

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 5TH, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on July 5th, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All Council Members were present. Attorney Jayme Tenneson, City Supt. Josh Ulland and City Auditor Amie Vasichек were in attendance. Darryl Klundt was in attendance. Kelly Peters entered the meeting at 7pm

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the June 5th, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Member Nelson. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey recognized Darryl Klundt.

Mr. Klundt reviewed the building permit CHS has applied for. Mr. Klundt stated CHS is planning to add a new bin for more storage and another dump pit on the east side of the property. After the special meeting with the neighboring property owners' requests were made; install a fence, plant a tree line, put chloride on the gravel road to prevent dust and within 3 years to pave the turn around road. Attorney Tenneson stated he would recommend a contract be written and signed by both CHS and the city of Lakota prior to the building permit being approved. Mr. Klundt agreed and said he would be in contact with Auditor Vasichек when the contract is complete.

Mr. Klundt left the meeting at 6:50pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland stated for the 3rd pump at the lift station is set to be installed at the end of the month. Supt. Ulland stated the railing and steps have also been fixed.

Member Vasichек stated the flooring at the community center is set to be installed next week and the fundraising efforts continue.

Mayor Hooey stated the city has received no additional applications for employment and will continue to recruit another employee.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Vasichек stated she is soon complete with the preliminary budget for 2024 and reminded the council to include any suggestions for the budget soon.

Auditor Vasichек stated the city's health insurance policy is up for renewal. Auditor Vasichек stated it is projected to have an overall health increase of 10.3%, but the dental and vision remain the same. Auditor Vasichек went over other plan options and mentioned Kim Burkland would be going on Medicare.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the renewal of the BCBS Health Insurance policy, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, except Member Vasichек who abstained. Motion carried.

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Kelly Peters entered the meeting at 7pm.

Member Nelson stated the pond at the golf course will need some repair work to the fountain. Member Nelson stated groundskeeper Randy discovered a treatment to the water that will help with the moss issue on the greens and will help reduce on other treatments the course has been conducting.

Mayor Hooley requested a firm price to repair the golf course pond fountain by the next meeting.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the recommendation to approve the petition to vacate part of 1st Ave SW from CHS, seconded by Member Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichek provided information to the council on a workforce housing initiative she is a part of and is hopeful Lakota and Nelson County can be utilizing this program to create more housing options. Auditor Vasichek stated the cities are asked to make a list of available property to construct housing on and preferred to have no special assessments attached.

Auditor Vasichek provided the council with Troy Bullis' storefront improvement application. Auditor Vasichek stated the application is for \$5,000 to be shared with NCJDA and for installing stucco on his business at 114 2nd st east.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve Bullis Construction's Storefront Improvement application for \$5,000 shared equally with the NCJDA, seconded by Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichek reminded the council that the storefront improvement is a reimbursed grant once approved.

Auditor Vasichek stated the pool project is scheduled to start next week and Dakota Fence will also be on site to section off the project area from the usable pool area.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Ulland's gave a verbal report.

Supt. Ulland stated he is waiting on an estimate from North Holt Electric to complete the electrical improvement project. Supt. Ulland stated the removal of the school playground has started.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Vasichек introduced the community center committee to Kelly Peters and stated he will be in contact with him soon to schedule the next meeting.

Member Solberg requested the city crew to take care of the weeds growing on the sidewalks and streets.

Member Mattern stated the lot east of Cenex has a lot of weeds and needs to be mowed. Supt. Ulland stated the city will take care of it and bill to Cenex.

Member Fahey stated he would like the city to pursue the ND Parks and Recreation grant to create a RV park at the community center. The council discussed the location and decided to apply to the grant for 8-10 RV lots.

Member Fahey also stated he has heard requests to install stop signs at F Ave West and 2nd St West as the traffic has been very fast and needs to slow down. Member Vasichек recommended speaking with the sheriff's department especially if it is known who the speeders are.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hooey stated Jesse Schuh is purchasing Tiki Shack from John & Lisa Whiteman and would like the council to consider transferring the liquor license to Mr. Schuh once the sale is complete.

Mayor Hooey stated he is concerned with all the junk in vehicles in people's yards and wants something done about it. Attorney Tenneson suggested the Mayor to compile a list of all the properties in question and take pictures of the condition to send with the letter.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichек stated the city has been awarded over \$60,000 for snow removal assistance from this last snow season she applied for with NDDDES.

Auditor Vasichек stated the city has been awarded \$10,000 for tree removal with no required match. Auditor Vasichек stated the funds are to focus on Ash trees or diseased/aging trees.

Auditor Vasichек stated she plans to apply for the \$25,000 tree planting grant to help with the boulevard tree population.

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The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No report provided.

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.

Acme Tools	\$	287.87
Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
Agcom	\$	293.21
Aramark	\$	91.10
Benson Excavating	\$	6,700.00
BCBS	\$	4,904.28
Border States	\$	1,606.92
Cardmember Service	\$	1,158.17
Champion Media	\$	400.00
CHS	\$	120.00
Dept of Environmental	\$	759.93
EFTPS	\$	3,720.37
EFTPS	\$	3,856.61
Farmers Union Oil	\$	1,595.30
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	38.92
Ferry, Mark	\$	300.00
GF Utility	\$	44.00
Hanson, Miranda	\$	25.00

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Hawkins	\$	4,262.54
Job Service	\$	196.55
Karas, Randy	\$	10.74
Kotaco Fuel	\$	13,920.13
Krabbenhof	\$	117.46
Lakes Area Turf	\$	4,621.00
Lakota Feed	\$	58.40
Lakota Hardware	\$	1,105.03
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,892.91
Langdon Fire Equipment	\$	1,403.00
Linde Gas	\$	138.40
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
MRES	\$	29,096.83
NDLC	\$	968.00
NDPERS	\$	3,509.37
Nelson Electrical	\$	3,032.24
Newby's	\$	131.97
Nodak	\$	831.65
ND One Call	\$	16.90
ND Telephone	\$	48.51
Office of State Auditor	\$	548.02
Polar	\$	1,197.49

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Quill	\$	96.97
Rock Creek Clubhouse	\$	2,782.05
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	259.75
Schindele, Lisa	\$	75.00
Strata	\$	6,622.50
Tri-County Water	\$	3,750.00
Verizon	\$	179.60
Wells Fargo	\$	1,442.28
City Salaries	\$	18,855.02
City Salaries	\$	<u>20,684.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	168,970.92

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday August 7th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor