

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday August 11th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at City Hall on August 11th, 2025 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Donna Bumann, John McMasters, Joe Schnell, Jeremy Woodcock, Joel Gerleman, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, David Field from the Kingsbury Journal, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 7:01 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Schnell to approve the agenda with one addition of adding New Attorney. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve pay request #2 from Prunty for Phase 2B for \$330,022.08. All in favor, motion carried. Hay gave an update on Fremont Ave S.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by McMasters to approve pay request #12 from Maguire Water for the Water tower for \$73,080.01. All in favor, motion carried. Hay gave an update on the old tower being removed, and when the new tower will be operational.

Hay and Zeeck discussed the TAP grant, recently just had 60% design meeting. Ultimately this will not start construction till next year, maybe get it bid out this fall.

Olson in at 7:17 pm.

Woodcock inquired about a resident's letter, Bumann, Zeeck, and Hay discussed the issue. Plan to go back to original design, originally it had been changed after talking to the resident.

Motion by Strande, seconded by McMasters to approve the July 7th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve the August 4th special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schnell stated that the budget had equaled and was well thought out. Klug stated that they had gotten their raises budgeted and a down payment on a new street sweeper. Motion by Strande, seconded by Woodcock to approve the first reading of ordinance 471-25. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann stated that he did not think the city can afford a new street sweeper, they had looked at a refurbished one, it being around \$150,000. The one that they had found is up in Fargo ND, council discussed that after Harvest Zeeck and Bumann going and looking at it. Zeeck stated that the pool had closed, getting everything closed and wrapped up the season- MC&R pool will be coming. The skid steer needs to be looked at, lift station inspection is coming up, began taking the fence out around the old water tower. Zeeck stated that they had been filling holes in the alleys, the bank's back parking lot was discussed- trying to figure out the water issue that they continue to have. Zeeck stated that they are also working on how many blocks we can asphalt/fix on 2nd St. South. Gerleman inquired about the holes on Manor Ave S, Bumann stated that he had filled it in for the time being until the asphalt company comes to town.

Klug inquired about an extension on the vacant/empty building lots- she stated that she was hoping for more of a lead time. Council discussed moving the date to January 1st instead of September, the resolutions will need to be reread at the September meeting. The librarian had given Klug some info on the historical HWY markers being taken down. Klug had received a few exit interviews from the pool staff; the personnel committee can review them.

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

A&B Business \$81.75, printer contract; Amazon-American Express \$358.53, library; Avid Hawk LLC \$98.00, website; Bode Construction, LLC \$10,000.00, tree removal; Carrot Top Industries \$618.89, Main Street Flags; Construction products \$19.16, shop supplies; Cooks Waste Paper & Recycling \$3,986.07, trash cans/dumpsters/roll off; Country Living \$12.00, Lib. mag. sub.; Dacotah Bank \$124.85, Tif Payment; Daktronics \$212.40, module; Dept of Revenue-Special Tax \$498.30, taxes; ELO Prof. LLC \$11,310.96, 2nd portion of audit; Foley & Foley Law Office \$300.00, Aug. & Sept. fee; Hawkins, Inc. \$8,091.22, pool chemical; Henry Schein \$6.88, amb. supplies; Innovative \$640.15, water postcards/doorhangers; Kingbrook Rural Water System \$7,362.30, Water Purchased; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, Contract Law; Kingsbury Journal \$318.26 Publishing; Lowe's \$2,147.90, gen. gov./pool/park/shop; LP Auto \$953.59, park/pool; Lyle Signs, Inc 585.00, baseball signs; M&T Fire and Safety \$5,547.88, Fire Dept; Maynards \$730.51, city/gen. gov./ pool; Northwestern Energy \$76.39, Natural Gas; O'Keefe Implement \$263.45, mowers; Office Peeps \$234.29, office supplies; On Call \$99.75, 811; Ottertail Power Company \$3,409.33, electric; People \$30.00, lib. sub.; Prairie Ag Partners \$2,539.88, amb./city; Public Health Laboratory \$15.00, water testing; Sanitation Products \$507.39, street sweeper; Titan Machinery \$5.80, skid steer; Ultra \$1,325.00, 25-26 agreement; Valley Fibercom \$251.81, phones/internet; Van Diest \$1,961.50, west Nile chem.; Milbank Winwater Works \$257.00, water; Adobe Illustrator \$23.96, Baseball Signs; Amazon \$39.28, office/com. room; Canvasdiscount \$157.71, 2 canvases; First National Bank \$72.60, Bank Fees; Kingsbury Register of Deeds \$30.00, quit claim deed; SDML \$90.00, FO school fee; US BANK \$6,245.60, phase 2a-dw & ww; USPS \$390.17, water bills; Voice Shot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service; Banner Associates \$31,851.61, phase 2A; Maguire Water \$166,937.25, pay request #10; MeierHenry Sargent \$51,457.00, phase 2B; Rounds Construction \$18,389.70, pay request #13; July Payroll \$23,214.71.

Klug stated that she had change the campground funds to the pool slide funds. Also, she had to add a TIF fund to do it correctly in the future. Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve the July financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

No building permits.

Klug stated that Tim had sent out letters but she had not received an updated listing, several residents had come in after receiving the letters. Residents that do come in or call- all say the same things: why should I clean up or side my house when the main offenders are not doing anything to their properties. Now the letters that are going out have a new line saying that if you are appealing this, please write an appeal to the finance office. Council discussed the health/safety committee meeting and discussing/deciding what to do with the nuisance properties, if we should continue with Tim.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve the second reading of ordinance 470-25. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

1992 Dodge appraisals: \$3,500 \$3,000 \$1,800; 1980 Chevy appraisals: \$1,500 \$1,125 \$1,200; London Fogger appraisals: \$100 \$75 \$110. No bids for the Fogger. 1980 Chevy: Jerry Brown \$300; Schnell stated that it needs to be within 90% of the appraised value. 1992 Dodge: Jim Conrad \$1,355. Jerry Brown \$200. Council discussed and Klug reviewed her surplus binder to find the law pertaining to the % inquiry of the appraised value.

Council reviewed info from 2 different collection agencies. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to move forward with AAA Collection agency. All in favor, motion carried.

Quotes to take down the old county building along Minden Ave were reviewed. Bode Construction \$1,200; Jake Hasche \$2,397; Fonder Excavating \$3,468. Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to hire Bode Construction for removal/demo of the building. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion Woodcock, seconded by Schnell to move the municipal election to the first Tuesday in June. All in favor, motion carried.

Delzer has taken on some more rolls for the county, we are in search of a new city attorney. Bumann stated that a few attorneys had been discussed and those did not pan out. Klug stated that Delzer had previously stated that Todd Wilkinson may have more time for us now that he is not president of the cattlemen's association. Klug questioned if we wanted to reach out to Todd or a committee reach out to him? Council decided to have Klug reach out to him.

Bumann stated that we need to start fining residents who are blowing grass into the roadways, more happens every day. Zeeck and council discussed findings of codified laws for the surplus items. Zeeck inquired why we don't have our meetings set for the 2nd Monday of every month. Olson stated that having adult swims are a good thing for the future. Zeeck discussed the recent poker run put on by the Fire Department, proceeds went to the school for the lunch program. Bumann wants to make sure the resident with the water issue is taken care of; Zeeck and council discussed the issue and what could happen and what needs to happen.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting will be September 8th @ 7pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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