

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 8TH, 2023

The Lakota City Council held a special meeting on May 8th, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All Council Members were present. City Supt. Josh Ulland and City Auditor Amie Vasichuk were also in attendance. Kristi Hoffarth and Travis Schmidt were in attendance.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the April 3rd, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Member Ferguson. Motion carried. Member Vasichuk made a motion to approve the April 3rd, 2023, Tax Equalization meeting minutes, seconded by Member Ferguson. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley recognizes Kristi Hoffarth.

Mrs. Hoffarth stated she was in attendance to request an assistant director position for the library. Mrs. Hoffarth stated she is working full-time at Lakota Ambulance, and she would like to hire someone to complete the bookkeeping for the library and would use a portion of her wage to pay for the individual. Auditor Vasichuk stated Mrs. Hoffarth would not be eligible for NDPERS benefit if her working hours were reduced. The council agreed to try out the additional role of the assistant director.

Mrs. Hoffarth left the meeting at 6:06pm.

Mayor Hooley recognized Travis Schmidt.

Mr. Schmidt stated he was in attendance to propose the Lakota school board's offer to renew the community center lease agreement for 5 years at \$20,000/year. Member Vasichuk stated he believes the community center committee is working well together and has appreciated the progress the group has made, but felt the offer was low.

Mr. Schmidt spoke about the improvements at the community center and a timeline for completion.

Mr. Schmidt left the meeting at 6:17pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland stated the last correspondence he received on the 3rd pump install at the lift station was hopeful to be completed at the end of May.

Mayor Hooley requested discussion on the community center lease agreement with the school allowing Member Vasichuk to attend the School Board meeting at 7pm tonight.

Member Vasichuk stated he felt the offer provided was low and would be more comfortable with a 3-year lease to mirror the co-op timeline with Dakota Prairie. Mayor Hooley felt the lease should be closer to \$30,000/year. Member Fahey suggested a step increase each year with the third year at \$30,000 and not to start lower than \$25,000/year. Member Nelson suggested an averaged-out amount for the term. Member Mattern stated he did not want to go lower than \$28,000/year.

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Member Solberg made a motion to offer the Lakota School Board a 3-year community center lease agreement with a range of \$28-\$30,000/year, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Vasichек opened the sealed bids for haying of the lagoon and airport.

Airport – Dan Ferguson \$600 & Jesse Schuh \$550

Lagoon – Jesse Schuh \$50

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the haying bid of Dan Ferguson at the airport for \$600 and haying bid of Jesse Schuh at the lagoon for \$50, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the Storefront Improvement application from Paul Miller for the addition of the NAPA store. The application is a \$2,500 grant from Economic Development funds.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the Storefront Improvement application from Paul Miller for the NAPA store of \$2,500, seconded by Member Ferguson. All members voting in favor, motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated she has spoken to two developers who would like Block 3 in the Sundeen's addition to be replatted to accommodate townhouses or duplexes. Member Solberg requested the developers to come to the next meeting to discuss the replat request.

Mayor Hooey stated he would like to hire a tree trimmer to come into the park to top the trees as they are extremely high and could be dangerous.

Member Vasichек left the meeting at 6:55pm.

Supt Ulland stated he would like to put drain tile in the park to help with the low spots accumulating water.

Member Solberg made a motion to obtain bids for tree trimming in the park, seconded by Member Nelson. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated she was contacted by Beau Snyder to seek assistance or grant information to landscape the school parking area Southwest of the High School. No action was taken.

Mayor Hooey stated Jesse Schuh has submitted his resignation of his position and will work through the end of the month. There was discussion about the CDL requirements with the city equipment. The council instructed Auditor Vasichек to run advertisements for the position and in the meantime the City Supt. should seek a third summer employee.

Member Nelson stated the golf clubhouse is in need of a large commercial fridge but felt the unused cooler at the community center would work and will try to get that moved over.

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Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Special Events permits from Tiki Shack for June 1st, 2023, and June 16th, 2023, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland presented the council with two sandblaster options to purchase. Supt. Ulland stated he would like to purchase one to help clean equipment.

Member Nelson made a motion to purchase a sandblaster for \$4,987.55, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve Lakota Legion's Gaming Site Authorization, seconded by Member Solberg. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

Supt. Ulland stated he has been out with the new sweeper, and it works great.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Matter stated he would like tree trimming letters sent out to property owners with branches overgrown. Member Mattern stated he would contact Bruce Kreinbring about the cottonwoods on his property.

Member Ferguson stated trash pickup will return to the alleys May 15th.

Member Solberg asked the schedule for free dumping at the landfill. Auditor Vasichек stated it will be June 3, 7 and 10th with curb side pick up on June 7th.

Member Vasichек returned to the meeting at 7:46pm.

Member Vasichек stated the school board countered the city's offer to a 3-year lease agreement at \$27,500/year.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve a 3-year lease agreement with the Lakota School for the community center at \$27,500/year, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, except Members Vasichек and Mattern who opposed. Motion carried.

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ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hooey requested letters to be sent out to Renee Wilson and Timmy Hoffarth about their yards.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

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

Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
Aflac	\$	127.02
Agcom	\$	219.82
Aramark Uniform	\$	44.22
BND	\$	254,217.95
BCBS	\$	5,996.66
Border States	\$	17,313.53
Dacotah Paper	\$	112.28
Dakota Implementation	\$	426.12
Dept. of Environmental Quality	\$	391.76
EFTPS	\$	2,938.45
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Elan Financial Services	\$	2,006.19
Environmental Equipment	\$	99,950.00

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Farmers Union Oil	\$	4,538.54
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	25,811.10
GF Utility Billing	\$	70.00
Hawkins	\$	533.91
Interstate Billing	\$	227.31
Job Service	\$	5.09
Karas, Randy	\$	110.42
Korley, Sears	\$	50.00
Krabbenhoft	\$	47.88
L&S Enterprises	\$	270.00
Lake Region Pest Control	\$	435.00
Lakeside Lock & Key	\$	172.55
Lakota American	\$	268.73
Lakota Auto	\$	429.90
Lakota Hardware	\$	827.92
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
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Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,621.25
LoneTree Designs	\$	1,539.00
Menards	\$	7.77
MRES	\$	63,145.60
MTI Distributing	\$	407.07
NDPERS	\$	3,404.41
NMPP	\$	5,128.00
Nelson County Sheriff	\$	2,318.40

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Nelson Electrical	\$	7,667.18
Neonlink	\$	33.60
Nodak	\$	992.17
ND One Call	\$	2.60
ND Telephone	\$	97.02
Office of State Auditor	\$	417.67
Ohnstad Electric	\$	160.04
Polar	\$	1,206.19
Quadient Leasing	\$	203.07
Quill	\$	185.43
R & R Products	\$	515.27
Rough Rider Industries	\$	94.04
TEAM	\$	706.88
Thompson's Glass & Paint	\$	5,050.00
Tri-Steel	\$	1,015.10
Verizon	\$	179.60
City Salaries	\$	14,842.02
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TOTAL	\$	565,642.61

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor