

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6th, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on November 6th, 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooley called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Member Vasichuk & Nelson who were absent. City Superintendent Josh Ulland, City Auditor Amie Vasichuk and City Attorney Jayme Tenneson were in attendance. Kelly Peters was in the audience.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the October 2nd, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Member Fahey. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Member Solberg made a motion to approve the application for a variance on Lakota Ambulance property on Block 30 OT, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Fahey stated he interviewed Amy O'Brien for the community center and city hall janitorial position. Member Fahey stated Mrs. Haman is no longer interested in the city hall position.

There was discussion on offering a trial basis to Ms. O'Brien to see how much time is needed for the work. Member Mattern asked for clarification on the rate of pay if it is weekly or by event.

Member Fahey made a motion to accept Amy O'Brien's application to provide janitorial services for a 6-month trial, seconded by Member Mattern. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooley reviewed the estimate from Nelson Electrical Solutions to install a mini-split in the city hall for \$5,400. It was decided to table discussion until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Peters requested to utilize the city shop if there was a need to evacuate the community center during an event. The council had no issue with this request. Mr. Peters stated he will meet with Supt. Ulland to get access to the building when needed.

Attorney Tenneson stated Member Nelson made him aware that he has been receiving complaints on air brakes being used on Hwy 1 and the Sheriff's Department not enforcing the ordinance prohibiting the use of. Attorney Tenneson stated when he spoke with Sheriff Schwind, he indicated it is challenging to enforce the ordinance during the time of the act.

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Auditor Vasichек said the brick building across the city hall is up for tax foreclosure at the end of the month and would like to know the council's wishes if it isn't sold at the sale. Member Mattern stated he knows of someone possibly interested in the building and will visit with them.

It was decided to reject the property if it were offered to the city.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the special events permit for Till House on December 2nd for a medical benefit, seconded by Member Ferguson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

Supt. Ulland requested to purchase the 1989 pumper truck to use for a jetter truck. Supt. Ulland stated he thought he could get it for \$8,000. Attorney Tenneson requested to table this discussion as it is not an agenda item.

North Holt was in town again today and will be working on finishing the electrical loop.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

No additional reports were provided.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hoey had nothing in addition to report.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichек reviewed the main street webcam and the views and national attention it received during the last winter storm.

The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

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ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson provided initial covenants for the proposed Hulstrand property.

Attorney Tenneson provided a sample of the public nuisance ordinance to review. Attorney Tenneson suggested having Supt. Ulland speak with property owners first to have them remove current nuisances hindering snow removal.

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 Fahey seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 4-0.

Acme Equipment	\$	1,400.00
Advanced Business Methods	\$	551.61
Agcom	\$	2,318.03
Aramark	\$	51.37
Anderson, Ron	\$	43.75
BCBS	\$	7,987.36
Border States	\$	641.76
Buchar, Nicholas	\$	119.77
Catalis	\$	847.00
Close-Up	\$	500.00
City of Lakota	\$	72.00
Dakota Implement	\$	251.27
Dept of Environmental	\$	135.00
Don Dvorak Gravel	\$	3,624.00
EFTPS	\$	36.72
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EFTPS	\$	2,184.14
Elan	\$	3,445.99
Farmers Union Oil	\$	4,630.22

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GF Utility	\$	26.00
Gowan Construction	\$	24,750.00
Hawkins	\$	1,219.18
Interstate Billing	\$	1,575.92
Job Service	\$	206.98
Krabbenhoft	\$	70.20
Lakota American	\$	679.87
Lakota Feed	\$	92.60
Lakota Hardware	\$	2,923.64
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
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Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	4,156.08
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	11,974.24
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
MRES	\$	29,639.05
MMUA	\$	1,307.50
NDPERS	\$	6,885.05
NC Sheriff	\$	2,318.40
Nelson Electrical	\$	245.50
Neonlink	\$	37.60
Nodak	\$	1,858.30
ND One Call	\$	28.60
ND Telephone	\$	49.23
NXTEC	\$	1,163.72
Office of State Tax	\$	543.53
Polar	\$	1,278.16

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Quill	\$	241.10
Rock Creek	\$	1,858.43
Rough Rider	\$	17.43
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	1,559.78
Samson Electric	\$	1,224.56
Thein Well	\$	315.00
Uline	\$	37.50
USDA	\$	23,446.00
Verizon	\$	185.36
Wells Fargo	\$	1,442.28
Witzel Construction	\$	900.00
City Salaries	\$	14,866.82
City Salaries	\$	<u>12,319.94</u>
TOTAL	\$	184,414.64

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor