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INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that

Oakes Public School District
804 Main Avenue
Oakes, North Dakota 58474

will accept bids for

Oakes Public Schools Science Room Floor and HS Re-Window Oakes, North Dakota

According to Drawings and Specifications prepared by Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd., Moorhead, Minnesota, 56560.

Multiple Prime Bids will be received for General, Mechanical and Electrical Work. A single combined bid is acceptable provided the total is less than the total of the sum of the multiple prime bids.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Owner until 2:00 PM, local time, Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Bids must be delivered before the time and date indicated above to Oakes Public Schools, Attention: Anna Sell, Main Office, 804 Main Avenue, Oakes, ND, 58474. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Documents may be examined at:

Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd., Moorhead, Minnesota

FM Builders Exchange,
1010 Page Drive, Fargo, ND

Grand Forks Builders and Traders Exchange, Grand Forks, ND

Bismarck Builders Exchange, Bismarck, ND

Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD

Minnesota Builders Exchange (MBEX)

All Bidders that would like to be placed on the Plan Holder's List or secure electronic copies of the proposed Bid Documents shall e-mail: ryan@mjbaltd.com

Envelopes containing bids must show on the front face the Contractor's name, address and be endorsed:

"Science Room Floor and HS Re-Window, Oakes Public Schools, Oakes, ND."

Each Bid shall be accompanied by two separate envelopes. The first envelope shall contain a Bidder's Bond in a sum equal to (5%) five percent of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's Bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his Bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing board. Per NDCC 48-01.2-05(4) the envelope with the bidder's security should contain the North Dakota Contractor's license or certification of renewal issued by the secretary of State. The Contractor must be licensed for the highest amount of his bid combination including alternates. Such license must have been in effect at least 10 days prior to the date of the bid opening.

The second envelope marked "Bid Proposal", shall contain the two copies of the Bid Form supplied with the Bidding documents or through addenda. The envelope containing Bid Proposal shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda both on the envelope and the Bid Proposal form.

No bids will be read or considered which do not fully comply with the North Dakota bond and license requirements. Any deficient bid submitted shall be resealed and returned to the bidder.

Bid security shall be made payable to Oakes Public Schools, Oakes, North Dakota. Bid security of the two lowest Bidders will be retained until Contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than 45 days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities therein.

Published for Oakes Public Schools, Oakes, North Dakota by their authority.

Dated this 25th day of January 2023.

By: Anna Sell, Superintendent

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Bagley, Harris, Day, Hernandez-Waite and Mayer. Mayor O'Brien. Employees present: Lee Bredeson, Dan Brandner, Jason Paradis, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson. Visitors present: Brandon Reber, Chris, Matthew and Lucas Brademeyer.

Engineer Report: The water plant study is 25% done, will be finishing up and providing the final report. Street project scoping meeting will be held Monday February 6th at 4:30pm prior to the regular February meeting. Reber will provide an agenda ahead of time for review.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Harris moved, Mayer second to approve minutes, police report and auditor reports, carried.

Year-End Financial Statement: Bagley moved, Harris second to approve the report as presented showing Year End Financials for 2022 ending cash balance $ 3,703,384.79, carried.

Budget Amendment: Bagley moved, Day second to approve budget amendments for 2022 fiscal year decreasing overall budget by $116,560.27, carried.

Pledge of Assets and Designate Depositories: Starion Financial, First Community Credit Union, BankNorth are designated depositories with pledges of $5,444,582.89, $0.00, $259,455.01 accordingly; Harris moved, Mayer second to accept report and depositories designation, carried.

Building Permit: Nodak Insurance application was received, tabled for further information.

Game of Chance Permit: Harris moved, Day second to approve OHS Student Council 50/50 Raffle permit, carried.

