

Regular Meeting of  
Lake Preston City Council  
Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Donna Bumann, John McMasters, Joe Schnell, Jodi Hope, Joel Gerleman, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Zoning Board: David Hillestad, Jerry Brown, Loren Trygstad. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Luke Smith, Linda Iverson, Paul Johnson, Allen & Dixie Wilde, Darin & Karsen Wilde.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to approve the agenda with 1 change of moving the "Zoning board appointment notice" up from New Business to the beginning of the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda Iverson stated that she is concerned with nuisance properties- previously she had been told that dust control on Walters S and 5<sup>th</sup> St S was going to be budgeted for. Iverson inquired about the street policy on loaded semi-trucks, also mentioned that when new residents move in-give them certain copies of ordinances. Curious what commercial property is and how you decide what a commercial property is, what can be done with a commercial property. Ordinances were discussed; Iverson inquired about the thickness of Park Ave. S in comparison to 4<sup>th</sup> St S. Zeeck stated that 4<sup>th</sup> St is much better than Park Ave S.

Paul Johnson stated that he wanted to give an update on the property- it had been surveyed. Both adjacent properties did have to move things away from the property line, Johnson inquired about a driveway. Discussed a hoop building, David Hillestad stated that will need a variance. Some discussion about the side yard setbacks. Allen Wilde stated that he is having it surveyed and the garage will need to be moved over potentially. Johnson stated that he does not want to upset neighbors, do the right thing. Wilde inquired about what he will have parked there in the future, a trailer that is currently there is not Johnsons. Johnson stated that he has heard rumors about Jeremy Woodcocks vehicles being parked there, Johnson made it clear that that is not the case.

David Hillestad stated that Brenda had reached out to 1<sup>st</sup> District. The reply stated that the mayor could nominate an individual for the 5<sup>th</sup> seat on the zoning board and the council votes. Or you could take applications and put a notice out. It was agreed for a fair shot to advertise the position and prepare an application.

Jerry Brown inquired about the Phase 1 punch list, last, he had heard that they needed to be complete by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brown listed items that were not complete yet on his property on Lake Ave. N. curb stop lowering, gravel, and a fire hydrant hole. Wilde and Zeeck discussed some drainage issue at his property, Zeeck planned to follow up on it- speak to Banner.

Council discussed a discrepancy in the voting from McMasters at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, whether his vote was yay or nay towards the zoning vote. McMasters stated that he was against denying it, said nay. Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Schnell to approve minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Gerleman and Schnell attended the counties contract law meeting in July. In which they proposed a \$1 increase per hour- we would stay at 15 hrs. per week. Schnell stated that streets committee had met- there is a dispute between Banner and the Phase 1 contractor. Zeeck stated that the soil cement and base course was the discrepancy, in which he expected it to be bigger amount then it had come out to be. Schnell stated that Halme had some displeasure with the banner supervisors. Streets committee and Bumann agreed that Halme had justifiable amounts.

Budget committee had met to do the initial budget review for 2025. Council scheduled a special meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm, to review the budget in detail.

Klug needed to dig into the ordinance before approving- amounts were off.

Zeeck stated that 22 trees had been planted in the park, 2 were donated. The baseball sponsorship signs are a work in progress, getting them all hung. Landscaping has started at the park by the café. Zeeck stated that they have started some siren maintenance- the one in the park does not work at all, plan to have Aron Bicket come take a look at it. The cement decking had been poured at the pool; some question had arisen as to why it was not being done after the pool season. The contractors' seasonal employees were only going to be available for a certain amount of time. Zeeck stated that he had a few residents inquire about changing the pool hours, do 12pm-7pm or 1pm-7pm instead of the 2-hour break then night swim.

Klug stated this last week a lifeguard had quit, working with Bumann- it has been decided to do an exit interview questioner to all the seasonal help. At the last meeting it was asked if fines can be assessed to the property taxes, no they cannot. Klug explained a discrepancy with Cooks Wastepaper with the blue trash cans in town, Klug calculates the total every month- they started sending out a bill. It shows that throughout the last years we are in the negatives. Several other cities are also dealing with this, Klug is still working on trying to get it cleared up. Kingsbury Classic Cruisers wanted the city to know whom they have donated to every year; CFI has discontinued the use of the community room and Klug plans to attend a cybersecurity training on the 20<sup>th</sup>. House bill 1197 was discussed, pertaining to the library. Council decided to stick with the membership ad in the Glacial Lake's magazine. Klug contacted Valley Fibercom about potential streaming the meeting on the LP Channel, and Klug investigated YouTube live streaming. Klug stated that a big issue that has arose is nuisance properties- she gets calls all the time from residents that have received letters. Their call is to say why would I clean up my property if important people in the community do not clean up their properties. If we do plan to move forward with fining, a collections agency will need to be hired- as Klug will not deal with that.

