

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
UNAPPROVED  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, at the City Hall. Mayor Brad Hooey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present. City Superintendent Josh Ulland, City Auditor Amie Vasichек and City Attorney Jayme Tenneson were in attendance. Robert Walford, Kelly Peters, Darrel Klundt, and Sheriff Schwind were in the audience.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Member Mattern. Motion carried.

Mayor Hooey recognized Sheriff Schwind. Mayor Hooey stated he invited the sheriff to discuss the issue of juvenile's driving atv's and golf carts around town. Mayor Hooey stated he didn't think calling 911 warrants this small of an offense but would like something done about it. Sheriff Schwind stated calling 911 would be the quickest way to communicate to the department and then they will be dispatched.

Sheriff Schwind stated that he will remind his deputies to keep a better eye on juveniles riding around. Sheriff Schwind requested that if the city council is receiving any complaints to have them directed to his office. Sheriff Schwind stated he is currently short one deputy but would like to have a more consistent schedule to himself or a deputy attend council meetings all over the county.

Sheriff Schwind left the meeting at 6:07pm.

Mayor Hooey recognized Bob Walford.

Mr. Walford stated he is interested in the Jim Sloan lot the city owns. Mr. Walford stated he is unsure what he will do with the property other than clean it up. Mr. Walford stated he is not interested in fixing the sidewalk. Member Solberg stated the sidewalk goes with the property and it is the owner's expense to maintain it. Auditor Vasichек stated the city purchased the property for \$6,500 and paid \$12,000 for house demolition.

Member Vasichек made a motion to sell the lots at \$.25/sq ft. to Bob Walford, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Member Vasichек stated the sponsorship signage was installed last Friday, the kitchen has new flooring, waiting on Mark Ferry to finish up small installations in the kitchen. Member Vasichек stated one big issue is regulating the humidity and air issue in the community center and who to get advice from. Member Vasichек stated Kelly Peters did rent 2 commercial dehumidifiers for the facility as a temporary measure.

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Dan Ferguson entered the meeting at 6:21pm.

Mr. Peters stated renting one dehumidifier costs about \$240/every two weeks. Member Fahey stated he thought it would be beneficial to purchase dehumidifiers for the facility and to disregard the air conditioning.

Member Vasichek suggested documenting the humidity levels.

Member Vasichek made a motion to purchase 2 dehumidifiers using the joint account with the school along with humidity monitoring devices, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichek questioned if the electrical would be completed in the kitchen by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Member Nelson stated they will try to complete the electrical by the end of the week.

Member Vasichek stated the check book balance is around \$202,000 in the joint account, however there are still some committed funds for the project.

Member Nelson requested to table the mini split for city hall.

Mayor Hooley drew notice to the provided CHS agreement with the application for a building permit.

Member Mattern made a motion to approve the CHS building permit based on the conditions set in the agreement are met by CHS, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson requested to table the golf course pond/fountain topic.

Mayor Hooley stated the city council will need to define the junk vehicles for the ordinances. Attorney Tenneson stated he can contact the NDLC attorney to get suggestions of ordinances. Member Mattern suggested having Auditor Vasichek contact the city of Devils Lake to get their new ordinance.

Member Fahey stated he reviewed the city ordinances for junk properties and would like something done about the property outside city limits on Hwy 1 and Hwy 2.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hooley read aloud the application for a variance from the Lakota Ambulance. Mayor Hooley stated the Ambulance district would like to build a new ambulance building on Lots 11-18 Block 30, however that area is zoned residential. Lakota Ambulance would like a variance to allow construction on this property.

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Member Vasichек made a motion to accept the variance application for a variance from the Lakota Ambulance, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек stated there has been a conversation on adding more security cameras to the community center in the gym area now the floor is done. Member Vasichек stated the committee will bring it up at their next meeting.

Member Nelson stated the city library has a crack on the wall in the basement and mold. Member Nelson showed pictures to the council to review the issues. Mayor Hooey suggested not using the basement at the facility. Member Fahey suggested having Mark Ferry review the corrections to the crack on the wall.

Member Nelson stated the City Librarian was going to contact some contractors on repair prices.

Mayor Hooey stated the big tree removals have been dealt with and the city crew will take care of cleanup when time allows.