Bills: Bagley moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Aflac	118.10
Avid Haw	200.00
B & K Murphy Plumbing	265.00
City of Fargo	28.00
Bobcat of Gwinner	535.08
Butler Machinery Compan	394.73
Chris Larson	45.00
Colliers Securities	500.00
Computer Express	125.00
Dakota Valley Electric	1,058.00
Dickey County	3,396.86
DRN	737.83
Economy Propane	3,190.20
Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Green Iron	512.75
Hawkins	3,170.29
Information Tech	67.00
Jane Demoray	255.00
Joey Mcguire	50.35
Kustom Machine	1,460.57
Mertz Lumber	659.62
Midwest Pest Control	75.00
Mottomobile	925.00
Napa	478.30
Nathan O'Brien	2,227.50
One Call	3.90
NDPERS-Ins.	14,689.33
NDPERS-Retirement	7,535.45
Oakes Times	250.91
Oakes Truck & Trailer	395.65
Omni Site	2,730.00
Ottertail	8,524.45
Paradis Law	500.00
Pat O'Brien	255.00
Pitney Bowes	164.97
Praskas	449.79
Pro Forms	1,344.85
Rod's Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04
Sweeney Controls	7,402.00
Sweets & Stories	73.06
Tornado Stop	8,808.77
Visa-Library	434.14
Visa-City	69.47
Vistos	393.30
Waste Management	6,535.40
Oakes Enhancement	12,434.70
Salaries	16,599.40
Payroll Taxes	66,444.60

Visitors: Matthew Brademeyer addressed the council about allowing chickens in city limits. He listed several positive reasons to have chickens and answered council questions. Council will review other cities' policies on chickens and discuss at the next meeting.

Committee Reports: Mayer informed that it was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked our officers for their work. Mailbox damage was discussed and the policy was reiterated: unless the plow physically strikes the box the city is not liable for damage caused by the snow being pushed into the boulevard. Bagley spoke about the OEI proposed housing study and clarified a few points. Equipment replacement schedule is being worked on, payloader is the next piece of equipment that will need to be upgraded. Day spoke about hydrants being cleaned out and marked better, will take a look around town and flag any that are hard to find. Chief O'Brien is looking at options to replace the Tahoe which is seven years old. Nelson Auto has a few options and they will work with us on trade. Mayer moved, Day second to approve purchase of new police vehicle, carried. Dickey County will be shorthanded while they look to hire a new deputy so the police department may be helping out on calls outside of city limits. The skating rink was discussed but this is park board property so ultimately they have the final say. The location they regularly have the rink is also used for snow storage and is quickly filling up.

Unfinished Business: NDIRF notified the City that the claim for Moore's sewer backup was received and after investigation it was determined that we are not liable for damages. Moore's insurance agent was also notified.

New Business: Fire District inquired if the City would be willing to pay for the costs of connecting their new building to city water and sewer services. Discussion was held about funding entities that receive their own tax revenue and where the funds would come from if the request was approved. Tabled to research options further. A request was received from Dickey County Senior Citizens and Transportation to use the cold storage area of the community center to store their buses once fire trucks are moved. Other possible locations for them were discussed and no decision was made. Gary Schnell is currently the City representative on the Dickey County JDA board and his term is up, Day moved, Mayer second to reappoint him to the position, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence: Appreciation note for snow removal from Martha MacLeod.

Bagley moved, Mayer second to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM.

Mayor
Attest

(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)

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Library Corner

Reviews submitted by Jeanine Pahl

Cover Story
by Susan Rigetti

An aspiring novice writer and an established editor team up in a scenario that takes an innocent young writer from a nightmare to a dream come true, until the seemingly perfect world cracks. Composed of diary entries, emails, scams and FBI correspondence.

Someone Else's Shoes
by Jojo Moyes

Struggling Sam Kemp accidentally grabs the wrong gym bag. She tries on the beautiful red crocodile shoes and suddenly experiences a jolt of self-confidence. Former globetrotter Nisha Cantor is left with the remaining bag and finds another piece of her once glamorous life in a state of upheaval. How can one little thing change everything? Who are you when you are forced to walk in someone else's shoes?

Code Name Sapphire
by Pam Jenoff

Hannah Martel, having recently escaped Nazi Germany, must rescue her cousin's family from a train bound for Auschwitz in this riveting tale of dangerous underground work, bravery and resistance.

We continue to have a generous collection of Large Print books from NDSL. Please stop by and look!

Bookworm Discovery Class - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library.

