

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday February 10th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on February 10th, 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, Amber Nelson as softball coach, Tanya Flegel from the Conservation office, Aspen Thorstenson and Tracy Greene from Outland Properties, David Fields 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 Hope to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to recess the regular meeting and meet as board of adjustments for conditional use permit 623-25. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann, gave a brief explanation of the conditional use permit- as the property is in a C-1 area, plans are to utilize for lodging purposes. Aspen Thorstenson gave a detailed description of what exactly was to happen to the old bakery building on Main Street. Keeping the historical nature of the building, plans to open the front lower level up with store front windows. 10 hotel suits for Lodging on the 2nd floor as well as on the 1st floor towards the back. Parking has been a discussion also to make sure Main Street is not overly populated with side-by-side trailers and boats. An old addition to the building on the back has been demo'd to make more parking available in the back. In the back there will be a dog park, some seating for guest and a hot tub area. In the front of the building there will be a coffee shop and a golf simulator room- which can be reserved. In the basement there will be a theater for guests and a conference room. Thorstenson is hoping to bring amenities that Lake Preston does not already have.

Klug indicated that Thorstenson will need a 6" main running from our water main on Main Street. An agreement will need to be approved from both parties. Thorstenson added that they have not asked for any funding and plan to have the street repair to original.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Hope to approve conditional use permit 623-25. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Bumann adjourned as board of adjustments and reconvened as the regular council at 7:13 pm.

No LP Enhancement & Improvement Project representative.

Tanya Flegel gave a brief description on the tree grant this year, the trees must be on government property: Boulevards or the City Park. For the pollinator, native, and rain gardens, they can be on personal property. These projects do have to be prequalified through Flegel's forester. The conservation office does sell trees, they can be bought from other nurseries as well.

Amber Nelson stated that the Desmet coach has contacted her about combining summer rec. Softball will be joining the Madison league and Bre is joining the Hamlin Legion league for baseball. Softball will be combined with DeSmet & Iroquois as far as 8U, 10U, 12U (if players) T-ball will be on its own. Baseball will be with Iroquois as last year. Klug presented the Twins grant that they have been visiting about, replacing the fencing at the baseball field. Zeeck had gotten 3 quotes, in which the pricing came in high so it would need to be done in phases. 3 scoreboard quotes were reviewed as well, the summer rec group plans to inquire about sponsorships.

Hay stated that Halme had over looked the painting of cross-walks on Fremont Ave N. The state advised to do a change order. Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to approve pay request #23 and change order #12 for \$2,475.00 to Halme. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay discussed the water main replacement along Park Ave S that is getting added into Phase 2A, as well as along Walter Ave. There are also some more grant dollars left over, the plan is to add in the Walters Ave cul-de-sac. Rounds and Prunty have given a start date in June, which the completion date will need to be modified. Hay stated that he is waiting on comments from the state on Phase 2B,

Schnell in @ 7:46 pm.

Hay explained pay request #7 for the water tower project. Motion by Olson, seconded by Hope to approve pay request #7 to Maguire Water for \$89,167.78. All in favor, motion carried. Zeeck presented color samples of the new tower.

Hay stated that they had received the notice to proceed from the DOT on the Tap grant. Surveyors plan on getting started on the design; Hay explained that Banner will not be bidding the project out, it will be DOT bidding it out. The 80/20 grant only goes up the 620 thousand, whatever would go over would be the cities responsibility. Klug inquired about a notice for the chip sealing project, Hay briefly discussed that Banner will have it posted online. The plan is to bid it out in March, in our plans there is a date deadline due to the all-school reunion in July.

Schnell gave the yearly ambulance report; 2024 the ambulance was down on calls. Not looking at any new equipment, discussed grants. They have their annual ambulance meal the coming Wednesday evening.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the January 6th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that the contract law meeting will be on Thursday at 9am, she had sent it out to the police committee.

Zeeck stated that why wanted to start some street sweeping, in which they had to repair it. Completed the community room chair rails, been working on the Phase 2B and Tap grant with Banner. Zeeck did think of what is Thorstenson's plans for fish disposal at the new lodge.

Klug stated the water/sewer committee has not dropped the ball on the vacant buildings and lots in town, Jessica Casey from MAPS plans to come the end of February to physically see these 83 buildings and lots. ELO plans to come on the 20th and 21st for the 2024 audit. The water increase is going better than expected, the information that has gotten out has really helped. Klug stated that she has been helping the development board with their SD Housing grant, they just do not have a normal person from day to day to keep in contact with the state. She has been helping with invoices etc., the state did get back about including the work the city did on 5th Street, Manor Ave., and 4th Street.

