

Public Notices

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CITY OF OAKES
OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA
OAKES WATER TREATMENT PLANT
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
MOORE PROJECT NO. 20210

General Notice
 Owner is requesting electronic Bids for the construction of the project listed above.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through Quest CDN until January 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 10:30 a.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.Quest.CDN.com.

The Project includes the following Work: Water Treatment Plant Improvements including controls, process and chemical room upgrades, well improvements, and other miscellaneous items.

Separate Bids will be received for the following Contracts:

1. General Construction
2. Electrical Construction

Digital project bidding documents will be available at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.Quest.CDN.com. You may download the complete set of digital documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 by locating eBidDoc™ Number 10007392 on the website. Contact Quest CDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@Quest.CDN.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Moore Engineering, Inc.

925 10th Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal and a Bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and a Contract is awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after notice of the award, will execute a Contract in accordance with the terms of the Bid and the Bid bond, as required by law, and the regulations and conditions of Owner.

ALL BID BONDS MUST BE ON THE

BID BOND FORM INCLUDED IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS. The surety must be licensed to do business in North Dakota, and must be listed as a certified surety in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If the City of Oakes elects to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the lowest responsible bidder does not execute a contract within 10 days, the bidder's bond will be forfeited to the City of Oakes, and the City of Oakes may award the project to the next lowest responsible bidder.

Each bidder must possess a valid North Dakota contractor's license for the full amount of their bid, as required by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-07. Each Bidder MUST enclose a copy of their Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, and each license or Certificate of Renewal must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

No bid may be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this section and that any deficient bid submitted must be resubmitted and returned to the bidder immediately.

City of Oakes reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

The City of Oakes will not read or consider any bid that does not include a proper Bidder's bond and contractor's license or renewal, as described above, and does not otherwise fully comply with the requirements of N.D.C.C. § 48-01.2-05. The City of Oakes will reject any deficient bid submitted and return it to the bidder immediately. The City of Oakes reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Oakes

By: Zasha Johnson

Title: Auditor

Date: January 13, 2026

(Submitted to the Oakes Times

1/15/2026, 1/22/2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE GREAT PLAINS HOUSING AUTHORITY
FY2027 PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN, MOVING TO WORK AMENDMENT, RESIDENT ADVISORY, AND SAFE HARBOR WAIVER

There will be public hearings to review the FY2027 Great Plains Housing Authority's proposed Annual Plan, Moving to Work Amendment, and Safe Harbor Waiver. The PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to public housing agency policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. There are three parts to GPHA's Plans – the Annual Plan, Moving to Work

Amendment, and Safe Harbor Waiver. The public comment period is open February 27, 2026, and written comments on the proposed documents will be accepted through February 27, 2026. A copy of the documents may be viewed at Great Plains Housing Authority, or on our website, www.greatplainsha.com. Alternative formats or special accommodations are available for persons with disabilities upon request.

Resident Advisory Board, Great Plains Housing Authority will hold a Resident Advisory Board meeting on 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 26, 2026, on the proposed 2027 Annual PHA Plan, MTW Supplement, and Safe Harbor Waiver at Great Plains Housing Authority, 300 2nd Ave NE – Suite 200, Jamestown, ND. An option to join the meeting virtually will be available, with access information listed on our website: www.greatplainsha.com. Following the public hearing, the plan will be submitted to the GPHA board and HUD for review.

Safe Harbor Waiver Hearing. Great Plains Housing Authority will hold a public hearing on 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 26, 2026, on the proposed 2027 MTW Safe Harbor Waivers at Great Plains Housing Authority, 300 2nd Ave NE – Suite 200, Jamestown, ND. An option to join the meeting virtually will be available, with access information listed on our website: www.greatplainsha.com. Following the public hearing, the plan will be submitted to the GPHA board and HUD for review.

Annual Plan, Safe Harbor Waiver, Moving to Work Amendment, and supporting data will be available on <https://www.greatplainsha.com> by February 5, 2026.