742-3234-Ext. 151 (We are following distancing and sanitation procedures)

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Oakes, ND

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- Be legible.
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Community Connection

Oakes, North Dakota — Find Yourself Here

Things to celebrate…

At the end of 2022, Growing Small Towns was awarded a large grant from the Burgum Foundation, which is the charitable foundation that funds the Teacher Leadership Academy that several of our teachers at OPS have completed. The grant was awarded to launch a new support program for young business startups, serving five in Oakes and five in Wahpeton. Starting in March, these participants will go through a year-long program to help them set up a strong foundation for their new businesses, improving their odds of beating the national statistics about small businesses failing within the first year. This year's program participants from Oakes are Dalton Scheuring with The Butcher Shop, Haley Moen with Hearthside Vineyard and Winery, Brittney Harty with The Bakery Shoppe, Chris Schmit with FitBar, and Addison Magill with Addison K Creative Co. We are SO incredibly proud to call these young entrepreneurs ours and can't wait to support their success this year and in all the years to come!

News to know…

Applied Digital recently hosted a career fair in Oakes to garner interest in the job openings available at their new facility in Ellendale. The company supports the data mining of Bitcoin and was founded about a year ago in Dallas, TX. They currently have about 100 employees and two other locations similar to what's being built in Ellendale; their first location is in Texas and the second was built in Jamestown about six months ago. They are a publicly traded company so we encourage people to explore more about them, as they will be hiring about thirty full-time positions to support not only the setup but ongoing operations of the site. If you are interested in learning more, contact Chad Neumann, the Ellendale site manager, at cneumann@applieddigital.com or 701.269.8887.

Ideas to spread…

Do you remember that Jimmy Dean breakfast sandwich commercial from a few years back where the sun is digging in the fridge to find a "happy" breakfast for the cloud? It's a funny depiction of how the energy we bring to situations can impact the people around us. Every single one of us has bad days. Tough moments. We're not at all suggesting that anyone is going to be sunny all the time. But…it is worth considering the kind of energy you bring into a room. When you walk into a space, does it get brighter? Do people smile when they see you coming? Or, are you more like a cloud, where your energy feels gloomy and the joy is sucked from the room? We all should strive, first and foremost, to be real, but managing our energy and considering our impact on other people is important, too. Aim to be a bit more like the sun. One of the best ways to do that is to find the sunny ones and hang out with them.

OHS Senior Spotlight - Justin Nelson

submitted by Principal Brandon Bata

What is your full name and nickname? Justin Gerald Nelson. Nickname: Juice

Who are your parents and siblings? Parents- Lori and Jamie Nelson. Sibling- Alex Nelson

When I was young, I used to imagine myself as a... Farmer

What is an accomplishment you are proud of? Making it to senior year

What extra-curricular activities have you been involved in? Baseball, football, basketball, soccer, band, and deca

What are your plans after high school? Going to college and becoming a HVAC Technician or a engineer

Where do you see yourself in ten years? Working and enjoying life

What is your favorite childhood memory? Going camping at Deadcolt with my family

What is your favorite high school memory? Getting 2nd in state baseball with my brother

What will you miss most after you graduate from OHS? Classmates and all of the memories we made

What class/teacher have you enjoyed most at OHS? Mr. Strutz

Whom do you admire and why? I admire my dad because I have always looked up to him and strive to be like him some day

If you had the opportunity to travel anywhere, where would you go and why? Europe, because there are so many new places to go and cool things to see.

Where do you work? What are your responsibilities and what have you learned? Quandt Farms and I learned just about everything you could think of.

