

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday April 7th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at City Hall on April 7th, 2025 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, Allen Wilde, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 7:04 pm.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Hope to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Hay stated that they do have a warranty walk through with Halme the end of April. Hay explained the leftover funds in Phase 2A to be used, all the CW ARPA funds have been used, there is roughly \$150,000 of SRF loan funds leftover. There is roughly \$200,070 DW ARPA leftover, Hay discussed pulling the Walters Ave. project out of Phase 2A. Plans of adding in a loop line by the water tower, which will use up all the ARPA grant funds. In the future ask the state to move the extra loan funds into Phase 2B. As far as Phase 2B, the bid package has been sent to the state for approval. Hay stated that Prunty has plans of starting mid-June this summer.

Council and Hay discussed the start dates for the tower, some fabricated pieces have shown up onsite. Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Schnell to approve pay request #9 for \$45,900 from Maguire Water. All in favor, motion carried. Hay discussed the whole process of the TAP grant bidding; it will run into October-which a start date might not be until 2026. Chip sealing is to be bid out on April 16th, and approved at the May meeting.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the March 10th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Schnell to approve the March 19th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that the MAPS gall had gotten back to her about the vacant properties in town. Her advice was to do \$25 water and \$25 sewer. Bill them every month and it goes into a separate fund that we can make balloon payments to our lowest loan. Klug discussed our snow birds as well as the shop accounts. Klug and Bumann discussed the council give some input then the committee could meet and go over their thoughts before the May meeting. Gerleman inquired about the differences between, shops, snow birds, and vacant lots. Klug explained what had been done when she started here and in 2020 the council changed these 6 "shop" accounts due to low usage of water. Council and Klug had a long conversation, Klug stated that you would prob want to keep these vacant lots amounts under what the shops are getting charged or the same. Strande gave his input, residents being penalized for having extra lots with services. Allen Wilde stated that in the future its saving us from not having to tear up a new road, need to think about that too.

Personnel committee did not have a chance to meet for employee health insurance.

Zeeck stated that they had used some reclaimed gravel, on the way to the rubble site so it is not so muddy. Everything for the siren is ready to go, just waiting on the pole. While the electrician was here, he took a lot of extra unnecessary wires out in the back room. Finished the bathroom project at city hall. Council and Zeeck discussed the sky cam, due to an issue with internet at the Café. Zeeck requested that we pay the café \$120/year \$10 a month to bump up the internet.

Klug stated that the city did receive the Twins Grants for \$8,500. RW fencing has been contacted and he has ordered the supplies, will be in May when the fence gets put up. Election is April 8th from 7am to 7pm; council

discussed House bill 1239. Finance Officer school this year is in Pierre this year from June 10th to the 13th. Klug stated that she had spoken to Marla about a part-time person, she voiced that she would still like to work in the office. Klug inquired if they were thinking this other person would be able to payroll or utility billing? Or get someone to clean the community room. Council discussed Marla being able to help maybe 10 hrs. per payroll. The hours don't need to be set, on busy dates she can come in. Klug inquired about the Brookings Swim Club returning this summer for lessons, lots of parents loved it last year. The opening day of the rubble site will be April 19th at 10am, weather pending, and spring clean up is to start April 25th.

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

A&B Business \$77.85 printer contract; Amazon \$744.59, Library & baseball; Anderson Lumber \$402.45, plywood/park; Annette Kellen \$26.67, water deposit; Avera \$667.09, health ins.; Avid Hawk \$49.00, website; Banner Ass. \$3,657.05, asphalt/general; Barret's Flooring \$1,196.36, CH bathroom; C&R Fire \$888.40, fire ext. testing; Catalis \$707.87, hosting fee; Cooks Waste Paper \$3,364.06, city trashes & city dumpster; Core & Main \$1,418.81, water repairs; Country Home \$25.00, lib. mag. sub.; DOR \$262.14, taxes; Foley & Foley Law Office \$150.00, may; Henry Schein \$861.01, amb.; King Bros \$459.18, CH bathroom; Kingbrook Rural Water \$6,244.30, water purchased; Kingsbury Co. \$4,160.00, Feb. & March contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$852.36, publishing; Kramer Mechanical \$117.76, CH heater; Lake Preston Auto \$188.82, white dodge; M & T Fire \$1,015.24, FD; Mcleads \$27.44, election supplies; Northwestern energy \$927.18, natural gas; Office Peeps \$30.75, office supplies; SD One Call \$10.50, 811; Ottetail \$2,852.03, electric; Pioneer Research \$5,193.81, sewer chem.; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,438.50, city, FD, Amb.; Public Health Lab \$15.00, water samples; Rural Office of Community service \$500.00, 2025 contribution; Runings \$468.00, Shop supplies; RW Fencing \$8,194.09, baseball fencing; Sanitation Products, Inc. \$402.66, street sweeper; SD Lib. Asso. \$23.00, annual dues; SDI \$650.00, SD reader; SDML \$60.00, district meeting; Taste of Home \$27.61, lib. mag. sub.; Team Lab \$3,437.00, sewer; The nature conservancy 15.00, Lib. sub.; Time \$20.00, Lib. mag. sub.; Twotrees \$185.00, tech support; Valley Fibercom \$224.10, phones/internet; Women World \$62.50, Lib. mag. sub.; Banner Ass. \$12,104.55, water tower; Maguire Water \$89,167.78, pay request; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Amazon \$25.95, flag rings/batteries; Crossroads \$16,182.10, amb. payment; FNB \$60.80, execubanc; Scheels \$751.86, baseball/softball; USPS \$369.60, Feb/March water bills; Vistaprint \$28.65, mayor stamp; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service, March Payroll \$14,836.61.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Hope to approve the February financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Building permits were reviewed.

Bumann stated that our code enforcer has been in town, establishing a baseline to go off of.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Schnell to approve the 2024 drinking water report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve closing of Park S. by the park for a kids peddle pull on July 27th. All in favor, motion carried.

Review applications in executive.

Zeeck asked to be on the agenda of the May meeting for the Fire Department, for special event liquor/malt licenses. Strande stated that our snow removal was great this last time, compared to another neighboring town. Olson inquired about Allen Wildes corner, if Hay had that all lined up or not. Allen Wilde stated that he was told it would be done by June 1st. Olson stated good luck to everyone tomorrow at the election. Bumann enquired residents to go vote tomorrow. Council discussed the new laws towards municipal elections.

Canvassing the ballots meeting will be April 14th at 6pm.

May regular council meeting will be May 5th at 7pm.

Motion by McMasters, to go into executive for personnel at 8:06 pm.

Motion by Hope, seconded by Strande to hire Faith Steffenson as a summer lifeguard at \$14/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hope, seconded by Gerleman to hire Morgan Odegaard as the pool manager at \$18/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive at 8:14 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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