

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present. City Supt. Josh Ulland and City Auditor Amie Vasichек were in attendance, Attorney Jayme Tenneson was in attendance via speaker phone. Darryl Klundt was in attendance.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Member Mattern. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey recognizes Darryl Klundt.

Mr. Klundt stated he was in attendance for CHS to petition to vacate an additional section of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW.

Member Solberg stated he would like to see a natural border or fence to protect the residential area to the south. Mr. Klundt stated CHS plans to install a culvert in for drainage and a pump station on the backside.

Member Vasichек made a motion to accept the petition to vacate 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW from the west side of Lot 7 of block 4 to 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Lakota, ND, seconded by Member Nelson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Klundt left the meeting at 6:11pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Supt. Ulland stated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> pump at the lift station he has ordered inlet valves with the approximate cost of \$3,000.

Member Vasichек stated the water barrier has been installed at the community center and the committee will be promoting the brick campaign this month.

Member Solberg stated himself along with Member Fahey and Supt. Ulland have interviewed William Ross for the city position as a general laborer. Member Solberg stated Mr. Ross can weld, has a CDL-A and is committed to the town. Supt. Ulland stated Water Operator Kim Burkland has no issue working with Mr. Ross.

Member Mattern suggested to continue advertising for another employee. Mayor Hooey suggested to change the policy for the living requirement of an employee which is currently a 3 mile radius of Lakota.

Member Vasichек made a motion to hire William Ross for \$23/hr, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, except Member Mattern who opposed. Motion carried.

Attorney Tenneson left the meeting at 6:24pm.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Supt. Ulland stated last winter there was a water main break to the cemetery and he is proposing to utilize the hydrant by Bruce Legacie's and run a line underground instead of replacing the main line. The council agreed.

Auditor Vasichек provided the council with the estimate of \$2,200 for the electronic recycling trailer to come again for one day this summer.

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the cost of \$2,200 for the electronic recycling trailer to be in Lakota for one day, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve special events permits from DD's Place on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Member Nelson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Hooey stated he spoke with Gen Strand about repairing her sidewalk. Mayor Hooey stated he received an estimate of \$17,600 to replace the entire sidewalk, but felt it would be unfair to require the property owner to pay for an 8' sidewalk and suggested splitting the cost 3 ways with the property owner and the school. Mayor Hooey stated Travis Schmidt will be bringing it up at the school board meeting.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the cost to replace the sidewalk on the north side of E Ave East between the high school and elementary school and to request a cost share with the Lakota School, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated David Matejcek is interested in Lots 5 & 6 Block 7 in the South Addition. Member Solberg stated Mr. Matejcek is aware of the Lakota Drain and that he will only use the land to store his equipment and not build on it.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the sale of Lots 5 & 6 of Block 7 in the South Addition to David Matejcek for \$3,500, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек presented the council with the Storefront Improvement application from William Brooks for the hair salon building and replacing 2 entry doors. Auditor Vasichек stated the city's portion if shared with NCJDA would be \$405.25.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Storefront Improvement application from William Brooks for \$405.25, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey stated with the new ADA door in the back of city hall, he would like approval to install a security camera to be live streamed into city hall. The council had no objection.

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Auditor Vasichек stated she would like the council to establish the cost per lot of the Hulstrand addition. After discussion it was established to set the price at \$.25 a square foot, but applying those funds to reduce the special assessment on the lot.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Supt. Ulland's gave a verbal report.

Supt. Ulland stated the crew will be replacing the water meters starting June 19<sup>th</sup> for the correct size.

Supt. Ulland stated Benson Excavating cleaned up the landfill for the city. Supt. Ulland would like to put a meter on Bob Walford's water spicket to be able to help grow grass on the Sloan lot. Council agreed.

Member Mattern questioned about fogging for mosquitos. Supt. Ulland stated the equipment is ready to go once the conditions are right.

