

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED
DECEMBER 4TH, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on December 4th, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Member Fahey & Mattern who were absent. City Superintendent Josh Ulland, City Auditor Amie Vasichек and City Attorney Jayme Tenneson were in attendance. Kelly Peters, Preston Sundeen and Lule Naas were in the audience.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the November 6th, 2023, regular meeting and Planning & Zoning minutes, seconded by Member Vasichек. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley recognized Preston Sundeen.

Mr. Sundeen stated the Catholic church is having boiler issues and would like permission to place an above ground 1,000-gallon fuel tank at the church for use throughout the winter. Mayor Hooley recommended to look into any health requirements while placing the tank. Member Ferguson questioned if this will be a permanent fixture. Mr. Sundeen stated at the moment it is only a temporary solution.

Member Vasichек stated he did not foresee an issue as long as state and federal requirements are met.

No other comments made.

Mayor Hooley recognized Lule Naas.

Mrs. Naas presented a letter from Dawn Mandt. Mrs. Naas went over the RWIP Region 4 grant application and the matching funds requirement. Mrs. Naas stated the committee is currently looking to raise \$194,500 for a match to fund 1.5 full-time positions with travel, marketing and printing expenses of \$458,568 to help promote the region and attract workforce over an 18-month timeline.

Member Nelson entered the meeting at 6:12pm.

Member Vasichек made a motion to commit \$1,000 matching funds towards the RWIP Region 4 grant application, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Naas presented the Destination Team Launch meetings with Lakota having a meeting location on December 18th.

Mrs. Naas left the meeting at 6:20pm.

Mayor Hooley recognized Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters had nothing to present.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Hooey presented the estimate for a mini split at the city hall. Supt. Ulland was put in charge of exploring other heating options for the next meeting.

Mayor Hooey reviewed the presented Hulstrand Development covenants. Attorney Tenneson went through the options listed in the proposed covenants.

Member Solberg made a motion to accept the covenants for the Hulstrand Development, seconded by Member Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey reviewed the public nuisance ordinance as presented.

Mayor Hooey stated he is concerned with 3 residents parking on berms throughout town that will obstruct snow removal and the sight of traffic. Attorney Tenneson stated he will write a letter to the property owners to instruct them not to park on the berms.

Mayor Hooey questioned if the city could assess the cost of towing a vehicle from a property to the property owner. Attorney Tenneson stated he couldn't find anything in the century code allowing for that assessment. Mayor Hooey stated he is concerned if a towing company wouldn't come into town without assurance, he would get paid.

Motion to approve the 1st reading of Chapter 12- Public Nuisance as presented, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland stated the Lakota Fire Department is interested in selling their fire truck for \$8,000. Supt. Ulland requested to purchase this equipment for various uses in the city.

Member Vasichek made a motion to purchase the Lakota Fire Departments truck for \$8,000, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey reviewed the current community center agreement for rentals. Mayor Hooey stated it will need to be updated to reflect the gym floor cleaning requirements and considered if a higher deposit should be in place for renters. Attorney Tenneson stated according to NDCC, a renter cannot demand a deposit higher than rent.

Auditor Vasichek was instructed to look into new stage options for the committee to review. Mr. Peters suggested putting a pricing menu for rent including stage, floor cover, Wi-Fi, etc.

Employee Evaluations will be completed this month with review at the January meeting.

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Member Nelson made a motion to approve the 2024 liquor license renewals for Till House, DD's Place, and the Lakes, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve a \$2,500 budget to purchase additional main street Christmas décor, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland stated the weight of the tractor is out of balance with the front mounted blower and will need a tractor weight of 3,968 lbs. installed at \$4,950.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the purchase of a tractor weight from Leading Edge Equipment for the John Deere tractor, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, except Member Vasichек who abstained. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

Supt. Ulland went over a water break on the west end of town having copper line.

Supt. Ulland stated the new seat was installed in the payloader and the inspector was happy with the improvements made.

Member Solberg stated the section in front of Cenex should be filled in with gravel or bladed as it is rough. Supt. Ulland stated he will visit with the manager as it would be at their expense.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Vasichек stated the community center committee will plan to be next week. Member Vasichек stated there are a couple local bakers interested in renting the cc kitchen for their business and will be meeting with them to discuss options. Member Vasichек thanked the city crew and Kelly Peters for the additional cleaning for the gym floor after the recent wedding.

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ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hooey stated he is concerned about a resident piling garbage on their deck. Mayor Hooey stated he thinks the health department should be contacted. Attorney Tenneson stated he can write a letter to the resident; after the letter the city inspector would then review the property and follow the proper channels.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichek stated the new owner of the Treasured Creations building has it listed for sale at \$189,900.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson stated he is currently having issues in Griggs and Nelson Counties about unauthorized internet usage. Attorney Tenneson suggested imposing a policy for background checks and internet policies for employees and new hires.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Solberg to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 4-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	239.84
Apex Engineering	\$	594.00
Aramark	\$	51.37
Associated Pools	\$	132,900.00
BCBS	\$	7,987.36

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Border States	\$	480.03
Brooks, William	\$	272.25
City of Hoople	\$	2,250.00
City of Lakota	\$	400.00
Dept of Environmental	\$	76.76
East Dakota Steam	\$	150.00
EFTPS	\$	2,403.32
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Elan	\$	2,163.90
Estvold, Troy	\$	394.56
Farmers Union Oil	\$	510.98
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	354.41
GF Utility	\$	18.00
Hawkins	\$	476.08
Interstate Power	\$	2,860.18
Krabbenhoft	\$	94.56
Lake Region Pest	\$	435.00
Lakes Area Turf	\$	4,813.50
Lakota American	\$	100.69
Lakota Hardware	\$	638.17
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,978.49
McClean, Gary	\$	75.00

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Mead & Hunt	\$	7,000.00
Menards	\$	240.81
MARC	\$	4,989.50
MRES	\$	47,543.42
NDLC	\$	210.00
NDPERS	\$	3,190.40
ND Rural Water	\$	430.00
NC Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
Nelson Electrical	\$	242.50
Neonlink	\$	34.00
Nodak	\$	845.81
ND Telephone	\$	49.23
ND Water Users	\$	100.00
Polar	\$	3,318.90
PowerManager	\$	6,615.12
Powerplan	\$	731.78
Quill	\$	67.25
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	1,217.42
Roberts, Jason	\$	200.10
Schmidt, Brian	\$	250.00
Strata	\$	994.07
Stumper Pumper	\$	1,050.00
Total Heating	\$	591.00
USABluebook	\$	1,035.77
Verizon	\$	180.09

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City Salaries	\$ 13,225.32
City Salaries	<u>\$ 12,184.19</u>
TOTAL	\$ 292,477.07

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8th, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Member Vasichек made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Solberg.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichек, Auditor