

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7TH, 2024

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on October 7th, 2024, at the City Hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, Member Haugland was on speaker phone. City Auditor Amie Vasichok and City Supt. Josh Ulland were in attendance. Scott Hjelseth, Sheriff Schwind and Kelly Peters were audience members.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Vasichok made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th, 2024 regular meeting, September 16th, 2024 special meeting and October 3rd, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland stated Wayne Maixner checked with the DOT and the engine noise ordinance sign on Hwy 1 is likely going to stay where it currently is as their rules determine the location. Mayor Solberg asked if Sheriff Schwind could relay that message onto anyone who complains about the noise.

Mayor Solberg questioned what the status of Mr. Hoffarth's property and the condition of the yard. Supt. Ulland stated it has improved, but work still needs to be done.

Member Ferguson stated the city did not receive any bids for the pump. It was decided to put it on auction again in March, 2025.

Mayor Solberg recognized Scott Hjelseth regarding recent complaints and incidents at the Sunlac.

Mr. Hjelseth stated that most of the calls of service listed recently were in 2023 and he is making attempts to correct any issue that come his way. Mr. Hjelseth went thru a couple of the incidents listed and explained how each were dealt with. Mr. Hjelseth stated all rooms are up and running except for 2 rooms that had water damage and he is trying to get the security cameras up and running.

Sheriff Schwind stated the sheriff's office hasn't been called to the location lately and his department has been doing mandatory walk through's of the hotel. Sheriff Schwind stated he has spoken with Mr. Hjelseth regarding the incidents and he only wants visitors and residents to have a safe place to stay.

Member Fahey suggested contacting Polar Communications for a security camera install.

Sheriff Schwind stated that if Mr. Hjelseth would contact the sheriff's office if a room has been trashed, the individual can be charged with a crime.

Sheriff Schwind stated the social services issue with placing people at the Sunlac for housing has been addressed.

Sheriff Schwind and Mr. Hjelseth left the meeting at 6:13pm

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NEW BUSINESS

Member Vasichек stated he attended the school board meeting that morning and the school board would like to run the community center improvement fund down to zero and borrow from the maintenance account for the remaining balance of the HVAC system. Member Vasichек stated the committee would reactivate the fundraising campaign to replace the funds borrowed in the maintenance account. Member Vasichек stated he recommended accepting this offer.

Member Vasichек made a motion accept the proposed plan to pay for the community center HVAC system installation using the improvement funds and borrowing the balance from the maintenance funds, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated with the new keyfob system at the community center it was suggested to purchase the static IP address with an estimated monthly expense of \$10-\$15.

Member Vasichек made a motion to purchase the static IP address for the community center keyfob system, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Solberg stated the city has our landfill attendant running city water sample to grand forks. This alleviates a full time employee from doing the task and the council would need to decide a rate of pay. Member Fahey stated Gary would like milage for his vehicle and the rate of pay he was receiving at the landfill.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve mileage and rate of pay for water sample deliveries made to Grand Forks, ND, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the water operator applications. Member Fahey and Supt. Ulland will review applications after the meeting.

Mayor Solberg stated an application for a variance has been submitted by Robert Walford for his shed at his new property. Supt. Ulland stated Mr. Walford had Tom Benson make a gravel pad for this shed, but misunderstood where the property line was. Supt. Ulland stated he does not support approving the variance and stated the structure should be moved to the adequate setback.

Member Vasichек made a motion to deny a variance request submitted from Robert Walford, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

Supt. Ulland reviewed the estimate to trim all trees in the overhead electrical lines. Some discussion on hiring chipping and hauling away of the trees or hiring this crew to drop the branches and having the city crew clean up and haul away.

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Member Nelson made a motion to approve the cost of \$44,520 to chip and haul tree branches away from power lines, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Ferguson questioned if the neutral line was buried referenced in the MRES report. Supt. Ulland stated it has not, but it is on the list to do.

Mayor Solberg questioned if any additional patching work will be done by Tri-State Paving. Supt. Ulland stated the city does not have anything planned at this time.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

No additional report provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Fahey questioned if the loader received the needed repairs. Supt. Ulland stated the repairs were completed last year.

ADVISORY REPORTS

No report provided.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Solberg stated he will go over committee appointments after the election.

AUDITOR REPORT

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

Auditor Vasichek stated there was some asbestos found in the 2 demo buildings which will need to be abated and has slowed down the demolition timeline. Auditor Vasichek has reached out to the state of ND for assistance with removal of the asbestos.

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After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Nelson 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 5-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	248.51
Auto Valve	\$	348.27
BCBS	\$	8,125.79
Bullis Construction	\$	2,500.00
Burkland, Pam	\$	100.00
Capital One	\$	64.99
Computer Express	\$	300.00
Dacotah Paper	\$	148.08
Dakota Mailing	\$	115.33
Deere Credit	\$	6,375.00
DLL Finance	\$	785.28
EFTPS	\$	3,710.87
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Elan	\$	1,287.45
Farmers Union Lumber	\$	197.00
Farmers Union Oil	\$	3,370.79
GF Utility	\$	134.00
Hawkins	\$	2,725.08
Interstate Billing	\$	700.85
Job Service	\$	549.12
Lake Region Pest	\$	435.00
Lakota American	\$	235.50
Lakota Auto Truck	\$	110.04

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Lakota Farm Services	\$	85.00
Lakota Hardware	\$	179.34
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	150.00
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Lakota Sanitation	\$	11,688.40
Maguire Iron	\$	2,175.00
Mcville Motor	\$	29,995.00
Menards	\$	416.26
Midwest Investigation	\$	4,860.00
Miller Repair	\$	582.10
MRES	\$	43,306.42
Nationwide	\$	362.50
NDPERS	\$	3,625.56
Nelson County Abstract	\$	3,000.00
Nelson Co. Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
Neonlink	\$	44.40
Nodak	\$	2,020.33
ND One Call	\$	25.50
Office of State Tax	\$	81.69
Pioneer Research	\$	927.70
Polar	\$	1,283.01
Pomp's Tire	\$	83.74
Quill	\$	27.99
Rock Creek Club House	\$	1,282.96
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	1,401.24

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Richardson, Steve	\$	50.00
Solberg Motors	\$	931.20
TEAM Lab	\$	4,679.47
Tim Shea's Nursery	\$	20,445.00
Tri-State Paving	\$	2,940.00
US Dept of Energy	\$	5,000.00
United Laboratories	\$	321.32
USDA	\$	23,446.00
Verizon	\$	929.35
Vestis	\$	142.08
Wells Fargo	\$	1,442.28
Xtreme Signs	\$	105.00
City Salaries	\$	19,535.15
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TOTAL	\$	250,823.41

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4th, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Solberg, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor