

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday January 6th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on January 6th, 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, Luke Smith, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Hope to approve the agenda with 3 additions- Siren Quote, Dec. 30th Meeting Minutes, Cooks Wastepaper increase. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck gave a brief report on behalf of the Fire Department; discussed a few grants that were obtained in the last year, discussed ice thicknesses on the lakes.

Zeeck explained that pay request #22 was for railroad reconstruction. Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to approve pay request #22 for \$5,430.00 to Halme. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve change order #11. All in favor, motion carried.

Luke Smith expressed his appreciation for the 3 full-time employees, the city would be lost without them. If any of them were to leave, it would be a disappointment and loss to the community. In the last 5-6 years lots has happened in the community to thrive and flourish.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Hope to approve the December 9th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve the December 30th regular meeting minutes. Hope and McMaster abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that they had started demo on the city hall bathroom, maintenance on equipment-changing oil etc. The water leak on 4th St. SE was discussed, sampling for the phase 2B project was being conducted and the water line was not straight in the roadway. In which then it was hit, ended up being a late night of repairing for Zeeck, Bumann, and contractor Bob Bode. Stray cat trapping has begun, Bumann stated that she had been reached out to by a resident- concerned as their cats do roam freely. It was suggested that any residential cat needs to have a collar, and by city ordinance any pet cannot be roaming at large. Zeeck stated that if a resident has a picture of their cat that roams, they can sure send it to him. Brief discussion on coming into the office and getting a pet license.

Klug stated that she had gotten some info from our librarian about the state doing some cuts to the state libraries. Council discussed the potential cuts and a policy that needed to be added to the city website. Klug stated that the official petition dates for the election year is January 31st and they need to be back in by February 28th. Positions up for election are 3-2 year terms, 3-1 year terms, and 2 year Mayor. Klug inquired about the band stand at the park, since she has started someone had brought up the roofing on the band stand. In which Klug has been trying to apply for a few grants, although she is coming into the issue that she isn't receiving any quotes from anyone. After speaking with Paulette Fields from the museum, the cedar shakes should last 50 years. Council discussed the appearance of the shakes, any missing etc. Zeeck stated that come summer time they can look at them more in detail. Decided to hold off on the grants and replacing them.

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

A&B Business \$73.00, printer contract; Adobe \$22.99, baseball signs; Amazon \$66.16; Christmas décor; American Trust Ins. \$13,394.00, amb. & fd ins.; Avera \$667.09, health ins.; Avid Hawk \$49.00, website; Banner Ass. \$353.50, paving project; Bell Bank \$9,213.58, payload; Bode Construction \$20,000.00, partial tree project; Cooks Waste Paper \$3,197.69, city trashes; Core & Main \$2,335.02, water repairs; DOR \$265.54, taxes; Execubanc \$64.80, bank fees; Farmers Implement \$163.14, snow removal; Glacial Lakes & Prairies \$240.00, 2025; Kingbrook Rural Water \$7,372.25, water purchased; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Northwestern energy \$1,248.83, natural gas; Office Peeps \$103.89, year end supplies; Ottertail \$2,739.14, electric; Pioneer Research \$3,894.10, sewer chemical; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,660.64, city; Public Health Lab \$15.00, water samples; Sentry Siren \$9,717.37, siren; Tailored structures \$5,637.77, com. room windows/door; USPS \$187.04, water bills; Vallery Fibercom \$223.86, phones/internet; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service;

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

No building permits.

No nuisance property info.

Council reviewed a quote from Sentry Siren, Zeeck and council discussed that they came in significantly lower than other quotes. Ottertail is donating the pole and whole install for behind city hall. The quote was for \$9,717.37, no motion was needed as it was a budgeted item.

Council discussed Cooks increasing trash pickup rates by 4%. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to increase trash rates by 4%, All in favor, motion carried. Klug will have a resolution ready for the February meeting.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by McMasters to approve the first reading of ordinance 468-24. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Hiring of a summer employees was discussed, plan to advertise for the pool manager in the newspaper and online. As for lifeguards hold off on the newspaper till Feb./March but advertise on Facebook and send ads to the school. Dana is a big help in advertising around the school and in the announcements. Burt Crockett was discussed whether the city wanted to make him permanent part-time or hiring summer help. After some discussion it was decided that the city would keep him permanent part-time. Olson stated that he forgot to put the car club on the agenda, Klug plans to put it on the February agenda. Bumann stated that she had been approached about getting on the council agenda for some updates to the city park.

February meeting will be on the 10th at 7pm.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to go into executive for personnel at 7:41 pm.

Council came out of executive at 8:13 pm.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to apply a stipend of \$195 to all 3 full-time employees' biweekly payroll. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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