What are your hobbies/interests? Going to the lake and spending time with family and friends

What three words best describe you? Creative, Practical, and Dependable

How would you like to be remembered as you leave OHS? I would like to be remembered as a great student

What are three things you must do in your lifetime (bucket list) Sky dive, bungee jumping, and travel the world

CITY OF OAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT - JANUARY 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

	Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues	Acct Payable Liabilities	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	195757.14	818863.71	-44867.08	734391.92	235361.85
SPECIAL FUNDS					
Streets	51627.19	149012.29		122140.84	78498.64
Emergency	38905.08	1349.75		0.00	40254.83
Cemetery	6409.70	12016.08		16021.06	2404.72
Perp Cemetery	80498.34	479.42		0.00	80977.76
Sales Tax Pool	32965.67	123830.77		0.00	156796.44
Sales Tax City	20084.96	123830.85		90000.00	53915.81
Sales Tax OEI	12096.26	123830.85		123492.24	12434.87
Sales Tax Infrastructure	0.00	123830.79		123830.79	0.00
Municipal Infrastructure - Prairie	125000.00	125000.00		0.00	250000.00
Public Safety Grant	5977.54	5000.00		0.00	10977.54
Police Veh Replace	18892.31	15000.00		0.00	33892.31
Building Reserve	1494.19	0.00		0.00	1494.19
Public Works Building Res	1146.75	0.00		0.00	1146.75
Equip Replacement	29049.63	25000.00		61257.70	-7208.07
ARPA Infrastructure Grant	133535.64	135407.43			268943.07
DARE Fund	1600.00	0.00		0.00	1600.00
Community Service	5551.65	6196.00		209.85	11537.80
1st Responder Community Fun	1710.80	400.00		917.50	1193.30
Venuture Fund	56674.91	35.25		0.00	56710.16
City Shop O&M	23830.78	40723.66		37704.01	26850.43
DEBT SERVICE					
Pilot Drain Assessment	5182.89	0.00		2.59	5180.30
2004-1 Part 2 Water	11415.89	10000.00		10575.00	10840.89
2006-1 Water Imp	47733.46	175058.35		175900.00	46891.81
2009-2 Part C Main Ave	6081.82	19045.20		16436.37	8690.65
2009-2 Phase 1 Wat/Sewlmp	402989.77	155109.25		112098.34	446000.68
2010-1 Phase 2 Wat/Sewlmp	189467.95	124511.79		131022.67	182957.07
2012-1 Phase 3 Wat/Sewlmp	142332.65	60000.00		55072.67	147259.98
2012-2 Phase 4 Wat/Sewlmp	184725.55	89699.36		86091.28	188333.63
Water Tower	67911.26	50000.00		46309.26	71602.00
2004-1 Part 1 Sewer	36025.23	20000.00		31725.00	24300.23
2007-3 Main Ave Sewer Imp	20535.33	20000.00		16640.00	23895.33
2016-1 Lagoon Improvement	21951.09	24546.69		21068.00	25429.78
2016-2 Lift Station Relocation	24951.62	15000.00		10080.00	29871.62
2011 Bond	19751.27	53279.64		49372.67	23658.24
2015-1 Street Improvement	282214.12	168785.34		171154.21	279845.25
TIF Funds	-67589.77	235448.38		251317.97	-83459.36
Pool Bond	187966.22	0.00		82760.00	105206.22
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
Water	85580.00	618230.46		540141.25	163669.21
Water Contingency	23844.78	24182.30		0.00	48027.08
Water Equipment	121015.47	28803.98		37680.15	112139.30
Sewer	46934.02	296385.46		246354.46	96965.02
Sewer Contingency	88841.78	5069.93		0.00	93911.71
Garbage	50873.78	294110.00		309333.59	35650.19
Garbage Replacement	245082.16	30302.64		13680.18	261704.62
CONSTRUCTION FUNDS					
2016-1 Lagoon Improvement	7163.25	0.00		4023.91	3139.34
2016-2 Lift Station Relocation	-52924.60	0.00		0.00	-52924.60
AGENCY FUNDS					
Flex Medical	1477.50	4544.10		4533.30	1488.30
Flex Childcare	0.10	4330.79		4330.79	0.10
COMPONENT UNITS					
Airport	78509.72	74698.96		101058.02	52150.66
Ambulance	14689.60	243310.11		231923.66	26076.05
Library	8442.68	20429.57		21771.16	7101.09
Totals	3145985.13	4694689.15	-44867.08	4092422.41	3703384.79

I, Zasha Johnson, Auditor for the City of Oakes, Dickey County, North Dakota, do hereby certify that the above statement is true, complete, and correct as shown by the Auditor's books and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Zasha Johnson