

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on February 5th, 2024, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley 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, City Auditor Amie Vasichuk and City Attorney Jayme Tenneson were in attendance. No audience members.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the January 8th, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Member Vasichuk. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Hooley went over heating/cooling options for the city hall main office. Rysavy Plumbing & Heating estimate of \$13,484.65 and Nelson Electric mini-split unit for \$5,400. Supt. Ulland clarified that Rysavy Plumbing estimate also included heating/cooling the meeting room in addition to the main office.

Discussion was tabled to get clarity on each estimate.

Community Center Rental Agreement was tabled until the next meeting.

Auditor Vasichuk brought up a request to have a discount on advance payment of golf course memberships. Member Vasichuk suggested having a discount in December and promote it as a Christmas special for the 2025 season. No action taken for this golf season.

Mayor Hooley discussed the issue the trash piling up on Dorothy Carroll's deck. Attorney Tenneson stated the sheriff's department had tried to serve Ms. Carroll the nuisance letter a couple times with no answer at the door. Attorney Tenneson stated the Sheriff's Department will instead mail out the notice to the resident.

NEW BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland stated the Lakota Fire Department is looking to add a bay on the north side of the current Fire Hall building. Member Mattern questioned how much property the fire department would need. Supt. Ulland will measure to provide the footage.

Member Nelson entered the meeting at 6:16pm.

Mayor Hooley went over the Lakota Municipal Airport runway and taxiway rehabilitation project and the anticipated local share. The estimated total cost is \$1,908,900. with the local match of \$95,445.

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Member Solberg questioned if the city could tie in the paving of the runway with any work needed with town. The council felt it would be a good idea to reach out to the successful bidder to get an estimate for work.

Mayor Hooley will ask Matt Nelson to come to the next meeting to discuss more about the upcoming project.

Auditor Vasichuk provided the council with an update on the CHDO and the single-family housing development. Auditor Vasichuk stated Lakota is anticipated to have 2 homes built this year with the CHDO if the city would agree to donating 2 lots for this project.

Member Fahey stated this will be very beneficial in town and the city should do what we can to make this successful for Lakota. Member Fahey suggested Block 3 in the Sundeen's addition for the development and to also replat the Block providing 3 larger lots.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the real property purchase agreement for Lots A & B of Block 3, Sundeen's Addition to the Red River Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), seconded by Member Vasichuk. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Solberg made a motion to replat Block 3 Sundeen's Addition as proposed, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichuk made a motion to prepare the subdivision plat for the Hulstrand addition from Land Surveying Services for \$840, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichuk presented a petition to vacate the alley of Block 15, South Addition by petitioner Farmers Union Oil. Auditor Vasichuk stated Cenex is planning to construct a diesel island in 2024 and hopefully an addition to their existing building in 2025 to the east.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the petition from Farmers Union Oil-Cenex to vacate the alley in Block 15, South Addition contingent the property owner is aware of the utility infrastructure in the alley, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley stated the sidewalk by the Lakota Elementary school needs to be replaced and he would like to solicit bids for the work. There was a discussion on engineering for the project. Member Solberg suggested hiring Benson Excavating to complete the dirt work and install drain tile for the project.

Member Vasichuk stated with the proximity to the school there should be some funding available for a safe route to school project. Auditor Vasichuk stated she will check into funding and visit with School Supt. Kelly Peters.

Mayor Hooley stated the community center kitchen has been requested to rent out for business use. After reviewing licensing and other conflicts, it was decided to not pursue kitchen rental for business use at this time.

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Mayor Hooey stated he would like to appoint Elaine Brooks to the special assessment committee to replace Wes Brooks. Member Fahey stated Elaine may have a conflict. Member Solberg suggested Rob Ouradnik.

Member Vasichек made a motion to appoint Rob Ouradnik to the special assessment committee, seconded by Member Nelson. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек was asked to reach out to Mr. Ouradnik to verify his acceptance.

Supt. Ulland provided mower lease or purchases for the city. Proposals reviewed were from Bobcat and Leading Edge Equipment. Discussion was tabled until additional information is provided.

Auditor Vasichек presented a Storefront Improvement application for the Till House for \$2,500.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the Storefront Improvement application from the Till House for \$2,500, 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 suggested for each city crew employee receive Carhartt winter coats and additional city shirts and use the funds from the recent sale of copper.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the purchase of clothing for the city employees, seconded by Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland requested to box in the overhead door on the north side of the community center and install a 2 door system. Mayor Hooey suggested presenting this option at the next committee meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Nelson questioned why depreciation was on the golf course financials. Attorney Tenneson stated the state requires it in government financials. Member Nelson stated he would relay this requirement to the golf course board.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

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MAYOR REPORT

Nothing to report.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichек gave an update on the CHDO board and initiative. Auditor Vasichек stated the Lakota Pool will be featured in a Miles and Moments promotional video this summer due to the grant funds received from LWCF.

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 Vasichек seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 6-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	239.84
Aramark	\$	79.29
BND	\$	4,862.91
BCBS	\$	7,987.37
Dacotah Paper	\$	537.29
Dept of Environmental	\$	116.48
Display Sales	\$	3,669.00
EFTPS	\$	2,350.55
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Elan	\$	1,602.91
Farmers Union Oil	\$	3,053.59
GF Utility	\$	206.50

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Green Pro Solutions	\$	416.50
Hawkins	\$	820.09
Krabbenhof	\$	47.88
Lake Region Pest	\$	435.00
Lakota American	\$	280.84
Lakota Hardware	\$	508.81
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,423.76
Leading Edge Equipment	\$	3,000.00
Martin Mechanical	\$	2,500.00
Mead & Hunt	\$	15,863.00
Miller Repair	\$	1,781.32
MRES	\$	269.92
MRES	\$	62,913.03
NDPERS	\$	3,634.57
NC Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
Nelson Electrical	\$	220.00
Neonlink	\$	67.20
Nodak	\$	838.41
ND Telephone	\$	49.24
Polar	\$	1,435.68
Quill	\$	193.93
Renewed State	\$	1,800.00
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	370.90

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Strata Corp	\$	1,945.81
Tri-Steel	\$	161.79
Verizon	\$	180.12
City Salaries	\$	12,733.21
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TOTAL	\$	178,671.42

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4th, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooley, Mayor

Amie Vasichak, Auditor