Requests for information and written comments should be sent to:

Great Plains Housing Authority
300 2nd Ave NE – Suite 200
Jamestown, ND 58401

Comments may also be emailed to:

director@greatplainsha.com

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7526175925?pwd=88349821550>

(Submitted to the Oakes Times

1/22/2026)

City Council Meeting December 16, 2025

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Day, Hernandez-Waite, J. Hollingsworth, Harris and Kelly. Employees present: Chad

Raatz, Derek Toepe, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: Josh Roehrich and Brandon Reber were present. Contractor's Application for Payment #9 for the street improvement project was presented, and the suggested adjustment was explained. Day moved, Hollingsworth second to approve payment #9, carried. Moore invoice 006234 for work on the street project was presented, Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve invoice, carried. The timeline for the water treatment plant improvements was discussed. Hernandez-Waite moved, Hollingsworth second to approve the city auditor to develop and submit a DWR cost share application for construction for the water treatment plant improvements, carried. Hollingsworth introduced and moved to approve RESOLUTION DIRECTING ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2025-1 – OAKES ATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, Kelly second, carried. The amendment letter for electric engineering was presented. Harris requested more detailed information about the amendment for the next meeting. Moore invoice 006166 for WTP expansion was presented, Harris moved, Day second to approve invoice, carried. Moore invoice 006165 for WTP technical assistance was presented, Day moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve invoice, carried. Two geotechnical proposals for boring the sewer on Main Avenue were presented. Kelly moved, Harris second to approve the proposal from AET for \$8,000, carried. Funding updates for the Lead Service Line project were discussed and door-to-door visits will likely be happening later this winter.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Report: Harris moved, Hollingsworth second to approve minutes, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve police department reports, carried. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve auditor reports, carried.

Special Event Permit: Harris moved, Hollingsworth second to approve special event permits as presented, carried.

Angry Beaver Lodge @ Growing Small Towns

Angry Beaver Lodge @ Main Avenue (2)

Angry Beaver Lodge @ Rodeo Grounds

Angry Beaver Lodge @ Community Center

Angry Beaver Lodge @ The Edge

Bills: Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved:

Afac 284.52

Agtegra Coop 1059.75

American Welding 81.99

Aqua Pure 3923.12

Avid Hawk 200.00

B&K Murphy 489.96

Brownies Tree Service 999.00

Butler Machine 40.22

Central Business Systems 217.45

Chads Electric 98.00

City of Fargo 198.00

Computer Express 29.98

Dakota Improvement 1175.00

Dakota Valley 516.00

DRN 829.79

Embroidery Creations 91.76

Economy Oil 977.33

Economy Propane 662.85

Fabian Pest Control 105.00

Feddog Designs 341.50

General Irrigation 320.00

Information Technology 207.80

James River Repair 537.87

Jet-Way Multiple Services 9468.75

John Deere Financial 25394.08

Jones & Kelly Attys at Law 300.00

Midwest Pest Control 63.00

MFQA 40.00

Moore Engineering 852.50

Napa 82.57

ND Dept of Enviro Quality 183.52

ND Dept. of Health Chemistry 183.52

NDPERS-Insurance 9577.65

NDPERS-Retirement 13.58

Nichole Nitschke 251.00

Oakes Area Chamber OEI 12863.41

while the study was done regarding impact of development; and it applied to all development in the effected area. Attorney Kelly advised that *Wild Rice River v. Fargo* could be used as a framework for the city to enact a moratorium. Day moved, Kelly second to approve resolution that if an application for a building permit is submitted by Great Plains Oil Company consistent with the previously submitted proposed site plan, then the City will review the application for a building permit with regard to all other current and proposed ordinances and zoning rules regarding such application for building permit, but the City will not rely upon 4.0403 since this Resolution is to remove the restriction otherwise automatically imposed upon the proposed site plan submitted by Great Plains Oil Company as said restriction is set forth in Ordinance Section 4.0403, carried. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to impose a temporary moratorium extending for the shorter of 6 months or completion of a study to analyze and adjust the benefits and burdens of economic life to promote the common good and to maintain the status quo while the said study is undertaken and said moratorium applies to all commercial development along the corridor of Highway 1 from the Oakes Golf Course to the Oakes Public School. Discussion on the motion included concerns about the layout of the site including the ability for semi-trucks to easily enter and exit the site without disrupting the flow of traffic on Highway 1. Great Plains, through their Attorney Drege, stated that their site plans will likely change as they continue with the process. The adjacent railroad crossing could cause problems with the semi-truck traffic as the crossing can be closed for significant amounts of time when trains are loading. Council members are concerned about a possible increase in truck traffic in that area due to Hockenberry Park's location across the road, this park is where numerous public events are held each year. The Council was concerned about a walking path that has previously been discussed running along Highway 1 between the said Golf Course to the Oakes Public School, which path runs adjacent to the proposed gas station. The Council was also concerned about the proximity of the planned station to a pre-existing gas station which is directly adjacent, which would put two stations directly across the highway/ street from the said Park's location. The Mayor also expressed concerns regarding the duties of the City Council as it relates to Ordinance 3.0108 whereby the Council is charged with considering whether the planned station will not unreasonably interfere with vehicular and pedestrian traffic, the demand and necessity for parking spaces, and the means of ingress and egress to and from the property affected and adjacent properties and the health, welfare and safety of the public will not be unreasonably impaired. The council also expressed their doubt that the City of Oakes could sustain a fourth convenience store/gas station causing a negative effect on established businesses. After this lengthy discussion the motion was put to vote and carried with all council members voting in favor. Council will work with Brandon Reber of Moore Engineering on specifics of the study to include traffic safety and pedestrian safety impacts on the possible future walking path extending from the school to the golf course along Highway 1 which is adjacent to the planned station. No action was taken on the building permits for the trailer parks as the projects are put on hold for the time being.

