

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday October 7th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday October 7th, 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. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Allen Wilde, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal.

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

Motion by Hope, seconded by Gerleman to approve the agenda with additions: Martens Well, LP Café Special Event Alcohol License, State surcharges discussion, trans source-Payloader warranty. All in favor, motion carried.

The YouTube policy was discussed; Strande questioned the verbiage of blocking viewers, council decided to change the verbiage to suspend for 1 month period per a committee's determination. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the YouTube Policy with the change. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried. Policy was read aloud, and will be posted on social media to be viewed.

David Hillestad stated that the zoning board had 3 applicants, they suggested Rodney Olson to fill the position. Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve Rodney Olson as a Zoning Board member. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve pay request \$113,880.60 from Maguire Iron for the water tower project. All in favor, motion carried.

A memorandum of agreement between Banner Associates, Gevo, and the city was read aloud. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the capacity lagoon study agreement from Banner Associates. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Gerleman to approve the September 9th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that Halme had been in town, finishing up some of the items on the punch list. New gazebo lights have been hung, Aaron's Electric had come and separated some of the electrical. Several residents inquire as to why the basketball and pool lights are always on during winter; before Aaron came, they were all tied together with the gazebo. Zeeck stated that they have received the second batch of signs for the baseball field, plan on getting them all put up. In the upcoming weeks Zeeck plans to go down streets and alleys and trim any trees that could get in the way of the payloader during snow removal.

Klug stated that the state did let her wait until January 2025 to increase the rates on the water/sewer bills. Her plan is to put a notice on the October water bill and the November bill to have residents come to the December meeting if they wish. Klug also plans to do a story in Kingsbury Journal outlining all the rate increases and grant funds they have received thus far. The Kingsbury Journal missed publishing the August minutes, they plan to publish this coming week. Klug stated that she had planned on going to the fall conference but decided she was too busy and it did cost \$60 to go for just 1 day.

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

A & B Business \$73.00, printer contract; Airgas \$209.10, Amb. Oxygen; Amazon \$331.40, library; Avera Health Plan \$667.09, health ins.; Banner Associates \$1,956.05, SE addition; Brookings Health System/Avera \$60.00, D tank gas fill; Construction Products & Consultant \$648.60, Lib./Com. Room/City Hall; Cooks Wastepaper \$3,259.61,

city dumpster; Core & Main \$1,672.75, water/sewer; Deb Miller \$38.92, library supplies; DOR \$319.02, taxes; First \$29.90, mag. sub.; FNB \$54.31, deposit-end acct.; Foley & Foley Law Office \$150.00; Nov.; Innovative \$551.06, billing statement; Kingbrook Rural Water \$13,360.50, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kramer Mechanical \$1,303.16, city hall gas leak; Lowe's \$679.94, gen. gov./shop; Lyle Signs, Inc. \$2,800.00, baseball signs; MC & R Pools, Inc. \$2,954.01, pool closing; Northwestern Energy \$79.31, natural gas; Office Peeps \$31.72, office supplies; On Sight \$194.57, remote support; Ottertail \$2,424.15, electric; Pioneer Research \$3,894.10, sewer chemical; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,570.96, fd/city/amb.; Public Health Lab \$45.00, water testing; Saturday Evening Post \$28.00, mag. sub.; SDARWS \$1,750.00, water leak; Team Lab \$1,914.00, mega bugs plus; Transource \$3,049.16, payloader; Vallery Fibercom \$210.23, phones/internet; Woman's Day \$24.97, mag. sub.; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Amazon \$417.34, water/sewer; Execubanc \$67.60, bank fees; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service.

Bumann inquired about the council pay vs the mayor pay being off on the financial report for September, Klug looked for the error.

No building permits.

No update on nuisance properties.

Council discussed the 2025 contract law agreement, in which is stayed the same. In November there will be a meeting for Mayors to attend to discuss other topics and contract law. Motion by Hope, seconded by Strande to approve the 2025 contract law agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that she was by accident still paying Donnas wages from the council line instead of the mayor line. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to approve September financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Rick Olson in @ 7:31 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Schnell to approve the special event liquor license for the Fire Dept., serving at the Pheasant Banquet. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve the special alcohol license for the Lake Preston Café, serving at Flegel's Flowers Oktoberfest. McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Schnell stated that he had spoken to Martens about a potential water well, the plan is to use it for geothermal heating and cooling. It will not be used for an actual water supply. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve Tom & Kim Martens drilling a well for heating and cooling purposes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Olson to approve the \$1,556.00 trans source payloader warranty. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann was added to the media policy. Motion by Hope, seconded by Strande to approve the updated media policy. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to approve water rates resolution 111-24 to go into effect January 2025. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Hope inquired if we would be a little more lenient on late fees after the new resolution. Council and Klug discussed the current status of doing late fees, it was discussed to move the minimum up from \$125.

Klug stated that the state discussed charging the surcharges to all water and sewer hookups-even if they are not in use. Currently the city does not bill a vacant lot or only bills snow birds while they are here. Council decided that the sewer committee needed to discuss it further.

Klug inquired if all the council received the text about the Development board meeting on October 30th, invite only.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Hope to approve sewer rates resolution 110-24 to go into effect January 2025. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve closing of Main St. between 2nd St and 3rd St. for Trunk or Treating/Harvest Festival on October 25th. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to approve hiring Amber Nelson as the 2025 softball coach. All in favor, motion carried.

Gerleman stated that a resident had reached out to him about a splash pad, maybe a good idea for the future. Gerleman inquired about a buffer come the new year, helping Brenda out with calls etc. when the rate increase happens. Bumann stated that if needed she can give her number out, council discussed having them call their ward council member. By surcharging the empty/vacant lots in town that would help get the loan paid off sooner, or lower the month rates. Bumann wanted to remind the community of the Fall clean-up; roll-offs are located behind City Hall. Some residents maybe confused and putting items out in the curb.

Council decided the next regular meeting will be on Nov. 12th.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to go into executive at 8:08 pm for legal.

Council came out of executive session at 8:31 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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