

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 2ND, 2024

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on December 2nd, 2024, at the City Hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present. Member Fahey attended via speaker phone. City Attorney Jayme Tenneson (entered meeting at 6:51pm), City Auditor Amie Vasichек and City Supt. Josh Ulland were in attendance. David Matejcek was in attendance.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4th, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Member Ferguson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No sidewalk quote provided.

Supt. Ulland stated Sierra Ericksrud rescinded her application for the water operator position and there is one other applicant: Wade Hoffarth. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Solberg reviewed the recent election results with David Matejcek as the winner for the 4 year term for the open city council position.

David Matejcek took his oath of office

Mayor Solberg read aloud his appointments.

Member Vasichек made a motion to accept the mayor appointments, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Solberg requested Member Fahey to handle the City Supt and City Auditor year end evaluations by next meeting.

Auditor Vasichек stated the city was awarded a \$1.7 million dollar grant to convert the overhead electrical lines to underground within the city. This grant is provided by the ND Transmission Authority. Auditor Vasichек stated the director of the ND Transmission Authority Claire Vigessa will be attending the March, 2025 meeting to discuss the grant and everything in that comes with the grant.

Auditor Vasichек stated the 3 bars in town have reapplied for the 2025 liquor license. Auditor Vasichек stated she did receive a citizen complaint from Jalin Haadem regarding his concern with approving the Sunlac liquor license. Auditor Vasichек stated she has contacted the Sheriff's department and Sheriff Schwind about the relationship with their department and the Sunlac and it was stated by Sheriff Schwind that he does not have concerns at this time.

Member Fahey made a motion to accept the 2025 liquor licenses for the Sunlac, Tillhouse and DD's Place, seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated the council had previously agreed on providing an early bird discount for the golf course memberships. Member Nelson suggested \$50 off family and single memberships to be paid by

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January 10th. After discussion it was suggested to offer the discount through February 15th, 2025 and to not include junior members.

Mayor Solberg stated he has signed the administration agreement for the CDBG funding for the school ADA improvements.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

Supt Ulland stated he would like to convert the pool chemical system going from gas to liquid and will bring items to the council in the next months.

Member Vasichek questioned if the Christmas tree and main street decorations will be up. Supt. Ulland stated with the old Lakota American building coming down, he will not be putting a Christmas tree up this year.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Vasichek requested to combine advisory and council reports on the agenda going forward.

Attorney Tenneson entered the meeting at 6:51pm.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Solberg stated the city received a request from 2 Dakota Prairie High School students to rent the CC for a pancake breakfast this Sunday and have the proceeds go back to the community for a school project. Mayor Solberg stated the students requested a waiver in the rent as the funds raised will go back to the community. Attorney Tenneson stated the city is unable to donate to any entity so they would be unable to accept the request. Attorney Tenneson also suggested having the teacher sign the rental agreement since it is a school project. Auditor Vasichek will contact the students about the council's decision.

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AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichек stated the city was awarded \$1.7 million in grant funds to convert he electrical overhead lines underground provided by the ND Transmission Authority. Auditor Vasichек stated she will have more information on the Transmission Authority grant later as Clarie Vigesaa, Director of ND Transmission Authority, plans to attend a city council meeting to answer any questions.

Auditor Vasichек stated the last Spark Home is set to close on December 10th to the new buyers. Auditor Vasichек stated she will submit Lakota for the 2025 Spark Builds, but isn't optimistic about being awarded.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson stated he will be working on the quiet titles for the Sundeen's addition.

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

Advanced Business Methods	\$	248.51
Auto Valve	\$	115.43
BCBS	\$	9,077.21
Border States	\$	783.96
Carr's Tree Service	\$	44,520.00
Computer Express	\$	300.00
Dept of Environmental	\$	160.10
EFTPS	\$	2,351.51
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Elan	\$	8,794.88
Farmers Union Oil	\$	9,759.79
Ferry, Mark	\$	1,080.00

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Fahey, Gary	\$	261.30
GF Utility	\$	144.00
Hawkins	\$	1,659.11
Interstate Power	\$	1,871.52
Lake Region Pest	\$	435.00
Lakes Area Turf	\$	4,404.00
Lakota Hardware	\$	1,455.04
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	150.00
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Lakota Sanitation	\$	11,728.49
Land Surveying	\$	550.00
Menards	\$	125.98
MARC	\$	4,205.77
MIDCO	\$	4,107.00
MMUA	\$	540.00
MRES	\$	39,587.52
MRES	\$	2,965.00
Marquart, Derrick	\$	100.00
Nelson County	\$	100.00
NC Soil Conservation	\$	200.00
Nelson Co. Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
Nelson Electrical	\$	35.56
Nodak	\$	1,178.97
ND One Call	\$	10.50
ND Telephone	\$	49.40

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ND Water Users	\$ 100.00
Pitney Bowes	\$ 195.00
Polar	\$ 1,282.86
PS Doors	\$ 329.54
Quill	\$ 213.60
Renewed State	\$ 1,800.00
Rysavy Plumbing	\$ 439.19
Rysavy, Krystyne	\$ 68.42
Skogen, Nancy	\$ 80.00
Strata	\$ 964,754.14
Vasichek, Amie	\$ 80.00
Verizon	\$ 378.18
Vestis	\$ 71.27
City Salaries	\$ 12,875.74
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TOTAL	\$ 1,159,530.16

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Solberg, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor