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City Council Meeting September 8, 2026

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: D Hollingsworth, Iverson, Kelly, Meehl and J Hollingsworth. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Chad Raatz, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: Reber gave an update on the timeline of the water treatment project and the manhole replacement project. A change order for the manhole project was presented. Kelly moved, J Hollingsworth second to approve the change order, carried. Kelly moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve manhole project contractor's application for payment, carried. An invoice for assistance at the water plant was presented, this invoice does not include the invoice tabled at the last meeting. D Hollingsworth moved, Meehl carried to approve Moore Invoice 11680, carried.

Minutes, Auditor and Police Reports: Meehl moved, Kelly second to approve minutes with correction of spelling error, carried. Kelly moved, Iverson second to approve special meeting minutes, carried. D Hollingsworth moved, Meehl second to approve police report, carried. Kelly moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve auditor reports, carried.

Game of Chance Permit: Iverson moved, Meehl second to approve permits as listed, carried.

- Knights of Columbus, Calendar Raffle
- Oakes Music Department, Raffle

Bills: D Hollingsworth moved, Iverson second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Aflac	591.64
Agtegra	712.25
American Welding & Gas	39.41

Aqua Pure	1412.40
Avid Hawk	200.00
Axon Enterprise	13476.13
Bobcat of Gwinner	43.49
Computer Express	1295.00
Dakota Valley Electric	266.00
DRN	850.95
Fabian Pest Control	235.00
Grzadzieski Utility Services	450.00
Hansen Ag Air	415.30
Hastings Plumbing	210.00
Hills Hardware	340.77
Information Tech.	175.85
James River Repair	1797.95
Jemco	2058.76
John Deere Financial	3301.07
John Quandt	140.00
Jones & Kelly Attys at Lay	882.37
Kamstrup Water Meters	1259.70
Kustom Machine	569.49
Napa	95.06
ND One Call	27.30
ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	18525.00
NDPERS INS	23,192.98
NDPERS-Retirement	10,170.55
Oakes Area Chamber	2500.00
OEI	15,259.55
Oakes Times	451.85
Oakes Truck & Trailer	797.57
Otter Tail Power	8,312.86
Pace Analytical National	396.00
Pro Forms	75.72
Rod's Cleaning	110.00
Starion Bank	2,433.35
Sweets & Stories	50.14
Verizon Wireless	498.44
Visa-library	693.13
Visa-City	968.91
Vistos	1328.25
Waste Management-Recycle	12291.55
Payroll Taxes	15683.14
Salaries	70786.17

Committee Reports: Mayor Sitzler thanked the city crew for their quick response to the water loss event. D Hollingsworth also commented on the quick resolution of the water loss event. He has a company working on a solution

and estimate for the community center roof and is waiting for quotes for an addition to the city shop. Iverson presented options for running power to different buildings at the cemetery. The alternative of using a portable suitcase generator was brought up, D Hollingsworth moved, J Hollingsworth second to purchase a suitcase generator for less than \$1500, failed. D Hollingsworth moved, J Hollingsworth second to add the generator to the ergonomic grant application with the purchase price not to exceed \$1500, carried. J Hollingsworth would like to contact a service/consultant to develop an employee pay schedule and pay study. Johnson will reach out to other entities for recommendations. Raatz would like to acquire an air compressor for the water plant, he has received a quote from Jemco for \$4120. J Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to purchase the compressor but from a local retailer with purchase price not to exceed \$4120, carried. Raatz also reported that the street sweeper will be back next week and the hub did not have to be replaced so the cost will be less than expected.

Unfinished Business: Kelly moved, Iverson second to approve 2nd reading of ordinance 15.0222, carried. Iverson moved, D Hollingsworth second to remove the first paragraph of proposed update to 5.0503.1 and only require the forensic scanners, carried. Attorney will edit ordinance and present it for first reading at next meeting. The Police Chief was asked to take updated pictures of all properties that received clean up notices for review at next meeting. Attorney advised cleaning up any properties that only have trash or grass concerns, those with vehicle concerns will be handled following a more detailed process. Discussed the steps to be taken to declare a dangerous building for condemnation, including timeline, responsibility and cost. All council members agreed to move forward with the process and directed public works to sign the affi-

davit of probable cause. There is concern with one further property, asked Attorney to send letter. Johnson will work with Attorney to put out an advertisement for bids for repairs and remodel of the flat portion of the community center roof.

New Business: Kausha Magill with the Chamber of Commerce presented her request for tourism funds for the Wine Walk & Oh Deer Shopping weekend. J Hollingsworth moved, Iverson second to approve request, carried. Raatz told the council fall clean-up day will be Saturday October 10th with electronics recycling available Friday the 9th. No bids were received for the trucks. After hearing options available from the Attorney; D Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to readvertise for the garbage truck and totes lowering the minimum bid to \$85,000, carried. J Hollingsworth moved, Meehl second to readvertise for bids for the sewer truck with no minimum bid, carried. Mayor Sitzler provided a brief history of the Renaissance Zone and the purpose for it. Johnson explained the property tax benefits that come with an approved project. The application for a Renaissance Zone project from Great Plains Oil Company was reviewed. J Hollingsworth moved, Meehl second to approve the application as presented, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence: Johnson will be attending the ND League of Cities conference September 16-18. Feedback from the civic health event hosted at Growing Small Towns was provided. Notices for water appropriation and a public service commission hearing were received.

D Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Mayor
Attest: Zasha Johnson
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)

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