

Special Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday August 12th, 2024

A special meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday August 12th, 2024 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Donna Bumann, John McMasters, Joe Schnell, Jodi Hope, Joel Gerleman, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 6:02 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Gerleman to approve the agenda with the addition of Banner. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Hay stated that he plans to have a meeting this coming week with the phase 2A contractors, the extra work that has been added; they may need some extra days. Originally their contract stated they would be finished by September 15th, now it might be October 15th. Bumann inquired if Hay had heard back from the state, weather the 1 block on 5th S could be included but ineligible; in which it can be. Hay and council discussed phase 2A and dust control after 5th St is completed. Hay stated that he reached out to the state for an update on the TAP grant, to start designing. Discussed the width of the future sidewalks, hoping to have them constructed next summer.

Olson in at 6:13 pm.

Hay discussed previous meetings that they have had with Gevo, in which they are entertaining the idea of using our lagoons. Gevo would like to do another compacity study on our lagoons, Hay stated that it would be an expense of Gevos. Hay and council agreed that an agreement would be a good idea, as far as Banner doing the compacity study but Gevo ultimately paying for it. Klug and Hay discussed the payment process, Klug would rather it not go through the city's books. Long discussion on the future if Gevo were to dump all waste in our lagoons, could mean more chemical purchased etc. Banner would help the city come up with a rate structure; there would be a meter house coming from Gevo-provided by Gevo.

Klug started with the revenue side of the 2025 budget, 3% increase on current taxes-have not gotten the growth amount yet from the county. Sale tax revenue has decreased since covid. Finished up the revenues for the general government fund, water fund, sewer fund and Ambulance fund. Surcharge revenues in the water and sewer funds cannot be "used" per say.

Klug ended with the expense side of the 2025 budget, a reminders list: Siren-budgeted; Phase 2B tree removal-use extra money saved in the water & sewer funds; City Hall bathroom-budgeted; Street Sweeper- wait will 2026; Pool cement-take a break in 2025; Gazebo roof-grant & supplement in 2025; Overhead garage door City Hall-waiting, if extra funds. Increased the election budget, next year all the council will be up due to changing to at large. The audit budget has had to be increased due to federal money being over \$750,000-for Phase 2A. Plan is to keep putting \$20,000 in street equipment for newer equipment, 2025 is our last payment on the Volvo payloader. The other \$10,000 is being put towards the siren. The siren is under civil defense in the budget, Zeeck stated that the one they are looking at is similar to the old one but smaller. Every year there is a plan to put \$120,000 in the paving budget for the east and west roads-next summer will be 2nd St. S. In 2026 there will be 5 blocks of chip sealing and in 2027 there will be several blocks. The baseball budget had been increased for league fencing next year. In the water and sewer funds, the expenses for phase 1, phase2A and the water tower were separated. Ambulance plans to complete a new budget at there August meeting, as their revenue has decreased due to covid.

Council discussed the impact that measure IM 28 will do to our budget if it were to pass. McMasters inquired about the canon, Bumann and Schnell explained that the sanding can not be done until right before Good

Guys Garage can paint it. As it can start rusting before it gets painted, Bumann stated that the plan is to do a reveal at Town & Country Days/All School Reunion in 2025. Hope inquired if Klug was able to look into any grants for the community room AC unit.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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