

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday September 9th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday September 9th, 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, Burt Crockett, Linda Iverson, Allen Wilde, Terry Sass, Cedric Hay from Banner Ass.

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

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the agenda with 1 addition, change order #9. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda Iverson stated that she appreciated some progress since the last meeting she had attended.

David Hillestad stated that he and Klug had discussed the zoning board appointment, he had reviewed the 2 applicants. Hillestad recommended that the notice needed to be published a few more times and add a closing date. His recommendation is to wait till the October 7th meeting.

Allen Wilde inquired if Banner had a starting date for the work along Minden Ave. Cedric stated that the plan is to piggy back off the work on 5th St. S and 2nd St. N. Wilde stated that with Harvest coming and cement contractor waiting; he would like to get it completed sooner then later. Jerry Brown inquired about his punch list items, Hay stated that Halme had reached out to him about Browns list. Hay stated that Halme will be in town tomorrow and on Thursday to do a walk through of leftover items. Reseeding was discussed, there are several areas that reseeding will need to be done. Main Ave N from 5th to 7th N was discussed, as it needs to be reseeded. Terry Sass inquired about his shop property, Halme scrapped off gravel and then replaced it with dirt. Hay, Zeeck and Sass discussed the topic; Sass has inquired for the last 3 summers and nothing has been done. Hay plans to reach out to Halme to get some gravel laid.

Hay presented change order #9 and pay request #20 for Phase 1. Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve change order #9 for Phase 1. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve pay request #20 for phase 1 for \$122,360.09 from Halme. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay stated that there had been a punch list sent to Rounds for the Phase 2A project. Rounds plans to be in town this week to start work at the Park Ave S and 5th St SE intersection. There is some storm drain work that needs to be done on the intersection of 5th St SE and Manor Ave., Prunty will be in town in the next few weeks to get this complete. So far, the plan for asphalt is the first or second week of October on 2nd St. NE and 5th St. SE. They plan to leave 5th St. SE from Manor Ave to Park Ave S last as that will be returned to a gravel roadway.

Hay gave a quick overview of phase 2B—planning and designing is underway. Hay stated that there has been some conversations about the tree removal project like phase 2A. Hoping for a bid date of mid-February-beginning of March, which means the final designs will need to be sent to DANR in December for their final review. Wilde inquired about Main St. from the railroad tracks to 5th St.—is there plans of pavement there? Hay and Zeeck stated that it was initially supposed to be this year but due to costs it will hopefully be a 2025 project. The intent is to do cement on that section, as the truck travel is high.

Hay gave a brief update on the water tower project; crews are back in town after a few months away. Zeeck stated that the main complaint was the weeds.

Hay discussed the TAP grant; he was able to inquire about changing the 5' wide sidewalks to 6' wide. That was doable except if that takes the total over the agreement total, then the city is responsible for the overage. There was some contingency in the original quote of the project. Sass inquired if the sidewalk on the North side of HWY 14 will extend from Park Ave to Walters Ave. That block was not included into the original design, on the

south side of HWY 14- it will go from Park Ave to the baseball field. Hay included that all existing sidewalk that are in the plans will be removed and replaced. Reflective flashing beacons will be on Fremont Ave for the school, to help with the crosswalk. Sass and Hay further discussed the sidewalks along HWY 14 S.

Hay and Klug discussed the lagoon study Gevo plans to do, Klug has been in contact with Delzer to get an agreement produced and signed. She would rather it not go through the city's books, if there is a way of Gevo paying it directly to Banner that would be the best option. To make sure this moves along fast, the sewer committee was assigned to review the finally agreement then Bumann would sign off.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve August 5th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Olson to approve August 12th special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann, Gerleman and Klug discussed that they had went to a county meeting to discuss the sheriff's office budget. Bumann explained that this all came about from a meeting discussion before, where the cities had been promised X amount and due to a clerical error, they received much less. This conversation went into the contract law agreements, last year they had discussed helping with chip sealing to make up for the mishap. In the future it was decided to do quarterly meeting with the sheriff's office. Bumann included that the other cities seem to correspond with the sheriff's office a lot more, pertaining to ordinances. An idea arose that every quarter sitting down with a deputy to go over ordinances that we would like patrolled. Lawn care, snow removal etc.

Zeeck stated that the pool has been winterized, some electrical work has been done to shut off the pool lights and the basketball court lights. The roof on the back of city hall is complete. Kramer fixed a leaking gas valve in the backroom of city hall; he plans to put some valving in the development board and the old police office. Zeeck discussed putting up new flag poles in the park and the campground. There has been an ongoing water leak, Zeeck and Bumann have been searching, along with Kingbrook and SDRWA. 3 leaks have come about but nothing large enough. Zeeck introduced the season summer/fall help, Burt Crockett.

