hwy 1 signs.

Sheriff Schwind questioned the status on the warning siren. Auditor Vasichек stated the city is next on the list for Hazard Mitigation funding to replace the current siren.

Sheriff Schwind left the meeting at 6:22pm.

Mayor Hooey recognized Jeff Russo.

Mr. Russo stated the special assessment committee met and has suggested to apply \$10,000 per lot in the Hulstrand Addition.

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Auditor Vasichек stated this would be considered the first reading of the assessment and the city council should consider terms of repayment.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the first reading of the assessment of the Hulstrand Addition as provided, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Russo left the meeting at 6:26pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Supt. Ulland reviewed all the proposals for the city hall heating/cooling.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve Rysavy Plumbing and Heating's bid for a heating/cooling unit at the Lakota City Hall, seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichек stated the community center committee is planning to meet shortly to review the proposed revisions of the rental agreement for public use. Rental agreement discussion tabled.

Mayor Hooey recognized Randy Karas.

Mr. Karas stated that he has ordered the chemicals for the water fountain at the course. Mr. Karas stated he would also like to purchase more ball washers for the women's tee boxes. Auditor Vasichек suggested seeking sponsorship from MRES for the purchase.

Randy Karas left the meeting at 6:35pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sidewalk by school discussion was tabled until estimates are received.

No further discussion on Mower/Tractor agenda item.

Mayor Hooey recognized Mr. Peters on the citizen complaint form. Mayor Hooey asked what Mr. Peters would like done about his complaint. Mr. Peters stated he did not expect any action but wanted the complaint on record.

Member Mattern stated he stands by his comments made about safety and quality of life when living south of the railroad tracks.

Auditor Vasichек stated the second reading of the petition to vacate alley from Farmers Union Oil is needed. Auditor Vasichек stated the second reading of the petition to vacate utility easements on Block 3 Sundeen's Addition.

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Member Nelson made a motion to approve the second reading to vacate the alley in Block 15, South Addition, Lakota, ND, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the second reading to vacate all utility easements for Block 3 in the Sundeen's Addition and to replat Block 3 as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

After discussion on the Hulstrand Addition special assessments, the city council decided to leave residential property sales at \$.25/per sq. foot.

Supt. Ulland stated the Lakota Fire Department is still interested in acquiring the lot to the north of the current fire hall.

Member Solberg made a motion to provide 1 commercial lot to the Lakota Fire Department if needed for building expansion, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Supt. Ulland's provided the council with his written report and attached with the minutes.

Supt. Ulland stated there was a water break near the cemetery that has since been fixed allowing the adjacent property owner access to city water again.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

No report provided.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No additional report provided.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Member Vasichek stated the CC committee will be visiting about a possible key fob for the door system as there is added interest to use the facility.

Auditor Vasichek stated BNSF Railway Foundation has accepted the city's grant request for the improvement project and has provided \$15,000 towards it.

Member Solberg questioned if the city will be chip sealing this year.

Mayor Hooey stated he has concerns with Main Street with a large dip in the street. The council reviewed a few different areas that need to be addressed.

Member Mattern stated he walks at the community center each morning and he is constantly sweeping up mud. Member Mattern stated about 50% of the walkers change their shoes.

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Member Nelson stated he will speak with Troy Bullis about the sidewalk quote.

**ADVISORY REPORTS**

No report provided.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**AUDITOR REPORT**

Auditor Vasichek' s written report was provided and attached with minutes.

Auditor Vasichek gave reports on clean up week, RWIP Regional grant, Slum & Blight grant application, CHDO Lakota development, Golf Course memberships/sponsorships, CC updates, Lead inventory contract and an upcoming Devils Lake regional water meeting. There were suggestions on other properties to possibly include on the slum & bright grant application.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Tenneson had nothing in addition to report.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Mattern to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Vasichek seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 6-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	239.84
BCBS	\$	7,878.56
Battistoni, Michael	\$	250.00
Computer Express	\$	300.00
Dakota Implement	\$	63.98
Dept of Environmental	\$	90.00
EFTPS	\$	2,145.04

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EFTPS	\$	2,605.78
Elan	\$	681.30
Farmers Union Oil	\$	692.72
GF Utility	\$	76.00
Global Industrial	\$	4,040.00
Hawkins	\$	350.51
Krabbenhoft	\$	261.63
Lakeside Lock & Key	\$	42.25
Lakota American	\$	251.11
Lakota Hardware	\$	391.46
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	620.97
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	9,614.70
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,728.51
Locators & Supplies	\$	1,165.20
MARC	\$	4,761.85
MRES	\$	52,951.55
NC Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
Nodak	\$	774.81
Nd One Call	\$	1.30
ND Telephone	\$	49.24
North-Holt	\$	7,914.50
Outram, Janice	\$	24.55
Polar	\$	2,594.92
Powerplan	\$	822.70
Quadient Leasing	\$	406.14

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Quill	\$	103.24
Renewed State	\$	1,400.00
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	272.12
Samuelson Welding	\$	936.00
T & R Electric	\$	62,732.13
United Laboratories	\$	686.56
USABluebook	\$	1,902.90
Verizon	\$	201.82
Witzel Construction	\$	14,228.00
City Salaries	\$	11,928.71
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TOTAL	\$	226,776.99

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Member Mattern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Nelson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor