

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7TH, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on August 7th, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present. City Auditor Amie Vasichuk was in attendance, City Attorney Jayme Tenneson was on speaker phone. David Matejcek, Derrick Marquart, Kelly Peters was in the audience. Supt. Josh Ulland entered the meeting at 6:45pm.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the July 5th, 2023, regular meeting minutes and July 5th Planning and Zoning minutes, seconded by Member Fahey. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley recognized David Matejcek.

Mr. Matejcek stated he has applied for a building permit to construct a hopper bin on the east side of his business and is looking for approval from the city council.

Member Vasichuk made a motion to approve David Matejcek, Lakota Feed building permit to construct a hopper bin, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley recognized Mr. Marquart and Mr. Peters. Both indicated they were in attendance to observe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Hooley stated the 3rd pump at the lift station has been installed and Supt. Ulland could give more information later when he arrives at the meeting.

Mayor Hooley stated the community center committee met early today and have decided on the gym floor logos after meeting with Bruce Anderson and Pat Tronson. The gym floor will have the NC Chargers name on it along with the business sponsors State Bank of Lakota and Tronson Grain. Member Vasichuk stated the building has a moisture issue and will need an HVAC system installed to help regulate the humidity.

Mr. Peters stated he has contacted a few contractors to obtain pricing for different units

Vilandre - \$47,500 and Nelson Electrical Solutions - \$32,000, however both estimates do not include electrical.

Member Nelson reviewed both estimates and discussion was had on what would be the best unit to regulate the humidity. Member Nelson stated he would research the units and speak to his HVAC contact and have an answer tomorrow. Member Vasichuk stated the Lakota School Board meets on Wednesday and both parties would need to be in agreement with the purchase.

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Member Nelson made a motion to approve the painting and logos of the community center gym floor as presented by the committee, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек was asked to send Member Nelson the list of kitchen equipment that will be installed at the community center so he can better prepare for electrical needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the transfer the liquor license from Tiki Shack to Jesse Schuh, Till House Saloon and Grill, LLC, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland entered the meeting at 6:45pm.

Auditor Vasichек presented the 2024 preliminary budget to the council and gave highlights on each fund. 2024 Preliminary budget of levied funds is \$163,010 and \$32,000 for the park board.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the 2024 Preliminary Budget as presented with \$163,010 levied funds, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson requested to table the discussion on the Golf Course pond/fountain until next meeting.

Attorney Tenneson stated he has the CHS contract almost completed and should have it for the council by the end of the week.

Mayor Hooley stated he and Supt. Ulland reviewed the town for properties with junk and/or abandoned vehicles. Attorney Tenneson suggested having the council review their ordinances prior to sending letters to property owners. It was decided to review the ordinances by next meeting.

Mayor Hooley stated the city hall is in need of a different heating/cooling option and suggested installing a mini split for the building. After discussion, Member Nelson will look into the cost to add a mini-split in the city hall office and present it at the next meeting.

Supt. Ulland stated he has inspected the house at 211 5th St West and has found load bearing walls removed along with other structural issues. Supt. Ulland stated he has officially declared the building unsafe and dangerous. Supt. Ulland stated the owners have been notified and a notice has been placed on the property. Supt. Ulland stated he will be in contact with Tom Benson to have the building demolished and Auditor Vasichек will assess the expense to the property.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve Supt. Ulland's dangerous building declaration of 211 5th St West and to order the building to be demolished, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor.

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Auditor Vasichек stated the Lakota Ambulance is in the process to take over the property at 306 A Ave West for their new Ambulance building. Auditor Vasichек stated the Lakota Ambulance would like this property to be re-zoned from residential to commercial. Attorney Tenneson stated the process is easy and would need to be published in the newspaper prior to the next meeting. Attorney Tenneson suggested to provide a variance instead of re-zoning the property. Auditor Vasichек was instructed to take care of the publication.

Mayor Hooey stated Attorney Tenneson has written a letter to BNSF on the concern with blocking all 3 entrances to town on 7/27/23 and with the car accident on Hwy 2, emergency responders were not able to get to the site in a timely manner. Member Solberg suggested having the mayor and the city attorney sign the letter.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Solberg stated he would like the weeds and grass taken care of in the streets and sidewalks.

Member Vasichек stated the Nelson County planning and zoning committee met recently to approve leases for cellular phone towers.