Mayor Hooey stated the camper trailer is back at Sunlac and thought a letter should be sent. Auditor Vasichек stated the camper would be in violation of Ordinances 12.0507 and 12.0501 that would provide a \$50/day fine after a 7 day period. Auditor Vasichек was asked to write a letter to Sunlac about the violation.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

No report provided.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No additional report provided.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Member Ferguson stated a couple alleys need to be trimmed and provided the locations to Supt. Ulland.

Member Mattern stated he heard complaints about the golf course mosquitos. Auditor Vasichек stated she could visit with Groundskeeper Randy about purchasing more mosquito repellents.

Member Mattern questioned if the council was serious about changing the residency requirements for employees of the city as he knows of an individual who would be interested in working for the city. Member Mattern was encouraged to let the individual apply and the city would review it.

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Member Mattern stated he had heard Brenda McGee was going to place storage containers on her property at 303 7<sup>th</sup> St West. No action was taken.

Member Fahey suggested providing a discount or free golf tickets to stump lake campers to draw interest. Member Nelson stated he would check with the clubhouse board about offering half off coupons for 1 free round and golf cart rental. Supt. Ulland suggested passing them out during the Lakota Fire Dept meat raffle once a month at Stump Lake. Auditor Vasichек was instructed to make a dozen coupons if the clubhouse approved.

**ADVISORY REPORTS**

No report provided.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hooey stated he doesn't know what to do about certain yards not being kept up. Auditor Vasichек was instructed to send nuisance letters out at the request of Mayor Hooey.

**AUDITOR REPORT**

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

Auditor Vasichек stated with inflation the splash pad estimate has gone up significantly and the park board is short \$24,000. Auditor Vasichек stated the park board could deduct \$15,000 off the bid if they were to remove the current wading pool and pool deck. Mayor Hooey stated he will take a look at the total work to be done this week. Auditor Vasichек will reach out to individuals who may offer their equipment for the project.

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 Vasichек to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Mattern seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 6-0.

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Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
Aflac	\$	127.02
Agcom	\$	1,263.76
Associated Supply Company	\$	65.37
Benson Excavating	\$	12,000.00
BCBS	\$	5,996.66
Border States	\$	12,084.63
CHS	\$	192.36
EFTPS	\$	3,136.09
EFTPS	\$	3,521.71
Elan Financial Services	\$	7,378.07
Fargo Country Club	\$	200.00
Farmers Union Insurance	\$	11,574.00
Farmers Union Oil	\$	3,238.20
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	375.13
Ferry, Mark	\$	1,965.87
Hawkins	\$	1,253.40
Klemetsrud Plumbing	\$	316.68
Krabbenhof	\$	167.40
Lakes Area Turf	\$	4,446.00
Lakota American	\$	300.21
Lakota Auto	\$	40.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	191.90
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	12,178.10

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Leading Edge Equipment	\$	3,000.00
Litzinger, Matt	\$	25.00
Litzinger, Michael	\$	25.00
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
Mclean, Gary	\$	50.00
MARC	\$	4,832.30
Miller Repair	\$	3,597.83
MRES	\$	43,711.39
MRES	\$	439.70
Nationwide	\$	290.00
NDPERS	\$	3,489.80
Nelson County Soil	\$	100.00
Nelson County Sheriff	\$	2,318.40
Neon link	\$	33.20
Nodak	\$	144.98
Office of State Auditor	\$	405.00
Polar	\$	1,040.33
Quill	\$	203.29
R & R Products	\$	319.41
Rock Creek Clubhouse	\$	975.00
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	6,061.00
T&R Electric	\$	17,740.71
TEAM	\$	4,219.75
Thompson's Glass & Paint	\$	3,650.00
Transcript Publishing	\$	600.00
Ulland, Josh	\$	159.80

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Verizon	\$	282.08
Wells Fargo	\$	952.69
City Salaries	\$	15,853.77
City Salaries	\$	<u>18,288.02</u>
TOTAL	\$	221,703.91

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooley, Mayor

Amie Vasichak, Auditor