

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting February 6th, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Members Nelson & Vasichuk who were absent, Member Ferguson entered the meeting at 6:48pm. City Attorney Jayme Tenneson and City Auditor Amie Vasichuk were also in attendance. No audience members.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Hooley called for additions to the agenda.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the January 3rd, 2023, regular meeting minutes and January 3rd, 2023 special meeting minutes, seconded by Member Fahey. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Tenneson provided the mayor with letters to sign to the dangerous building owners, Kristie Carrick and Brenda McGee outlining his findings from the previous meeting. Mayor Hooley signed the letters and instructed that they be served by the sheriff's department.

The council decided the option for an employee to obtain Globe Life insurance would be at the employee's expense.

Mayor Hooley stated he and Member Fahey have not drawn up their vision for the replat of Block 3 in the Sundeen's Addition, but thought to divide the lots into 3 deep lots running north and south. Auditor Vasichuk stated she was approached by someone curious to put an apartment building or townhouses on some of these lots. It was noted by the council that they would not be in favor of an apartment complex on these lots and something like that would be better suited north of the railroad tracks.

Auditor Vasichuk stated the community center committee anticipates picking out a gym floor soon and that the fundraising campaign has acquired \$416,000 so far. Attorney Tenneson stated the flooring purchase would need to follow the competitive bidding process. Member Mattern questioned the need if the funds were all donated and not taxpayer funds. Attorney Tenneson stated he will do some research on the requirement. Mayor Hooley stated the school has been the lead with contacting flooring companies and he knows they have met with at least companies.

NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion on the employee policy change proposal to allow more vacation days carried over at the first of the year or to allow the employee to cash out vacation days at the end of the year. It was decided to table the discussion until the full council is available.

Mayor Hooley stated he would like to table the discussion on membership rates for the golf course until Member Nelson is available as he is the committee member.

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Auditor Vasichек drew notice to the Christmas light quote provided by Supt. Ulland from Display Sales for \$519.00. Auditor Vasichек stated the items for purchase would be bulbs to replace some of our Christmas décor for next year.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the quote from Display Sales for \$519 for LED bulbs, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated Supt. Ulland provided a quote from Border States for the purchase of electrical meters that would be compatible with the AMR water meters. Auditor Vasichек stated since the last council meeting the price has gone up twice for these meters.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the purchase of AMR electrical meters for \$31,984.80 from Border States, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated the city crew has discovered a leak at the water treatment plant and believes it is in the wall and outside the building, however if the leak is in the tank, he has a quote from MIDCO Diving and Marine Services for a scuba crew to repair it for \$3,786 for 8hrs.

Member Mattern made a motion to accept the MIDCO Diving & Marine Services quote of \$3,786 for tank repair if required, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Ulland's report was provided to the council.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Glienke was not in attendance.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Solberg stated there are 2 vehicles on the street by Bob Hoffarth's that haven't moved in months and are a burden for snow removal. Auditor Vasichек stated she or Supt. Ulland will reach out to the owners to notify the requirement of being moved or they will be towed.

Member Solberg stated the streets need to be scraped to help with the ruts.

Member Mattern stated there are many water hydrants covered with snow and need to be accessible. Mayor Hooley stated he will ask the crew to go around and clear a path when time allows.

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Member Mattern suggested scraping the alleys in addition to scraping the streets as heavy trucks are getting stuck with the warmer conditions.

Member Ferguson entered the meeting at 6:48pm.

Member Ferguson suggested renting a piece of equipment to help trim the trees in the alleys.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hooley had no additional report.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichek stated FEMA has rejected the mitigation project for the lift station pump 3 as the cost is more than replacing pumps 1 & 2.

Auditor Vasichek stated the city is projected to receive Prairie Dog funds from the state and will be required to use them towards essential infrastructure projects.

Auditor Vasichek spoke a little on NCJDA projects and housing rehab status.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson stated he followed up with Jason Huwe about the title work on his property and there are no issues.

After review of 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 Fahey seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 3-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
Aflac	\$	127.02
Agcom	\$	92.42

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Apex Engineering	\$	198.00
Aramark Uniform	\$	43.35
BND	\$	5,245.19
BCBS	\$	5,996.66
Berdal, Marian	\$	63.69
Cardmember Services	\$	380.77
EFTPS	\$	2,914.79
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Farmers Union Oil	\$	5,417.25
GF Utility Billing	\$	70.00
Hawkins	\$	825.21
Interstate Billing Services	\$	206.16
Klemetsrud Plumbing	\$	2,823.05
Krabbenhof	\$	187.86
Lakota American	\$	215.68
Lakota Drug	\$	11.43
Lakota Hardware	\$	695.66
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	310.00
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	7,847.41
LaMotte's Paint & Glass	\$	5,300.00
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
Mead & Hunt	\$	12,320.00
MARC	\$	4,642.54
Miller Repair	\$	5,320.85

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MRES	\$ 77,517.50
MMUA	\$ 750.00
NDPERS	\$ 6,565.59
Nelson County Sheriff	\$ 2,318.40
Nelson Electrical	\$ 150.00
Neonlink	\$ 64.80
Nodak	\$ 960.73
ND One Call	\$ 4.10
ND Telephone	\$ 48.99
NXKEM USA	\$ 248.00
Ohnstad Electric	\$ 80.00
Polar	\$ 1,272.51
Quadient Leasing	\$ 406.14
Rock Creek Club House	\$ 175.95
Rough Rider Industries	\$ 35.28
Rysavy Plumbing	\$ 385.25
Strata Corp	\$ 125,827.50
United Laboratories	\$ 737.58
USABluebook	\$ 407.40
Verizon	\$ 179.73
WSI	\$ 1,847.11
City Salaries	\$ 1,346.00
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TOTAL	\$ 321,363.48

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor