

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OACOMA TOWN BOARD
October 3, 2022

The Oacoma Town Board met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on October 3, 2022 in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center. Board members present were Gary Dominiack, President; Richard Kirkpatrick, Vice President; Kyle Fuchs; Roger Twamley and Robin Hutmacher. Also present were Valerie Moore, Finance Officer; Catland Landegent, Chamberlain Police Dept.; and Kellan Clark.

MINUTES

Motion by Hutmacher, second by Twamley, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 19, 2022. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Police Sgt. Catland Landegent provided the 2022 third quarter police report for Oacoma and noted response to 66 case reports. Officers issued 12 warnings covering 16 violations and 11 citations resulting in 12 charges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time was reserved for public comments pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Kellan Clark provided comments about billing information he believed is missing on monthly water and sewer statements and he questioned the purpose for increased water rates effective January 2023. Recent billing statements for Clark, Twamley and Hutmacher were reprinted to verify the information in question, gallons billed, was shown on all statements. Dominiack explained the town's need to adopt adequate billing rates to not only cover expenses but also generate profits for future projects and debt service. It was explained to Clark that state officials advised the current average minimum rate needed to fund operations and debt service is now averaging \$55 to \$60 per month for residential users. Dominiack also reported that Oacoma's water fund expenses have exceeded revenues over the last three years.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Employee health insurance plans and premiums were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Twamley, second by Kirkpatrick, to authorize renewal of the Wellmark EnhancedBlue 1500 employee health insurance plan offered by Dice Financial Services with an effective date of December 1, 2022. Motion carried.

VEHICLE PURCHASE

The board discussed the age, mileage and condition of city-owned pickups assigned to public works staff members and reviewed state contract vehicle prices. Current vehicles include: 2017 Dodge Ram, 37,881 miles; 2009 Chevrolet Silverado, 96,815 miles; 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, 108,915 miles. Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Fuchs, to authorize purchase of a 2022 or newer model year Dodge Ram 1500 from Wegner Auto under state-awarded contract no. 17620 at the price of \$41,471. Motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Dominiack reported on the SD Hall of Fame banquet he attended on September 9.

PAY BILLS

The following bills were approved for payment: Payroll: Gov Board-1200.00, Finance-3880.40, Streets-3164.17, Sewer-2393.49, Water-4295.98, Cemetery-312.98, Parks/Rec-885.12; Ace Hardware, parts & supplies-82.36; AFLAC, withholdings-40.40; Bomgaars, parts & supplies-50.47; Byre Bros., garbage service-128.00; Cardmember Services, credit card charges for postage, training materials & fuel-293.72; Central Dakota Times, publishing-467.31; Chamber of Commerce/CVB, subsidy-2937.00; Chamberlain Wholesale, paper products-52.00; City of Chamberlain, housing study-506.30; City of Chamberlain, police contract-9856.25; Core & Main, water line parts-200.94; Cozine Electric, replace VFD-1564.05; Jack Dooley, OCC custodian-500.00; GF Advertising Services, website revisions & renew domain-955.10; Hach Co., turbidimeter & sensors-6563.31; Hawkins Inc, chemicals-2092.98; IRS, payroll tax-3961.06; Middle America Communication Solutions, social media mgt-600.00; Midstate Communications, phones & internet-414.07; NAPA Auto Parts, belts-95.96; Office Products Center, printer service contract & receipt books-229.06; SD Public Health Lab, lab samples-196.00; SD Retirement System, contributions-1649.90; SD Unemployment, contributions-214.82; Servall, OCC supplies-224.01; Verizon Wireless, cell phones-165.71; Wall Drug Store, Inc., billboard lease-200.00; WEERC, lab samples-89.00; Wellmark, health insurance-686.93.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Twamley, second by Fuchs, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022 beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center.

Gary Dominiack, President

Valerie J. Moore, Finance Officer

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