Mayor Hooey stated a Mini-X would be an item he would like the city to consider purchasing in the future. The council discussed the need for one verse hiring the work out. Mayor Hooey stated there are projects that would need to be hired out still, but the small projects the city could do would save money.

Member Vasichек made a motion to rent a mini-x to install drain tile at the Lakota pool, seconded by Member Solberg. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland requested to extend the JD tractor lease to 12 months instead of 8 months. Member Mattern suggested purchasing another small tractor for around \$25,000 and continuing the lease agreement. The council decided to continue the 8-month lease and look for an additional tractor this winter.

Mayor Hooey stated the Hulstrand Development has the water and sewer installed but one curb stop needs to be repaired. Mayor Hooey stated the city needs to decide how to sell the lots and have the discussion on special assessments. Auditor Vasichек stated an assessment committee would need to be in place to make those decisions and to create an assessment district.

Member Vasichек stated he would like the council to require any new home to angle the construction of the home as Malia Young house so no house would have an obstructed view.

Mayor Hooey will have recommendations for the assessment committee by next month's meeting.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

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

Supt. Ulland stated they have not been able to pump at the landfill yet. Supt. Ulland stated Ryan Shirek is checking with his pipe supplier.

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Supt. Ulland stated Witzel Construction will be in town tomorrow to repair the curb stop at the Hulstrand Development and the Rhinehart house. Supt. Ulland stated North Holt is in town installing electrical lines.

Mayor Hooey and Supt. Ulland will check the drainage of the town.

Mayor Hooey stated he would like to get the corner by Gary McLean and Malia Young paved before freeze up. Mayor Hooey would like to get an estimate for the next meeting or call a special meeting if needed.

Supt. Ulland stated the water has been brown lately due to manganese levels and they have it regulated at the Clearwell, but it still needs to work its way out of the city lines.

Member Fahey suggested purchasing a track hoe instead of another tractor. There was conversation on the negatives/positives of owning one.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

No report provided.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No additional report provided.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

No reports provided.

**ADVISORY REPORTS**

No report provided.

**MAYOR REPORT**

No report provided.

**AUDITOR REPORT**

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

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The council reviewed the financial and utility reports provided.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Tenneson stated he will look at extraterritorial zoning for next month.

After review of 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 6-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	311.77
Agcom	\$	355.57
Airport Association	\$	100.00
Angry Beaver Tree Service	\$	10,000.00
Associated Pool Builders	\$	126,000.00
Benson Excavating	\$	7,000.00
BCBS	\$	7,980.28
Border States	\$	2,129.93
Bounds, Jessica	\$	15.61
CHS	\$	179.18
Crisafulli	\$	561.25
Dakota Implement	\$	793.72
Dept of Environmental	\$	166.76
EFTPS	\$	3,697.75
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Elan	\$	976.10
Farmers Union Oil	\$	1,233.03
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	4,394.11
Haugen, Jessica	\$	25.00

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Hawkins	\$	343.24
Home of Economy	\$	39.94
Hurt, Mortenson & Rygh	\$	9,400.00
Karas, Randy	\$	62.01
Lakes Area Turf	\$	4,946.00
Lakota City Library	\$	716.30
Lakota Hardware	\$	1,180.91
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	450.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	374.01
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	6,891.52
Lakota Sanitation Service	\$	12,057.72
Larson, Joann	\$	163.64
Mailfinance	\$	600.00
McLean, Gary	\$	75.00
Minnesota Pump Works	\$	126,807.99
MRES	\$	764.63
MRES	\$	36,562.57
Nationwide	\$	580.00
NDPERS	\$	2,954.87
NC Sheriff	\$	2,318.40
Nelson Electrical	\$	645.00
Neonlink	\$	33.20
Nodak	\$	2,066.49
North-Holt	\$	33,650.00
NXTEC	\$	276.34

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Polar	\$ 1,197.64
Quill	\$ 135.03
R & R Products	\$ 62.08
Ross, William	\$ 9.99
Rysavy Plumbing	\$ 700.00
TEAM Lab	\$ 886.00
United Lab	\$ 220.49
Verizon	\$ 179.64
Vannoy, Gilbert	\$ 50.00
Wells Fargo	\$ 1,442.28
Zions Bank	\$ 6,560.02
City Salaries	\$ 18,673.26
City Salaries	<u>\$ 18,787.63</u>
TOTAL	\$ 462,210.23

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Brad Hooey, Mayor

Amie Vasichek, Auditor