

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OACOMA TOWN BOARD
August 21, 2023

The Oacoma Town Board met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on August 21, 2023, in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center. Board members present were Gary Dominiack, President; Richard Kirkpatrick, Vice President; Kyle Fuchs; Robin Hutmacher; and Justin Rabern. Also present were Valerie Moore, Finance Officer; and Kurt Kelsey and Jason Pullman, representing Chamberlain Country Club.

MINUTES

Motion by Rabern, second by Hutmacher, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 7, 2023. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dominiack announced it as the scheduled time and place for which public notice was given to consider the following applications for temporary licenses to sell malt beverages in Oacoma: Fishin' for a Cure at Oasis Campground, 605 E Hwy 16, Oacoma, SD on September 9, 2023 during the annual fall cookoff event; and the Chamberlain-Oacoma Area Chamber of Commerce at the Oacoma City Park on September 30, 2023 during the Harvest Festival. No comments were made in opposition to either temporary license. Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Fuchs, to approve the temporary malt beverage license for Fishin' for a Cure on September 9, 2023, at the Oasis Campground. Motion carried. Motion by Hutmacher, second by Rabern, to approve the temporary malt beverage license for Chamberlain-Oacoma Area Chamber of Commerce on September 30, 2023, at the Oacoma City Park. Motion carried.

2024 FUNDING REQUESTS

Kurt Kelsey and Jason Pullman, representing the Chamberlain Country Club, were present to thank Oacoma for its previous funding support provided to the golf course and to request funding of \$15,000 from Oacoma in 2024 to assist with a mower purchase. Kelsey and Pullman reported recent course renovations are having a positive impact as memberships have increased by 30% and green fee revenues have tripled since 2019. The club plans to continue improvement projects as funding permits by renovating greens 4, 5 and 6 and improving several cart paths.

Other funding applications reviewed by the board included Rural Office of Community Services-Transit for \$3,000 and Scavengers Journey for \$1,500.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time was reserved for public comments pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. No comments were offered.

2023 FUNDING REQUEST

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Hutmacher, to approve funding assistance not to exceed \$600 for the 2023 Fallfest Cook-Off event scheduled for September 9 at Oasis Campground and Riverview Chevrolet/Ray's Western Wear parking lot. Motion carried.

2024 FUNDING APPLICATIONS

All 2024 Funding Applications were presented for discussion and consideration.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Hutmacher, to approve 2024 funding for Chamberlain-Oacoma Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$38,252. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Rabern, to approve 2024 funding for Chamberlain-Oacoma Area CVB in the amount of \$2,000 for operating plus \$8,000 in contingency for special event recruitment. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutmacher, second by Fuchs, to approve 2024 funding for Chamberlain Country Club in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutmacher, second by Kirkpatrick, to approve 2024 funding for Cozard Memorial Library in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Rabern, second by Hutmacher, to approve 2024 funding for Lake Francis Case Development Corporation in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Rabern, to approve 2024 funding for Missouri Valley Crisis Center in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutmacher, second by Fuchs, to approve 2024 funding for Rural Office of Community Service for Transit in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Hutmacher, to approve 2024 funding for Scavenger's Journey in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried.

POLICE CONTRACT

The current contract with the City of Chamberlain for police services expires on December 31, 2023. A new 3-year contract extension was presented for consideration. Rates for police services in 2024, 2025 and 2026 are \$52,518, \$63,201, and \$75,625, respectively. The board discussed the contract rates and furnished services in comparison to funding a separate Oacoma police force. Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Rabern, to authorize Dominiack to execute the 2024-2026 agreement for police services between the City of Chamberlain and the Town of Oacoma. Motion carried.

WATER & SEWER RATES

The board reviewed historical reports of water and sewer rates and annual trends of related fund balances. The Water Fund recorded net losses in three of the last four years. According to information shared by personnel from SD DANR, average water rates, including debt surcharge fees, in communities with DANR-issued loans are about \$60.00 per month and the state's minimum required rate is listed as \$45 for water and \$45 for sewer. Discussion was held on future projects needed in Oacoma including water intake improvements. New water and wastewater facility studies will be finalized by Banner Associates within the next month. The board will consider setting 2024 water and sewer rates at a later date.

PERSONNEL

The board reviewed an updated job description for the Finance Officer position. Motion by Hutmacher, second by Rabern, to approve the Finance Officer job description as presented. An advertisement for employment of a Deputy Finance Officer/Trainee for Finance Officer was reviewed. Motion by Hutmacher, second by Fuchs, to authorize publication of the advertisement for employment with the starting wage set at \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried.

RECONCILIATION OF CASH ASSETS

Dominiack verified the Reconciliation of Cash Assets for the month of July.

2024 BUDGET REVIEW

The board reviewed 2024 budget worksheets. Recommendations were made to obtain quotes for a used skid-steer loader and a new regular cab V8 pickup. The first reading of the 2024 Appropriations Ordinance will be held on September 6.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Hutmacher, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 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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