

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 6TH, 2024

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on May 6th, 2024, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Member Nelson who was absent. Member Fahey was in attendance via speaker phone. City Superintendent Josh Ulland, City Auditor Amie Vasichek and City Engineer Barry Glienke were in attendance. Audience members were Duane DeKrey, Steve Burian, Shawn Gaddie, Naomi Ferguson, Ron Maixner, Rod Mattern, Kelly Peters, and Jenna Nelsen.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the April 1st, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Member Ferguson. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley recognized members of the RRVWSP.

Duane DeKrey, Steve Burian, and Shawn Gaddie gave a history of water shortage in the state of North Dakota. Steve Burian stated the RRVWSP is an economic development initiative and a long-term emergency water source project. Mr. DeKrey acknowledged Lakota would not necessarily be interested in this resource as an emergency need, but as a future supply option.

Mr. Burian stated this is a combination of Garrison Diversion project, State of ND, hopeful for \$454 Million in federal funding and a local share.

Based on average water usage for Lakota, RRVWSP suggested a .20 cfs to cover a variety of different manufacturing/processing needs such as frozen potato processing, pasta, dairy processing, and others.

Mr. Gaddie stated the project has already secured \$180 million with the state of ND and has negotiated terms with BND for 40 years, 2% interest, 2 years deferred and interest only payments on years 3-5.

RRVWSP stated if Lakota were to nominate and be part of the main line the proposed maximum additional cost to the Lakota customer would be \$2.77/month.

Mayor Hooley stated the council will discuss the option and get back with RRVWSP.

DeKrey, Burian and Gaddie left the meeting at 6:55pm.

Mayor Hooley suggested arranging a meeting with the rural water industries and discuss the proposal.

Engineer Glienke stated currently the utility is treating surface water and the proposal would require the utility to treat ground water which would need a treatment plant adding more expense.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Community Center rental form was reviewed and accepted by the community center committee and is now presented to the city council for approval.

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Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the community center rental form, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland reviewed the estimate from Bullis construction to remove and replace the sidewalk by the high school from Gen Strand heading in front of the grade school and ending after the baseball diamond.

Member Mattern suggested measuring the footage from the corner of Wes Brooks to the start of the ball diamond and remove it from the estimate as the concrete is adequate.

Member Vasichек questioned Kelly Peters if the sidewalk issue has come up at any of the school board meetings; Mr. Peters stated no. Member Vasichек stated if the sidewalk hasn't been an issue with the school, the city should be reluctant to pursue it.

Member Ferguson stated the handicap accessibility issue should be addressed.

Member Vasichек suggested going to the next school board meeting to gauge interest in having their sidewalks replaced. Mr. Peters stated the next school board meeting is at 7am on May 8th. Mayor Hooey stated he would contact the school to get on the agenda. Member Fahey stated he spoke with property owners pertaining to the sidewalk in question and they are not in favor of a wider sidewalk. Mayor Hooey stated to accommodate the school's snow removal equipment, it was suggested to have 8' wide sidewalks instead of the 4' that would be standard.

Auditor Vasichек stated she has contacted NDIRF about requesting the Trap Shooting league be under the city's liability insurance and it has been rejected. Auditor Vasichек stated she has forwarded the correspondence to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Bullis.

Supt. Ulland stated he still needs to contact Devils Lake DOT about the noise ordinance on moving the signage on Hwy 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hooey stated he received a bid from Tri-State Paving to complete asphalt work in areas around town amounting to \$7,000. Mayor Hooey is looking for approval of the work.

Member Mattern questioned if the area by 2nd St East and C Ave East was included. Mayor Hooey stated it was not. Member Mattern stated that is the area he receives the most complaints on.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the \$7,000 estimate for the Tri-Stat Paving for patching areas of town, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve up to \$6,000 to patch 2nd St E & C Ave East, seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the final reading of the Special Assessments for the Hulstrand Addition, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

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Rod Mattern left the meeting at 7:28pm

Auditor Vasichек suggested having the Treasured Creations structure be re-evaluated by the Tax Director. The city council agreed.

Airport update tabled.

Junk on Property tabled.

Street striping bid tabled until more information on chip sealing the streets this year is provided.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

Supt. Ulland stated the new operator of the Stump Lake campground has an interest in the community center floor scrubber. Auditor Vasichек was directed to contact Attorney Tenneson if there is a requirement for advertisement for bids.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Mattern suggested providing term limits for the city council positions. Auditor Vasichек stated she will check the NDCC with Attorney Tenneson.

Member Mattern stated he will be meeting with the county to review gravel roads and get areas that need to be bladed. Member Mattern suggested graveling alleys as it is long overdue.

Member Solberg questioned if the city would pursue any replacement for valley gutters. Mayor Hooey stated it has been a challenge to find contractors but will check with Bullis Construction to get an estimate.

Member Vasichек stated Calderwood's will be donating their labor for the exterior improvements for the community center. Member Vasichек thanked Supt. Ulland for hanging the signs at the community center.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

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Mayor Hooey stated there are a few sidewalks that need to be reviewed and either replaced or removed all together. Mayor Hooey stated the council needs to start thinking about this for the future.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichek gave an update on the housing development in Lakota.

Auditor Vasichek stated she will be starting the 2025 budget to have it presented soon.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No 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 Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 5-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	239.84
Altru	\$	100.00
Apex Engineering	\$	3,474.00
BCBS	\$	7,878.56
Border States	\$	10,420.67
Computer Express	\$	600.00
Dakota Implement	\$	957.57
Dept of Environmental	\$	116.48
DLL Finance	\$	785.28
Durbin, Jeanne	\$	50.00
EFTPS	\$	13.78
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Elan	\$	6,650.13
Environmental Equipment	\$	340.00
Farmers Union Oil	\$	1,876.31
GF Utility	\$	126.00
Hawkins	\$	1,124.60
Hensey, Sharon	\$	1,089.66
Job Service of ND	\$	351.98
L & S Enterprises	\$	270.00
Lake Region Pest	\$	435.00
Lakota American	\$	616.04
Lakota Auto Truck & Tire	\$	40.00
Lakota Community Club	\$	20.98
Lakota Feed	\$	560.00
Lakota Hardware	\$	1,473.32
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	225.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	467.66
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	7,096.46
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,948.90
Leading Edge Equipment	\$	3,000.00
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
Mead & Hunt	\$	5,000.00
Metropolitan Compounds	\$	2,289.10
Miller Repair	\$	265.97
MRES	\$	56,005.24
Nationwide	\$	145.00
NDPERS	\$	3,570.97

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Nelson County Abstract	\$	489.00
NC Recorder	\$	100.00
NC Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
NC Treasurer	\$	3,011.75
Neonlink	\$	81.60
Nodak	\$	1,730.92
ND One Call	\$	3.35
ND Telephone	\$	49.01
North-Holt	\$	5,317.50
Office of State Tax	\$	65.17
Petty Cash	\$	26.00
Polar	\$	3,576.39
Powerplan	\$	399.67
Quadient Leasing	\$	203.07
Quill	\$	91.04
Renewed State	\$	1,425.00
Rock Creek Clubhouse	\$	1,440.24
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	827.29
T & R Electric	\$	4,426.09
TEAM Lab	\$	3,964.00
USABluebook	\$	1,426.28
Verizon	\$	180.05
Zions Bank	\$	400.00
City Salaries	\$	14,886.40
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City Salaries	\$	<u>90.00</u>

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TOTAL \$ 196,218.10

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichек, Auditor