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

A&B Business \$78.95, printer contract; Amazon \$199.88; Library; Avera \$667.09, health ins.; Avid Hawk \$98.00, website; Banner Ass. \$66,334.10, paving, phases; Connecting Point \$60.00, splash top license; Cooks Waste Paper \$3,427.24, city trashes, city dumpster; DOR \$234.42, taxes; Doug Moody \$44.94, water deposit; Farmers Implement \$470.00, snow removal; First District \$795.68, 2025 dues; First National Bank \$150.00, 2 water deposits; Foley & Foley Law Office \$300.00, March; Homestead Building supplies \$5.58, com. room; Kingbrook Rural Water \$8,562.00, water purchased; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$357.12, publishing; Kramer Mechanical \$434.18, fire hall; Lake Area Door \$949.30, park shop repairs; LP Auto \$145.91, street sweeper; LP Development \$6,297.45, 2025 dues/unused funds; Maynards \$57.26, cat trapping/com. room; Northwestern energy \$1,972.71, natural gas; Office Peeps \$112.53, office supplies; SD One Call \$19.95, 811; Ottertail \$3,168.21, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,676.32, city, FD, Amb.; Public Health Lab \$15.00, water samples; Running \$419.46, shop; Sanitation Products, Inc. \$1,529.45, street sweeper; SDML \$80.00, conference;

Vallery Fibercom \$221.31, phones/internet; Milbank Winwater Works \$4,373.97, meters & radios; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Amazon \$197.79, camera TV, garage openers, FO; First National Bank \$74.20, bank fees/deposit box; Tax1099 \$58.52, 1099s; Unemployment \$39.38, 4th qtr.; USPS \$185.36, Dec. water bills; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service; January Payroll \$13,349.55; both payrolls.

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

Building permits were reviewed.

No nuisance property info.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve the second reading of ordinance 468-25. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann and Schnell briefly spoke about the canon, making sure it is finished and ready to go by the All-School reunion.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to approve the 2024 ELO audit for \$22,500. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to approve the Kingsbury Classic Cruisers to block off Main St. from 2nd St to 4th St and half blocks on 3rd St West and East. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug presented a quote for new "Welcome to Lake Preston" blue banners on Main St. Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve the purchase of 20 new banners at a cost of \$1,868 from display sales. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve the first reading of ordinance 469-25. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Hope to approve resolution 100-25. All in favor, motion carried.

Equalization dates were discussed, appeals need to be into Klug by March 13th. Council set the board of adjustments meeting on the 19th of March @ 6pm.

Library state funding was discussed, the library board inquired about writing our local representatives- council agreed that they were okay with that.

Notice for gravel bids were discussed, and okayed for Klug to publish.

Current Fire Department Roster: Josh Buer, Chad Olson, Jayden Woodcock, Rick Olson, Jeremy Woodcock, Joe Schnell, Rodney Olson, Tim Scheidt, John McMasters, Del Smith, Todd Brown, Jake Smith, Robbie Bentley, Jeff Woodcock, Jim Conrad, Brian Zeeck, Rodney Cook, Shane Wakeil, Jon Wienk, Alex Juba, Mike Jenkins, Lance Rademaker, Cody Doren, Jared Erstad, Tim Kramer, Kasey Menzel, Reid McDaniel, and Noah Thomas.

Current Ambulance Roster: Josh Buer, Laurie Casper, Linda Demarteleare, Cody Doren, Scottie Hojer, Teresa Krogman, Bonnie Nelson, Diane Oldsen, Joe Schnell, Rhonda Thull, Shane Waikel, Paul Wuestewald, Mandy Doren, Steve Strande, Grace Casper, and Brian Zeeck.

Klug read aloud the current wages per hour of 2025: Marla Bertsch-Library fill-in-\$12 Finance Office fill-in-\$15; Doug Bumann-\$24.01, biweekly stipend \$195; Burt Crocket-\$14.50; Mike Jenkins-\$16; Brenda Klug-\$23.27, biweekly stipend \$195; Deb Miller-\$16.00; Rodney Olson-\$20; Brian Zeeck-\$26.56, biweekly stipend \$195. Employee council meeting \$40. Councilmember regular meeting \$100, special meeting \$50. Mayor regular meeting \$120, special meeting \$60, quarterly \$500. Committee meetings \$10.

Zeeck stated that he would like executive for legal. Klug stated that the March regular meeting is the 10th of March. Hope stated that hers would be for executive. Gerleman inquired about approving the building permits. Olson stated that he forgot to mention sweeping before the car show, and inquired if we still had a sander.

Motion by Olson, seconded by McMasters to go into executive for personnel and legal at 8:40 pm.

Council came out of executive at 9:37 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to increase Burt Crocketts wage to \$16.00/hr. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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