

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday December 8th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on December 8th, 2025 at 6:15pm. Present were: Mayor Donna Bumann, Joe Schnell, Jeremy Woodcock, Joel Gerleman, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Teleconference: John McMasters. Zoning Board: David Hillestad, Jerry Brown, Del Smith, Loren Trystad. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Allen Wilde, Curt Rich, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates, Todd Kays from 1st District.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 6:24 pm.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve the agenda with one addition of 2026 contract law. All in favor, motion carried.

Todd Kays introduced himself- Director of 1st district out of Watertown, explained his position. Back in 1996 and 2003 is when our zoning ordinances have last been updated. Discussed our comprehensive land use plan, future development. Most of the discussion will be updating our zoning ordinances, Kays will need all the updated ordinances pertaining to zoning. Kays laid out the process of going through writing the new ordinances. This is a good time to change things or add certain things that the council/zoning board would like to. Zoning board will meet with Kays every 3 to 4 weeks; they will submit it to the council in which will be public hearing. Kays and David Hillestad discussed what the plan will be in the future for meetings. Zoning board will plan to meet on January 12th at 5:30pm with the first portion of the new ordinance. Hillestad mentioned a few more topics that have been hot topics. If a resident comes in for a variance who is the board of adjustments that ultimately approves it, which is the council. Shipping containers were brought up, Kays discussed that they are currently not permitted.

Schnell in at 6:56 pm.

Allen Wilde stated that the shipping container is a nice-looking container, it is located at his shop. Kay inquired if there was a building permit submitted. Hillestad inquired about grandfathered in situations. Schnell stated that a resident inquired about a shipping container 10 years ago, and the council did not approve it. In the meantime, the resident has moved in an enclosed trailer. Kay inquired about our fee structure for building ordinances. Klug inquired about a new zoning map; Kay will plan to work with the city engineer as far as getting a new map available. Strande inquired if someone could come in and claim precedence, Kay said no. The ministrative manual will also be updated; Kays briefly explained a new way of filing permits. Kay and public have a brief discussion about shipping containers.

No public comments.

Hay updated the council about grading work on Phase 2A. A letter has been sent to the state inquiring about adding 2nd Street SE repairs and change ordering in another block. As far as the TAP grant, last week they were able to meet with all the land owner along HWY 14. Temporary easement documents will be getting sent to all the land owners, they will have the option of just stopping in to sign the easements as well. Bid leading will be by the DOT, hoping that will happen in February/March. Maguire did meet substantial completion as of Nov 10th, advice would be the council move ahead with approving the substantial completion. Once Maguire hits substantial completion the 1-year warranty period starts. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve substantial completion for the water tower. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve pay request #13 in the amount of 66,448.61 to Maguire Water. All in favor, motion carried. In which is withholding a certain amount due to the unknown of LDs.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Strande to approve the November 10th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that Bumann had left a note with her, all employees were extremely thankful for the raises and bonus they received. Zeeck stated that as snow removal to go smoothly can residents make sure to keep vehicles off the streets

Klug stated that her election webinars have started due to the new laws, first notices are published in December. She has spoken to the county and the school about combining. Petitioning starts the beginning of February and ends the end of March. Klug stated that there has been a coyote problem, council discussed the issue. The local GFP has been involved and notified, residents just need to keep an eye out.

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

A&B Business INC \$77.85 printer contract; Amazon American Express, \$817.54, Library; Ambill Associates \$1785.00, Ambulance billing; Bode Construction LLC \$5918.38, Demo House- Mel Ness; Collaborative Summer Reading Program \$14.52, Summer Reading; Cooks Waste Paper and Recycling \$3426, City Trash Cans; Core and Main \$191.81, Water; Country Living \$12.00, Library Magazine Sub; Crossroads Bank \$32,364.20, Additional Payment-ML 1209-1001; Dakotah Bank \$8,404.04, Tif #1; Dept of Revenue-Special Tax \$274.32, Taxes; Health Pool of SD \$1880.50, Insurance; Jack Hasche Dirtwork & Excavating \$408.00, Lagoon; Kingbrook Rural Water System \$6,558.20 Purchased Water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080, Contract Law; Kingsbury Journal \$185.86 Publishing; Kramer Mechanical \$902.12, New Pump Installed; M&T Fire and Safety \$110.00 Hydrant Wrench; Maynards \$141.18, Park, Library/Community Room; Northwestern Energy \$398.27, Natural Gas; Office Peeps \$109.68, Office Supplies; South Dakota One Call \$44.10, 811; Ottertail Power Company \$3,010.53 Electric; Overdrive \$600.00, Library-1year Annual Fee; Prairie Ag Partners \$788.37 City; Public Health Laboratory \$290.00 Water Samples; SD Magazine \$29.00 Library Mag. Sub; SD Municipal League \$1,024.00, Annual Dues; SD Public Assurance Alliance \$573.75, Addition of Water Tower; Tailored Structures LLC \$2,806.13, Ambulance Door-Insurance; Team Lab \$1,333.50, Sewer; Valley Fibercom \$235.49, Phones/Internet; Woman's Day \$24.97, Library Mag. Sub; First National Bank \$61.00, Bank Fees; Google \$21.23, Yearly Storage charge; US Bank \$38,256.55 Phase 1 & Phase 2APayments; Voice Shot \$20.00 Voicemail/ Texting Service; Payroll \$14,575.80, November.

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

No building permits.

Mel Ness property has been demoed and cleaned up. Klug presented photos and descriptions from Tim Austin, of the 6-7 main nuisance properties. She plans to send to them to Wilkinson, as he then will send out letters and info with a deadline date to get the property cleaned up before August 2026-or it goes to court.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Strande is approving the proof of loss for the park vandalism. All in favor, motion carried.

Gerleman inquired what we are getting from our contract law, council had a long discussion about what we get vs. deputies sitting along HWY 14 etc. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve the 2026 contract law. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the utility right off: Acct. 103.00 for \$728.76 and Acct. 249.00 for \$333.57. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Woodcock to approve the transfer authority from contingency; \$15,571.87. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to approve the first reading of ordinance 471-25. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman hire Bre Jensen as the 2026 baseball coach. All in favor, motion carried.

Gerleman inquired about having the city campground being open all year around. Council discussed the water and heating in the bathroom. Other communities do offer public restrooms, several individuals come to use the bathroom. Summer/Winter rates were discussed.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting will be December 29th @ 6 pm.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting in January will be January 12th.

Motion by Woodcock, to go into executive session @ 8:24 pm for legal. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive at 9:24 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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