New Business: Employee Appreciation: Harris moved, Day second to present full and part-time employees with Oakes Bucks in appreciation of their work throughout the year, carried. Flood Plain Amendment: Due to legislative changes the amendment is needed to comply with all requirements. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve change to ordinance 14.0308 subsection 1.1 Statutory Authorization, carried. Planning & Zoning Commission: previous appointments have expired and new members will need to be appointed. Special meeting will be held Tuesday January 6th to appoint members.

Announcements & Correspondence: City Hall Closed Noon Wednesday December 24th and Thursday December 25th.

Public Service Commission notice of public hearings on a new electric corridor in Dickey and neighboring counties. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

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One Call 40.00
Ottertail 25.50
Pitney Bowes 6648.16
Praska's Hardware 164.97
Pro Forms 221.38
Rods Cleaning 80.00
Sanitation Products 250.45
Starion Bank 94.90
Swedes Plumbing 443.04
Sweets & Stories 25.49
Verizon 867.96
Vista-library 999.30
Visa-city 329.53
Waste Management 13112.99
West Side Auto 84.00
Zacks Repair 262.72
Salaries 63693.85
Payroll Taxes 14186.48

Committee Reports: Harris asked that the city crew work to clear the snow from the walking path when time is available. Kelly addressed the challenging snow conditions and rain we have experienced; crew is working on clearing it as best they can. Raatz discussed the lack of manpower with a three-man crew when other daily tasks need to be handled on snow days. Harris moved, Kelly second to advertise for another full-time public works laborer, carried. Also, information will be gathered regarding the water plant operator training program offered by BSC, Harris moved, Day second to get an operator enrolled in the program and pay any associated costs, carried. Discussed installing a security camera on the corner of Main Ave & 4th Street, there have been multiple property damage accidents on that corner this winter. Vehicles parked on city streets during snow removal are causing delays and make it impossible to completely clear the street. Many of these vehicles are repeat offenders and council would like to see citations issued to any vehicle left on the street after a snow event. Day would like the flag at the community center to be replaced as the current one is ripped. There are concerns about the snow load on the flat roof portion of the community center and possibility of leaking when it melts. Day may know someone interested in the job of removing the snow from the roof, but bids should be obtained from anyone interested. The Prairie Twisters equipment is still being stored in the storage area, with no set plans for the program to be reinstated. The park board may be willing to keep a few of the mats but not the other equipment. The equipment must be given to non-profit organization, will try to contact other gymnastic programs in the area. Hollingsworth asked if notice can be put out when the water gets turned off at Huebner trailer park since neighboring homes are also affected. The purchase of a soil conditioner attachment for the bobcat was debated. Other cities use it to break up the snow/ice in the gutters. Harris moved, Hernandez-Waite second to purchase a soil conditioner for \$8,000, motion failed. There are concerns about damage to the asphalt with the conditioner, an ice scraper attachment was ordered and will be delivered this week. The soil conditioner can be reconsidered after trying the ice scraper. Hollingsworth also brought up the idea of the city leasing land to build a sledding hill, the area north of the hospital was suggested. This project will not happen this year but could be considered for next year to provide a designated place for sledding. Discussed operation of the landfill during the winter months. Kelly moved, Harris second to close the site for the winter, carried. An opening date will be determined in the spring.

Unfinished Business: Great Plains Oil/ Little Store Building Permit: Mayor Sitzler outlined three possible ways to move forward with the permit, approval, denial or moratorium. City Attorney Kelly explained that if a moratorium was decided upon that it needs to be temporary and address specific industries or area of town. Harris moved to deny the building permit, the motion failed for lack of a second. Attorney Casey Drege for Great Plains Oil was acknowledged, and he discussed case law that would support the approval of the