Klug stated that she plans to attend a grant writing workshop in Arlington in October. The 2023 audit has been approved by the department of legislative audit. Klug explained an article that a resident had dropped off at the office, and would like the council to see it. It was about an Armour resident whom had a nuisance property for years, after years they put him in jail for 2 days. If it is not cleaned up in a months' time he will have to serve an additional 28 days. Linda Iverson had seen the same article, discussed that several towns have been dealing with nuisance properties for years.

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

A & B Business \$82.12, printer contract; Amazon \$303.07, library supplies; Avera Health Plan \$667.09, health ins.; Avid Hawk LLC \$98.00, website; Birds & Bloom \$31.84, mag. sub.; Broderick Poppinga \$45.69, water deposit return; City of Arlington \$100.00, grant writing class; Connecting Point \$1,288.16, city accounting contract; Construction Products & Consultant \$139.92, park; Cooks Wastepaper \$3,251.10, city trash/city dumpster; Core & Main \$216.81, water distr.; Crossroads Bank \$16,182.10, amb. pymt; Deb Miller \$429.66, lib. supplies; DOR \$302.67, taxes; ELO \$7,582.67, 2023 audit; Farmers Implement \$190.65, skid steer; FNB \$100.00, water deposit return; Foley & Foley Law Office \$300.00; sept. & oct.; Hawkins, Inc \$2,284.21, pool chemical; Henry Schein \$31.25, amb. supplies; Joel Johnson \$541.43, code enforcement; Kingbrook Rural Water \$14,049.00, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Lowe's \$868.12, baseball signs; Lyle Signs, Inc. \$229.54, gen. gov. signs; Maynard's \$463.74, gen. gov./lib./pool; Northwestern Energy \$83.18, natural gas; O'Keefe Implement \$201.20, 72" mower; Office Peeps \$90.04, office supplies; SD One Call \$19.95, 811; Ottertail \$2,818.72, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$3,041.68, fd/city/amb.; Public Health Lab \$15.00, water testing; Real Simple \$11.00, mag. sub.; Joe Schnell Welding \$21.00, park; Tailored Structures \$24,846.98, city hall back roof; Vallery Fibercom \$257.40, phones/internet; Milbank Winwater Works \$2,345.80, radios; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Amazon

\$404.14, gen. gov./office supplies; Deluxe \$350.26, receipt books; Execubanc \$69.80, bank fees; US Bank \$23,478.00, phase 1 DW/CW payments; USPS \$405.48, water bill; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Strande to approve August financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

2 building permits were reviewed.

Klug presented an updated report from the code enforcer, several properties had come into compliance while others are still at a standstill.

Klug explained how YouTube would be different from Facebook, commenting- you would have to "subscribe" to the channel. Otherwise, we also have an option of turning comments off all together. Klug suggested having a policy put together for the October meeting. Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Strande to approve live streaming on YouTube, and have a policy ready for the October meeting. Hope nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to approve 2025 budget appropriation ordinance 466-24. Roll Call Vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the IM-28 resolution from the August meeting, council had a brief discussion. Decided not to pass the resolution, questioning how that would ultimately help it from happening.

Kingbrook Rural Water rate increase for 2025. Klug explained a call that she had with a state employee, hoping to get phase 1 charges lowered. Phase 1 does have a lot of reserved funds, in which she was hoping could go towards the Phase 2B project, but they can't due to the funds need to be used on its current phase. Then a balloon payment was discussed, but that would not help lower the rates either. MAPs who originally had done the rate study was going to reach out to the state employee to discuss a rate lowering on Phase 1. As of right now the phase 2B rates will need to be added per the states amounts- Water \$5.85 and sewer \$25.60. Klug explained a \$3/\$3 increase on the water and sewer; this will help with our own costs. Kingbrooks increase is a .05 cent increase starting in 2025, Klug plans to have a resolution ready to go by the October meeting.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to advertise baseball/softball coaches for 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the recommendations from the library board on Deb Millers wage increase. Council agreed that that Miller does an amazing job. Motion by Hope, seconded by Gerleman to give Deb Miller a raise of \$1/hour, making \$16/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that he needed executive. McMasters stated that youth are enjoying the new basketball hoop at the city park. Schnell stated that a resident has been having a high water usage, which they can not find. Schnell inquired about putting a new meter in to make sure the other meter is reading correctly.

Klug stated that the next regular meeting will be October 7th.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to go into executive at 8:42 pm for legal/personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 9:41 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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