Member Ferguson stated he spoke with the Sheriff's department on the issue of speeding throughout town and they will try to patrol the area. Member Ferguson suggested installing mobile cameras at the intersections and stated the property owners would allow for the usage of their internet to do so.

Member Solberg stated Jon McLean requested stop signs at the intersection of his house to prevent high speed of motorists.

Member Vasichек suggested inviting Sheriff Schwind to the next council meeting to address some of the issues.

Member Ferguson stated the piping at the landfill pump will need to be fixed and estimated up to \$2,500 in cost that would be shared with the Township.

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Member Vasichек made a motion to budget \$2,500 for repairs to the pipe at the landfill pump to be cost shared with the Lakota Township, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern stated he also has heard complaints about the weeds and grass growing in the streets and would like it to be taken care of. Mayor Hooey stated he visited with employee Burkland about spraying for them.

Member Fahey stated he reviewed chapter 12 ordinances and it prohibits unusable vehicles to be parked on property and he suggested to instead change it to licensed vehicles.

Member Fahey suggested annexing the property at the corner of Hwy 1 & 2 so the city could take care of cleaning it.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hooey stated he is seeing juvenile drivers on ATV's again without helmets and would like the Sheriff's department to do something about it.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichек stated she had her second meeting with the Housing committee for Region 4 and they are focusing on the housing needs in towns of Lakota, Michigan and McVile for Nelson County. Auditor Vasichек stated they are asking for lists of properties available from each community and ideally, all property would have utilities onsite, no special assessments and free to the housing committee. Auditor Vasichек was instructed to provide a list of available properties to the committee.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson stated he can speak with Sheriff Schwind on the ATV issue.

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

Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
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Agcom	\$ 1,004.77
Apex Engineering	\$ 1,188.00
Aramark	\$ 102.74
Associated Pool Builders	\$ 81,000.00
BND	\$ 32,870.00
BCBS	\$ 9,174.87
Capital One	\$ 299.74
CHS	\$ 127.68
Crisafulli	\$ 4,003.00
Dakota Implement	\$ 156.57
Dept of Environmental	\$ 135.00
Earthcam	\$ 3,000.00
EFTPS	\$ 3,380.38
EFTPS	\$ 3,538.36
Elan	\$ 2,341.08
Fargo Country Club	\$ 800.00
Farm Employment Services	\$ 50.00
Farmers Union Oil	\$ 3,550.62
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 2,126.80
GF Utility	\$ 70.00
H & H Coatings	\$ 4,600.00
Hawkins	\$ 2,105.38
Klemetsrud	\$ 264.76
L&S Enterprises	\$ 175.00
Lake Region Pest	\$ 435.00
Lakes Area Turf	\$ 4,796.00

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Lakeside Lock & Key	\$	391.94
Lakota American	\$	548.00
Lakota Auto Truck & Tire	\$	20.00
Lakota Feed	\$	999.56
Lakota Hardware	\$	1,070.89
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,947.94
Langdon Fire Equipment	\$	120.00
Linde Gas	\$	138.40
Locators & Supplies	\$	318.26
Mead & Hunt	\$	9,000.00
MARC	\$	4,995.28
Miller Repair	\$	1,177.14
MRES	\$	844.63
MRES	\$	32,988.20
MN Property Holdings	\$	360.00
MTI Distributing	\$	296.48
Medrano, Noel	\$	123.60
MMUA	\$	750.00
Meyers, Heather	\$	161.78
NDPERS	\$	3,116.84
NC Sheriff	\$	4,636.80
Neonlink	\$	69.60
Nodak	\$	1,364.25

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ND E-Waste	\$ 2,319.00
ND One Call	\$ 10.40
ND Telephone	\$ 97.08
Polar	\$ 1,644.83
PS Doors	\$ 178.00
Quadient Leasing	\$ 203.07
Quill	\$ 40.77
Railroad Management	\$ 344.67
Rough Rider Industries	\$ 43.98
Ryan's Welding	\$ 9,295.63
Rysavy Plumbing	\$ 624.02
Samuelson Welding	\$ 2,230.00
Verizon	\$ 179.64
Wells Fargo	\$ 1,442.28
City Salaries	\$ 17,771.27
City Salaries	<u>\$ 19,135.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 300,846.26

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 5th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor