

Public Notices

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City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Day, Hernandez-Waite, D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth, Harris and Kelly. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Lee Bredeson, Chad Raatz, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: Reber presented payment application #8 from Bituminous Paving, J. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve payment as presented, carried. An initial design meeting for the WTP upgrades will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Reber informed the council that they would be submitting project applications for the state drinking water fund, this does not obligate the city to do the project but keeps them on the list for funding opportunities.

Minutes, Auditor and Police Reports: Harris moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve minutes, carried. J Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve police report, carried. Harris moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve auditor reports, carried.

Building Permits: Kelly moved, Day second to approve permit for S ½ Lot 5 all Lot 6 Blk 10 Washburns Addn, front steps and back deck, carried. D. Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve permit for Lot 18 Blk 22 Outlots & Additions, curb cut for driveway, carried.

Game of Chance Permits: J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve permits as listed, carried.

1.The Lions Club - Calendar & Meat Raffle
2.Oakes Hospital Foundation – Calendar Raffle
Special Event Permits: D Hollingsworth moved, Harris carried, to approve special event permits as listed, carried.

1. Angry Bever Lodge – Wedding Dance Oakes Community Center
2.Oakes Golf Club – Wedding Dance Oakes Community Center
Bills: D. Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Aflac	118.10
Aqua Pure	4,805.12
Avid Hawk	200.00
Bear Creek Flying Service	3,261.05
Bear Creek Scrap	225.00
Bobcat	52.17
Central Business Systems	173.55
Central States Radar	126.00
Code 4 Services	1,017.00
Computer Express	12,722.94
Corner C Store	10.98
Dakota Improvement	3,118.38
Dakota Supply Group	10,803.40
Dakota Valley Electric	245.00
Daniel Kenney	450.00
Dickey County General Fund	9.00
DRN	993.39
Fabian Pest	230.00
Fallon Kelly	900.00
GS Services	1,950.00
Harold Rotunda	4,900.00
Heritage Ins.	701.00
Information Tech	186.50
Integrity Sales & Auction	2,000.00
Interstate Engineering	81,279.61
Jones & Kelly Attys at Law	1,775.00
Kamstrup	1,226.23
Kapa	168.26
NDPERS-Insurance	22,210.74
NDPERS-Retirement	9,381.47
Novak Electric	142.00
Oakes Enhancement	14,291.42
Oakes Times	2,503.8
Oakes Truck & Trailer	3,213.47
One Call	27.20
Ottertail	7,863.07
Pitney Bowes	256.26
Praskas	160.93
Rods Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04
Sweets & Stories	109.58
Tornado Stop	2,480.18
Vesens	3,634.90
Visa-library	31.08
Visa-City	661.76
Vistos	489.77
The Village Family Services	1,500.00
Waste Management	13,764.92
Payroll Taxes	15,025.33
Salaries	66,992.26

Committee Reports: Public works department extended an offer of employment that was accepted. Kelly moved, Harris second to officially hire C. Boyle, carried. Kelly talked about aerial spraying for mosquitos; every city is trying to get this done so there is a long waiting list. Effectiveness of previous years' spraying was questioned and if the expense is warranted this late in the year. A resident has requested that a tree on city property be taken

down due to dead branches causing a hazard. This city owned lot is adjacent to their lot and it was observed that the resident is using the lot for recreational equipment for children. A letter will be sent to the resident requesting the removal of this equipment due to liability issues. The newly formed tree committee can be asked to survey trees around the city for removal or trimming. The community center roof recently was leaking again during a heavy rain event. Day mentioned the gutter on the North roof may need to be looked at. Public works will reach out to R. Garland for inspection and advice. The last recycling pickup will be September 16th. All recycle totes will be picked up and stored at the city shop. A list of cardboard dumpster locations has been made available, will remind residents to breakdown boxes before placing in the dumpsters. J Hollingsworth thanked L. Bredeson for his years of service to the city, he will be retiring at the end of October. J Hollingsworth also thanked councilman Day for helping during the community night out held on Main Ave. Discussion took place about the water services at Huebner Trail Park on Main Avenue. There are homes that are improperly connected to water mains that are likely not being metered. The property is under new ownership that was not involved in these improper connections, F. Kelly will draft a letter to the owner asking them to discuss options to correct the situation. Water meter replacement is ongoing, a second batch of the letter from F. Kelly will be sent. Public works

will reach out to any plumbers that may be willing to assist with the installations.

