

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Member Nelson who was absent. Member Fahey attended via speaker phone. City Superintendent Josh Ulland, City Auditor Amie Vasichek were in attendance. City Attorney Jayme Tenneson was in attendance via speaker phone. Audience members were Ron Maixner, Darryl Leith, Gen Strand and Matt Nelson.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the May 6, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Member Solberg. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Hooey stated the sidewalk issue in front of Gen Strand needs to be addressed, but she has an 8' sidewalk and a typical sidewalk is only 4'.

Mayor Hooey recognized Gen Strand.

Mrs. Strand stated she checked with other cities on sidewalk policy and those communities pay for sidewalks instead of the resident. Member Ferguson questioned if the city received a revised bid from Bullis; Mayor Hooey stated he has not received one yet.

Member Fahey stated he felt the extra footage should be split between the city and school. Mayor Hooey stated he attended the school board meeting and the school board told him they do not utilize the sidewalk and would not pay for it. Auditor Vasichek questioned if the sidewalk should instead be put to a 4' sidewalk; solving the issue of who is responsible for the extra expense. Auditor Vasichek stated each resident is responsible for their own snow removal.

Mayor Hooey tabled the discussion until a revised bid is available.

Supt. Ulland did not have an update about the engine noise signage. Discussion tabled.

Mayor Hooey stated Devils Lake completed a feasibility study for the additional water supply and they are passing on the opportunity. Mayor Hooey stated with DL passing on the opportunity makes the decision for the city of Lakota and no further discussion was had.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hooey recognized Matt Nelson

Mr. Nelson gave an overview of the status of the airport operations and stated the hangar space is full.

Mr. Nelson stated the airport board is planning to resurface the runway as it is aged 22 years. Mr. Nelson stated bids have come in for the project. Strata had the lowest bid for the project, but the Airport board is waiting on FAA's final approval. The project cost share would be 90% federal, 5% state and 5% local match. Total project cost is approximately \$1.5 million.

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Mayor Hooey questioned where the 5% match would come from. Auditor Vasichек stated in the past the city has transferred funds from the electric fund.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the transfer from the electric fund for the airport runway resurfacing project, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey stated the council needs to review the properties in town and contact the sheriff to enforce the junk ordinance. Attorney Tenneson stated the mayor and Supt. Ulland will need to create a list of properties and provide it to the sheriff to enforce. Attorney Tenneson stated he will draft a letter to the property owner.

Mayor Hooey stated the DOT will be conducting chip sealing on Hwy 2 and the city will get an estimate to have chip sealing done in town at the same time. Discussion on street striping tabled.

Mayor Hooey requested bid opening for the floor scrubber. Auditor Vasichек stated no bids were given. Auditor Vasichек was instructed to advertise again on the request.

Attorney Tenneson stated the term limits in office is something that is also going to be discussed at the legislative session. Attorney Tenneson stated he is personally not in favor of term limits. Mayor Hooey agreed with Attorney Tenneson. No action taken.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the fireworks permit from B & K Fireworks, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the special events permit from DD's Place on June 29<sup>th</sup> for the Street Dance, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the special events permit from Till House Saloon & Grill for June 29<sup>th</sup> for the Street Dance, seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey presented the special events permit requested by the Till House Saloon & Grill to be located in the city park from 11am-7pm on June 29<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about the Turkey BBQ being a family event and not allowing a beer garden in the park.

The city council denied the special events permit request from the Till House Saloon & Grill for the city park on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Hooey would like the city to rent a dozer to properly clean up the landfill. Member Vasichек stated the city should pursue the option to rent. Mayor Hooey stated he would donate his labor to run the equipment.

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**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

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

Mayor Hooey stated the city should start looking at replacing one of the vehicles for the crew. Supt. Ulland stated he can check prices and present them at the next meeting. There was some discussion on buying new vs. used.

Supt. Ulland stated Troy Bullis is requesting insulators on the highline wire by his shop. Supt. Ulland stated he will check on prices.

Mayor Hooey questioned if the stage and floor cover has been removed from the community center. Supt. Ulland stated he has not done that yet. The council suggested contacting the school for assistance with teardown from the high school graduation. Member Vasichек offered to bring up the topic at the next committee meeting.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

No report provided.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No additional report provided.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Member Mattern requested the city crew to spray weeds in the cracks in the streets.

Member Solberg stated there are residents blowing grass clippings into streets and more advertising needs to be done to remedy the issue.

Member Vasichек stated Calderwood Landscaping has completed the landscaping at the front of the community center and were able to accomplish it prior to Lakota High School Graduation. Member Vasichек stated the Calderwood's donated their labor for the work and the committee is providing a sponsorship plaque in their name at the community center.

Member Ferguson stated the city and township should get the pump going by the city landfill.

Member Fahey suggested advertising in the newspaper about the city enforcing the junk on property ordinance.

**ADVISORY REPORTS**

No report provided.

**MAYOR REPORT**

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Mayor Hooey stated the Rock Creek Clubhouse is requesting assistance to improve kitchen appliances and bathroom vanities for an estimated price of \$3,686.65. Auditor Vasichек provided an overview on future improvements clubhouse the clubhouse board is planning. Auditor Vasichек suggested putting money into the appliances for the building as it is owned by the city.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the improvements to the Rock Creek clubhouse as presented, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR REPORT**

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

Auditor Vasichек gave an update on the housing development in Lakota, Benefits of a Municipality brochure recently created for Lakota and the \$150,000 Rural Slum & Blight Grant awarded to Lakota to demolish 2 commercial structures.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

No additional report provided.

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 Solberg seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 5-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	239.84
Associated Pool Builders	\$	10,000.00
BND	\$	217,908.87
BCBS	\$	7,878.56
Border States	\$	5,453.77
Capital One Trade	\$	274.48
Dept of Environmental	\$	135.02
DLL Finance	\$	785.28
Double Z Broadcasting	\$	100.00
EFTPS	\$	2,754.55
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EFTPS	\$	3,439.45

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Elan	\$	1,008.75
Farmers Union Service	\$	28.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	158.61
GF Utility	\$	76.00
Hawkins	\$	3,288.98
Haugen, Lexi	\$	202.59
Interstate Billing	\$	1,135.70
Lakes Area Turf	\$	4,404.00
Lakota American	\$	255.51
Lakota Feed	\$	58.40
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	150.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	489.38
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	4,857.93
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	12,088.98
Leading Edge Equipment	\$	14,199.17
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
Mark's Greenhouse	\$	550.00
Menards	\$	67.56
MARC	\$	2,319.80
Minnesota Pump Works	\$	17,646.94
MRES	\$	36,505.19
Nationwide	\$	121.30
NDPERS	\$	7,110.97
ND Shrine Bowl	\$	100.00
NC Recorder	\$	30.00
NC Sheriff	\$	3,415.00

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Nelson Electric	\$	3,744.94
Neonlink	\$	36.80
Nodak	\$	274.92
ND One Call	\$	9.00
ND Telephone	\$	49.01
Nelson, Tyler	\$	7.12
Polar	\$	1,931.52
R & R Products	\$	333.20
Rock Creek Clubhouse	\$	1,025.00
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	2,449.39
Schmidt, Kathy	\$	127.90
Transcript Publishing	\$	600.00
Tri-State Paving	\$	20,600.00
Verizon	\$	180.05
Wells Fargo	\$	1,442.28
City Salaries	\$	16,787.43
City Salaries	\$	<u>18,669.93</u>
TOTAL	\$	428,514.30

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1st, 2024, at 6:00pm. Organizational meeting after the election is also July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Solberg, President

Amie Vasichek, Auditor