

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. All Council Members were present. City Attorney Jayme Tenneson, City Supt. Josh Ulland and City Auditor Amie Vasichuk were also in attendance. Barry Glienke, Randy Karas and Naomi Ferguson were in the audience.

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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Member Fahey. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Hooley stated he and the city crew visited with Witzel Construction recently about the plan for the Hulstrand addition infrastructure and will hopefully have estimates soon.

Auditor Vasichuk stated the door for the back city hall has been ordered.

Member Nelson provided the council with a proposed electrical cost responsibility policy for the utility:

**City of Lakota Electrical Cost Responsibilities**

**(Property Owner and City)**

- 1) The meter socket enclosure shall be the responsibility of the property owner
- 2) The meter shall be the responsibility of the city
- 3) Electrical Apparatus on the LINE side of the meter socket shall be the responsibility of the city
- 4) Electrical Apparatus on the LOAD side of the meter shall be the responsibility of the property owner
- 5) The city shall be responsible for the cost of bringing underground utility power, sized to the customer's electrical load, which will include the cost of trenching and the cost of wire, to a meter socket location only if one of the following is met:
  - 5a. The customer location is a new build
  - 5b. The customer is adding a minimum of 10KW of electric heat load
  - 5c. The city has determined the existing overhead line is compromised or poses a public risk

There was discussion on the reason for the policy. Member Nelson suggested this policy will resolve any uncertainty of when to bury the secondary power and who burdens the expense.

Member Vasichuk made a motion to approve the Electrical Cost Responsibility policy as proposed, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

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Nothing new to report on pump 3 at the lift station.

Mayor Hooley provided information to the council on the community center improvement committee. Mayor Hooley stated the committee has secured funding to complete the floor project at the community center. The proposed floor would have a 20 year manufactured warranty and a fan under the sport floor to help dry any moisture that may come thru.

The council discussed carry over vacation days in the employee policy. The city council decided to take no action on changing the current policy.

Member Nelson reviewed the golf course annual rates with the city and provided his recommendations:

Family - \$500

Single - \$350

Electric Cart Storage - \$175

Gas Cart Storage - \$150

Business Sponsorship to remain at \$300, but reduce the free golf rounds to 10 instead of 20

Member Nelson stated he did call a variety of golf courses in the area and with these changes Lakota will still be less than what most are charging.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the rate changes for 2023 year at the Rock Creek Golf Course, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek suggested more advertising for the course and possibly doing a marketing campaign with the camp grounds to entice more traffic.

Supt. Ulland entered the meeting at 6:40pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supt. Ulland provided the council with an estimate from Rysavy Plumbing for \$5,761 to replace the heater at the city shop.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve Rysavy Plumbing quote of \$5,761 for a new heater at the city shop, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley recognized Naomi Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson was in attendance to provide an updated contract for trash services, increasing the residential rate from \$17 to \$23.

Member Mattern made a motion to accept the Lakota Sanitation trash service contract for 2023-2025, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, except for Member Ferguson who abstained. Motion carried.

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Mrs. Ferguson left the meeting at 6:53pm.

Mayor Hooley recognized Randy Karas.

Mr. Karas was in attendance to propose his projects at the golf course this upcoming season. Mr. Karas projected expenses were \$11,966.27 for the season.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve Mr. Karas proposed expenses for the Rock Creek Golf Course of \$11,966.27, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Karas left the meeting at 7:10pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

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

**ENGINEER REPORT**

Engineer Glienke had nothing additional to report.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No additional report provided.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Member Solberg made a comment the roads a little rough still if something more could be done.

Member Mattern requested to widen the street in front of the elementary school and the Catholic Church.

The council discussed the option to replat Block 3 in Sundeen's Addition. The consensus was to leave it as is for now.

**ADVISORY REPORTS**

No report provided.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hooley stated he has heard a report that the Emerald Ash Borer was spotted in Moorhead, MN.

Mayor Hooley stated he visited with the owner of the Treasured Creations building across from city hall and he indicated his intent to pay up the taxes and possibly store motorcycles in the building.

Mayor Hooley stated he is unable to attend the next city council meeting.

**AUDITOR REPORT**

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

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Auditor Vasichek provided the council with the 2022 financial statement.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Tenneson had nothing in addition to report.

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

Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
Apex Engineering	\$	8,682.50
Aramark Uniform	\$	43.35
BCBS	\$	5,996.66
Border States	\$	9,485.00
Brent's Service	\$	21.82
Cardmember Services	\$	5,443.44
Dakota Business Solutions	\$	271.94
Davidson, Jack	\$	25.00
Dept. of Environmental Quality	\$	135.00
Display Sales Company	\$	519.00
EFTPS	\$	2,554.74
EFTPS	\$	2,532.81
Farmers Union Oil	\$	2,969.53
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	849.59
Krabbenhof	\$	17.64
Lake Region Door	\$	3,441.00

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Lake Region Pest Control	\$	435.00
Lakota American	\$	96.55
Lakota Farm Service	\$	25.00
Lakota Hardware	\$	34.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	310.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	669.84
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	9,599.98
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	7,809.81
McLean, Gary	\$	50.00
Mead & Hunt	\$	31,600.00
Menards	\$	19.99
MRES	\$	72,445.35
NDPERS	\$	3,528.27
Nelson County Sheriff	\$	2,318.40
Neonlink	\$	32.00
Nodak	\$	929.21
ND One Call	\$	2.60
ND Telephone	\$	48.99
Polar	\$	1,199.42
Quill	\$	192.55
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	760.18
The Glass Shop	\$	146.66
Verizon	\$	179.73
Witzel	\$	8,208.00
Zions Bank	\$	96,060.65
City Salaries	\$	13,133.69

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City Salaries \$ 13,339.69

TOTAL \$ 306,476.35

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichек, Auditor