

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the City Hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Members Haugland and Nelson who were absent. Member Vasichек entered the meeting at 6:31pm. City Auditor Amie Vasichек and City Supt. Josh Ulland were in attendance. Audience was Kelly Peters.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Member Matejcek. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Supt. Ulland had no update on the valley gutter project.

Lakota Market Village naming was tabled to next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Solberg reviewed the Ferguson Waterworks software and was hoping to have the representative attend the meeting today.

Supt. Ulland stated David Ogren anticipates being back working for the city by Thanksgiving at the latest. Supt. Ulland stated Steve Gibson offered to help with snow removal if needed.

Supt. Ulland reviewed the hydrant replacement at the Hwy 1 ditch by the Schwaan residence and Witzel will be installing the water & sewer lines for the fire department project.

Member Ferguson stated the fire hydrant is not working by Ferrel Gas and needs to be replaced. Supt. Ulland stated he can check with Witzel to see if they can complete that before year end.

Member Ferguson stated that Concrete Mike would look at the library foundation project this winter.

Auditor Vasichек stated the county would like to have the city take back the tax foreclosed property. Historically the city has rejected taking the property back for the reason being the county is required to sell the properties for the cost of the back taxes/specials. Conversation was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Supt. Ulland spoke about light pole Christmas decorations and to finish main street and the frontage road. Supt. Ulland stated to finish he would need 24 additional lights but suggested purchasing 12 to finish just main street. Auditor Vasichек suggested utilizing the interest earned on the sales tax economic development CD that will mature in February.

Member Vasichек entered the meeting at 6:31pm

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Member Fahey made a motion to purchase 12 light pole Christmas decorations utilizing Sales Tax funding, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichek provided the council with Jayden Mattern's Stay Home or Return Home to work grant application. Auditor Vasichek stated the application was well written and suggested approval.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve Jayden Mattern's application for the Return Home Grant, seconded by Member Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichek stated she is wondering if the council would like to decorate the Market Village for Christmas and if so, what is the budget. Auditor Vasichek suggested string lights on each shed, a Santa countdown sign and a few small Christmas greens in the entrance.

Member Matejcek made a motion to allow \$1,000 in sales tax funding for Christmas decorations at the Market Village, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Wyum of Ferguson Waterworks entered the meeting at 6:36pm.

Discussion on how many copper/lead service lines remain in town and strategies to change out each line.

Mayor Solberg recognized Mr. Wyum of Ferguson Waterworks.

Mr. Wyum introduced himself and stated he was in attendance to talk about the water meters and software updates. The current software program will be phased out soon and need to be switched over to a cloud-based program.

Mr. Wyum stated the cloud-based system has unlimited support and has been a good system for most.

Mr. Wyum stated he could provide the city with an estimate the following day for the cloud-based system. Member Ferguson stated he is also interested in hearing about the AMI software system.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

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

Supt. Ulland stated Dean from Bolton and Menk has communicated with Pipe Detectives, and they will plan to be in town at the end of the month if weather permits, but most likely will be done in the spring.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

No report provided.

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**SHERIFF’S REPORT**

The annual sheriff’s report was provided to the council for review.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Member Ferguson stated the town is doing well and houses are selling fast.

Member Vasichек stated the community center committee will plan to meet after harvest is complete.

Mr. Peters stated the school will be hosting the District Volleyball tournament next year at the Community Center which is exciting for Lakota.

Member Matejcek stated he had asked Sheriff Schwind to be at this meeting to discuss the Hwy 2 speed limit, but he is not in attendance.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**AUDITOR REPORT**

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

Auditor Vasichек spoke about the Spark Build housing, and 2 different parties are interested in purchasing one unit of the potential townhouse project next year.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report provided.

After reviewing 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 Matejcek seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 4-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	261.64
BCBS	\$	8,051.92
RRCHDO (City of Lakota)	\$	350.00
EFTPS	\$	2,483.86

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EFTPS	\$	2,024.96
Elan	\$	56.51
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	111.93
GF Utility Billing	\$	144.00
Go-Fer Sanitation	\$	300.00
Hawkins	\$	322.94
Interstate Power	\$	350.00
Johnson, Boyd	\$	400.00
JP Cooke	\$	93.95
Lakes Area Turf	\$	9,447.00
Lakota Auto	\$	59.09
Lakota Drug	\$	15.29
Lakota Feed	\$	52.05
Lakota Hardware	\$	763.46
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	800.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	677.11
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	3,999.90
Lakota Sanitation	\$	11,840.91
Menards	\$	1,420.91
MARC	\$	2,930.31
MRES	\$	35,985.47
NAPA	\$	38.93
NDPERS	\$	2,796.71
Nelson Co. Soil Conservation	\$	200.00
Nelson Electrical	\$	889.57
Neonlink	\$	44.80

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Nodak	\$	1,065.11
ND One Call	\$	15.00
ND Telephone	\$	49.71
North-Holt Electric	\$	10,859.98
Polar	\$	1,487.99
Pomp's	\$	1,761.74
Quill	\$	221.64
Rock Creek Club House	\$	1,699.91
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	521.01
Sun Electric	\$	606.67
The Glass Shop	\$	4,756.00
Thein Well	\$	315.00
USABluebook	\$	769.81
Verizon	\$	139.74
Vestis	\$	74.82
City Salaries	\$	13,651.70
City Salaries	\$	<u>11,964.29</u>
TOTAL	\$	136,873.34

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Member Vasichек made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Matejcek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Solberg, Mayor

Amie Vasichек, Auditor