Council had a long conversation about nuisance properties being an issue for several years. Several residents do not have the funds to paint or side their homes, certain grants or programs were discussed that help with those things.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve the following claims as presented: All in favor, motion carried.

A & B Business \$73.0, printer contract; Amazon \$148.04, library supplies; Avera Health Plan \$667.09, health ins.; Banner Ass. Inc. \$18,644.37, phase 2B; Bode Const. \$12,755.13, pool decking; CCP Industries \$211.49, t-paper & paper towels; Cooks Wastepaper \$3,245.11, city trash/city dumpster; DOR \$484.43, taxes; Family Handyman \$21.24, mag. sub. Library; FNB \$232.89, used water deposits; Garden Gate \$45.00, mag. sub. Library; Halme \$352,730.51, final funds in acct; Hawkins, Inc \$5,082.01, pool chemical; Henry Schein \$140.16, amb supplies; Hunter Flanagan \$67.11, rest of water deposit; Kingbrook Rural Water \$8,371.00, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$183.60, publishing; Karmer Mechanical \$450.56, ac unit; Langlands Landscaping curbing \$1,262.75, main st park; Lowes \$662.16, park, pool, shop; Lyle Signs, Inc. \$223.80, park signs; Maynard's \$204.25, GG/lib./pool cons; McMasters Gravel \$4,208.75, SE addition gravel; Metropolitan Compounds \$547.27, fastball towels; Northwestern Energy \$87.08, natural gas; Office Peeps \$87.73, office supplies; Ottertail \$2,746.45, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$3,428.84, FD/city/amb.; Public Health Lab \$330.00, water testing; Runnings \$489.99, weeds sprayer; SD Magazine \$29.00, mag. sub. Library; SDRS \$67.78, late fee; Vallery Fibercom \$247.47, phones/internet; Van Diest \$1,573.50, west Nile; Milbank Winwater Works \$1,014.64, meter reading; Woman's Day \$38.40, mg. sub. Library; Kramer Mechanical \$6,348.80, library AC unit; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Amazon \$106.20, park/baseball; Execubanc \$63.20, bank fees; Unemployment \$94.84, quarterly; USPS \$366.95, water bill; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve July's financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

1 building permit was reviewed. After some discussion it was cleared up that they are demoing a house and eventually replacing it with a shop- another building permit will be filled for that structure.

Bumann inquired about when Tim our code enforcer was in town last, maybe it needs to be more frequent.

The new AC unit had been installed in the library; it was decided by the building committee to approve it instead on the mini split.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to approve the first reading of ordinance 466-24, 2025 budget appropriation ordinance. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to approve Flegel's Flowers operating agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug explained the rate study which was done by MAPS for both the water and the sewer, it was concluded from the study that we are bringing in extra on phase 1 and phase 2A. If we can use these reserves towards the Phase 2B project, our surcharge increase will be at a lower rate. The city would save the \$429,000 to be paid towards the contractor during construction, then our loan could be less. After all the info is reviewed by the state, they will give us the go ahead on lowering our phase 1 and phase 2A surcharges. Council then will approve and Klug can start on the loan documents for Phase 2B. An increase on our own funds is needed to keep our water and sewer funds afloat, the examples included increasing them by \$2 or by \$5. Klug decided \$3 then in the future work up to \$5, do not do it all at once.

Council discussed Kingsbury transit service, in which it is used by several in the community. Motion by Gerleman, seconded by McMasters to contribute \$500 in 2025 to the ROCS Kingsbury Transit. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve the 2023 annual report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the 2023 Audit report from ELO. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed measured IM 28; Klug presented a resolution that SDML had sent out. Discussed what could happen to our budget if the measure goes through in November.

Schnell acting as President signed signature cards for all the bank accounts along with Bumann, Hope and Klug.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Schnell to approve the West Nile grant agreement for \$1,991.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that he would like to go into executive for personnel. Schnell stated that he is going to need to set a storage building down for a few days, but it will not be permanent. Strande inquired about how we do tree bids, Zeeck stated that we would advertise for bids. Continued discussion about the future project next year, everything a tree contractor would need to know will be in the information once its time for bidding. Strande agreed that YouTube would be a good option for doing lives. Olson inquired if the no parking overnight had been hung-up. Council discussed a few trucks parking in the SE part of town. Zeeck also expressed his frustrations with the complaints about nit picking, it needs to stop. Klug stated that the baseball signs were to be a good thing for the community, the work is a bit more extensive than they thought. Hoping that by the end of September they will be up, Zeeck stated that the hanging of the signs has also been more extensive. Bumann stated that she had seen the marked tree to come down for phase 2B; is it necessary for so many trees to come down. If a tree needs to come out later in the construction season the main contractor will charge more. Hope inquired if we had gotten reimbursed from the trees in the park, Klug stated not yet but she did submit the receipts.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to go into executive at 8:41 pm for personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 8:49 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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Donna Bumann, Mayor

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