Unfinished Business: Tree Committee, Day provided a list of individuals willing to join the city tree committee, D. Hollingsworth volunteered to be the council member on the committee. J. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve appointment of all individuals, carried. Tree Bid, two bids for tree removal along Highway 1 were received, Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth moved to accept bid from Brownie's Tree Service, carried.

New Business: Special Assessment Committee, resignation was received from D. Grosgebauer, B. Meehl has agreed to join the committee. J Hollingsworth moved, D Hollingsworth second to accept resignation and approve appointment of said committee members, carried. Water billing policy for vacant homes, vacant lots was discussed. There had been previous discussion about the ability to cap the line to avoid charges. A new ordinance will be written to clarify that all properties will receive charges. Fall Clean-up will be held Saturday October 4th at the waste disposal site from 8am-3:30pm. D Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve 1st Reading of ordinance 14.0206 amendment to remove setback requirements for fences that do not interfere with traffic visibility, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence: Letter from G. Neuarth concerning recycling was read. Johnson will be attending the League of Cities Annual

Conference in Bismarck September 17-19. Special Assessment Committee Hearing is September 23rd at 6pm.
D Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM.
Submitted to The Oakes Times (10/23/25)

Amendment of Chapter 14 OAKES Revised Ordinances Amendment of Section 14.0206 Traffic Visibility
WE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA, do hereby amend Chapter 14 by amending section 14.0206 to read as follows:
14.0206 Traffic Visibility
In any district, no fence, structure, or plantings shall be erected or maintained that interfere with traffic visibility across a corner.
In any district, without first obtaining a variance or conditional use permit, which may be denied in the discretion of the City Council, the following limitations shall apply: no fence shall be erected or maintained that is greater than six (6) feet in height.
Setbacks established by this chapter shall be applicable to structures other than fences and this section shall apply to fences.
Be it so ordained this 14th day of October, 2025.
Submitted to The Oakes Times (10/23/25)

Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod



Dog food is subject to the same inflation as groceries. Cooper usually gets a few burger bites with his dry dog food. Now that burger is about seven dollars a pound so his supper costs a bit more. Unbelievable!
I remember the early 1960's when hamburger was three pounds for one dollar. That was a long time ago. And I remember my grandfather always talking about the time when he could get a cup of coffee for a nickel.

The real surprise came when I opened a bag of Pup-Peroni. The sticks were two inches shorter than normal. I gasped. Of course, Pup-Peroni is a staple in Cooper's household so we buy it anyway. Treats are important too. The price goes up and the portions get smaller.

Last week I took Cooper to day care in Milnor. I try to take him once a week so he gets exercise playing with other dogs. He made a new friend. She is Molly, a middle aged chocolate lab. They went through the usual sniff test. It was cute to watch them go nose to nose. Cooper lifted his head up and Molly reached down with her nose.

One funny thing from last week. A friend of mine bought some socks for me and dropped them off on the front porch. There were three pair in a bundle. When I found them I took them inside and put them on the side table next to the liv-

ing room chair and forgot about them.
I went in the kitchen to make supper. Hamburger bites for Cooper and baked acorn squash for me with a burger patty. After supper I sat down in the living room and there in front of me were three separate socks on the floor. My mind didn't quite make the connection until I saw Cooper sitting there. He was so proud of himself. He had taken the bundle off the side table, pulled three socks out and put them on the floor in front of my chair. He sat there looking at me with a big smile on his little face and a twinkle in his eyes. He put them there just for me. He's a real Sweetie.
Last Wednesday I closed the windows on the front porch. They stay open all summer. I said to myself I wouldn't open them again until next spring. But this is weird weather we are having. The next day the sun came out, the temperature went up and I opened the windows again.
Never a dull moment on Sixth Street North.

Thank You Notice

Slick's family and I would like to thank everyone who was in attendance at his service and lunch, especially the Dahlstroms - your family is the best.
We would also like to give a special thanks to Pastor Kelly for such a great eulogy, and to the Legion Sportsbar for providing us with a place to have a memorable time together.
- Karen Peters + Darrens Family

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CONGRATULATIONS to our pasta prize winners!



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26th–Open at 12 for Football + Chili
28th–Calzones + Cookies
30th–Burger Night
31st – Halloween Festivities

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Waste will now be disposed of in large metal containers; trees and branches must be separated as they are no longer allowed in compost area. Recyclable metal items should be separated from other waste.

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