

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Tuesday November 12th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Tuesday November 12th, 2024 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Donna Bumann, John McMasters, Joe Schnell, Jodi Hope, Joel Gerleman, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Zoning Board: David Hillestad, Loren Trygstad, Jerry Brown. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Allen Wilde, Brett Anderson, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

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

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to approve the agenda with adding Geotek boring -Phase 2B. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to recess the regular meeting and meet as the board of adjustments for variance permit 620-24 public hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Schnell represented Jon Howe, explained that the 6ft fence would be for his dogs- having a 4ft fence in the front of his house could lead to them jumping over it. Council had a lengthy discussion between the fence and the raising of dogs.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Strande to approve variance permit 620-24 for Jon Howe, 6ft front fence. Olson nay. Motion carried.

Council adjourned as board of adjustments and reconvene as regular council at 7:12 pm.

Brett Anderson presented plans for a utility shed to be placed in the park, by the Deknikker shelter. During the summer several volunteers and organizations have started serving a meal at the park every Sunday evening. Students were brainstorming how to make it easier every week, in which they would like to build this shed, they came up with the design. The shed would house the grill, have a sink, and coolers. Anderson would like the permission from the council to move ahead with the project; discussed where the shed should be placed. He plans to work with Zeeck for the placement and work with Klug to get a building permit filled out and submitted.

Hay discussed some financial issues in Phase 1, between the water vs. sewer funding. Halme is currently in their warranty period. As for Phase 2A they will be doing a final walk through with the contractor, resolving all the issues and try to get that one wrapped up as well. Hay has completed 30% design of the Phase 2B project, final completion of the design will be end of February. Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve Geotek boring for Phase 2B. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay gave an update on the water tower project, discussed the happenings with the old tower. As far as the TAP grant, Banner is waiting on the state to be able to start the surveying process. 2nd Street and the 5th street project was discussed, at the next meeting Hay will have a breakout of the city portion, development board, and phase 2B.

Jerry Brown inquired about his punch list items, Hay and Brown discussed gravel driveways. Hay explained that before the project a video was taken that shows no exposed driveways. The whole west side of 5th St. NE was grass. Brown explained that there is still gravel under that grass, and it should have been replaced to gravel instead of dirt and grass planted. Council, Hay and Brown had a lengthy discussion. The council agreed to give Brown 3 loaded of gravel to correct the situation, Brown inquired why Halme would not be fixing it. Brown rejected the offer. The next item Brown wanted to cover was the infrastructure under his lot along 5th St. NE, which he wants removed. Hay and council discussed that when an easement was wanted, it was a no. Then the project had to go around said lot, currently there is no easement- the city can not just go on his property and remove it. Allen Wilde inquired about the work that needs to be finished in front of his house on Minden Ave. N. Hay explained that they were still waiting on estimates, he plans to have them ready for the December

meeting. Wilde stated that he wanted a date for the work to be finished so that he can move forward with his cement work.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve the minutes from the October 7th regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Water & sewer committee were planning to meet and discuss the rates/plan of action for the vacant houses & lots in town. Motion by Hope, seconded by Gerleman to give the committee approval to review and award the tree project proposals, opening is on November 19th. All in favor, motion carried.

Liquor and personnel committees did do some texting and emailing.

Zeeck stated that the dump ground is closed for the season. Flag poles are painted and ready to be put up in the park. Residents who have markings on their trees, it does not necessarily mean they are being removed in the tree project. Snow equipment is ready to go; all the sponsorship signs are up in the baseball field.

Klug updated the council on the water leak, expenses came in around \$18,000; Halme and the city agreed to \$16,000-Halme will be paying the city. Two properties in town, the county had started the tax process-in which a relative has reached out inquiring about the properties. Klug stated that she had dropped the ball on invoicing the farm land where the dump grounds are. PCW inquired about the city donating towards the Snow Queen scholarship. Klug stated that the contract law meeting is the 14th at the courthouse.

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

A & B Business \$73.00, printer contract; Amazon \$361.95, library; Avera Health Plan \$667.09, health ins.; Avid Hawk LLC \$49.00, website; Banner Associates \$39,998.13, multiple projects; Bode Cons. \$1,187.76, rubble/site/water leak; BX Civil & Cons. \$5,244.80, dust control; Construction Products & Consultant \$196.40, park; Cooks Wastepaper \$5,096.18, city dumpster/city trash/roll-offs; Core & Main \$293.88, mud plugs/project; Dakota Pump \$2,265.85, rebuild pump #3; Deb Miller \$97.15, library supplies; DOR \$289.23, taxes; FNB \$300.00, 3 water deposits use; Foley & Foley \$150.00, Dec.; Good Guys Garage \$160.55, park-flag poles; Kingbrook Rural Water \$7,555.00, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$347.86, publishing; Kramer Mechanical \$354.81, city hall repair; Luis Arizmendi 4100.00, water deposit return; M&T Fire \$5,637.24, PPE; Maynards \$94.80, water/shop/office; Northwestern Energy \$84.07, natural gas; O'Keefe Implement \$199.01, 60"-72" mowers; Office Peeps \$363.41, office supplies; SD One Call \$48.30, 811; Ottertail \$2,022.50, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,099.31, city/amb.; Public Health Lab \$196.00, water testing; Richard Close \$250.00, campground dump station; Rykus-Nelson \$2,267.35, city hall/museum gutters; SDARW \$445.00, annual membership; SD Secretary of state \$30.00, Brenda's notary; SDML Workers Comp Fund \$5,588.00, 2025 renewal; Sjolie Cons. \$816.33, SE addition gravel; The Arlington Sun \$54.98, lib. sub.; Vallery Fibercom \$223.30, phones/internet; Milbank Winwater works \$123.50, water; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Execubanc \$66.60, bank fees; Kingsbury Register of Deeds \$60.00, plat filing; National Notary Ass. \$156.00, renew notary; Unemployment \$85.59, unemployment; USPS \$380.80, 2 months water bills; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the October financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

No more building permits.

Klug stated that Tim Austin had been to town recently, the newly updated listing was sent out in an email. Bumann, Austin, and Klug had been emailing- was decided to forward a few properties onto the city attorney.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the American Legion On-Sale liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to approve the Lake Preston Café On-Sale restaurant liquor license. McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to approve the New Horizon On-Sale and Off-sale package liquor licenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Olson to approve the Other Bar On-Sale and Off-Sale package liquor licenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve closing off Main St. on Dec. 1st from HWY 14 to 4th St. N for the parade of lights. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to hire Bre Jensen as the 2025 baseball coach. All in favor, motion carried.

Employee reviews were to be discussed in executive session.

McMasters and Olson inquired about fixing some pot holes. Gerleman and Hay discussed new alley cement aprons off of 2nd St NE. Bumann stated that DeSmet is now offering pickleball, wondering what happened to our pickleball court. Removing personal emails from our city website, as there has been a lot of spam calls and emails. If residents need to get ahold of them, they can use the phone numbers.

December council meeting will be December 9th.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to go into executive at 8:25 pm for personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 9:31 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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