

Regular Meeting of  
Lake Preston City Council  
Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the Community Room on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, Deb Miller from the Library, Andrea Miller, Marlys Vincent from the Museum, Amber Nelson as Softball coach, Terry Sass, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 7:02 pm.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve the agenda with an addition of Amber Nelson and remove Marshann O'Daniels. All in favor, motion carried.

Deb Miller discussed a bill that started in the house, if a minor came into the library and checked out a book; the librarian could be charged with in misdemeanor and jail time. Miller discussed future happenings of what could happen in the future if this bill would go through. In 2024 Miller had 18 new patrons sign up, and 5 already in 2025. Summer reading was discussed, and the state park passes. Donna Korkow has retired from the library board, a few interested candidates have come forward. National Library week will be celebrated in April; Miller also thanked council for her raise.

Marlys Vincent discussed the QR cards that will be around Lake Preston, along all the businesses on Main St. Museum board is working on a new project, and they are working on updating the displays for upcoming season. Vincent did inquire about the door on the east side of the building, Zeeck does have the new screen door but ran out of good weather last year. Vincent stated that they have some special things going on during the all-school reunion this coming summer. Zeeck and Vincent discussed parts coming from the water tower once it comes down, the bell and siren for example. Vincent invited the council to come see the museum once they have finished and are ready to open. The Museum also plans to do a scavenger hunt during the All-school reunion.

Amber Nelson stated that she has 39 girls out for softball total, 12U, 10U, and 8U. T-ball is separate from Desmet due to the large amount in #s. Nelson went through a list of items that they will need for equipment, due to becoming league. Bumann and Klug discussed getting all the equipment list put together for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hope in @ 7:24pm.

Hay stated they will be going back through Phase 1 with Halme, for the warranty walk through. A few places need reseeding etc.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve change order #7 for \$8,189.08 on Phase 2A. Olson abstained. Motion carried. Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Hope to approve pay request #12 for \$253,985.14 to Rounds Const. Olson abstained. Motion carried. Leaves roughly \$50,000 in retainage on Phase 2A.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gerleman to approve pay request #8 for \$234,145.25 to Maguire Water. All in favor, motion carried. Hay gave a brief update on the water tower; the plan is to start in early April.

Hay discussed the upcoming meeting with the state for the TAP grant, hoping to maybe get some of that work done this fall yet. Once Banner has finished the designs for DOT it could be a month or two before they bid the project. Best case scenario would be to get it bid in August. The plan would be to perform the work on the South side of HWY 14 first, as the North side already has sidewalk the whole way.

Hay discussed easements that the city is currently working on, so no further issues come up like in the past. Terry Sass stated that the land owners need to be involved. Hay stated that so far both have been involved. Temp easements will be needed for the TAP grant sidewalk project, in the future there would be a land owners

meeting. Sass inquired about the corners of the sidewalks. Streets lights were discussed with the new sidewalks, they are hoping to get new street light bulbs on the grant as well.

Hay discussed Phase 2B, starting this coming season- in the contract the contractor is to get 3 blocks on Fremont Ave S done and 1 block on 4<sup>th</sup> St. the rest of the blocks will be in 2026.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that Jessica Casey had come in February to review the empty lots, vacant houses. In the future the water and sewer committee will need to meet. Casey plans on sending her input in a few weeks.

Zeeck stated that the City of Bushnell is buying one of the bug sprayers. The new Main St. banners had come in, the plan is to use our older ones until the end of June early July. Been working on Phase 2B planning, various easements and the street sweeper is up and running. Zeeck updated the council on the bathroom construction project at City Hall.

Klug stated that Spring clean up will be April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. Klug did get the baseball grant finished, and the city auditors were in the office a few weeks ago.

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

A&B Business \$83.93, printer contract; Amazon \$695.76; Library; Aron's Electric \$4,511.78, shop, city hall, park; Avera \$667.09, health ins.; Avid Hawk \$74.00, website; Banner Ass. \$67,560.50, phase 2B; Better Homes & Garden \$16.00, mag. sub. Lib.; Cemetery Board \$3,500.00, cemetery funds 2025, Cooks Waste Paper \$3,364.06, city trashes & city dumpster; Dacotah Bank \$6,664.26, TIF #1, Dakota Pump \$780.00, Cloud 9; DOR \$235.87, taxes; Display Sales \$1,868.00, Main St. Banners; ELO \$11,444.60, 2024 audit; Ethan Kurka \$41.15, water deposit return; Foley & Foley Law Office \$150.00, April; Geotek \$7,007.50, phase 2B; Joel Johnson \$1,500.00, code enforcement; Kingbrook Rural Water \$9,069.40, water purchased; Lowe's \$708.81, shop; Marcus Bresko \$15.59, water deposit return; Maynards \$62.80, Lib. & City hall; Northwestern energy \$2,109.69, natural gas; Office Peeps \$107.51, office supplies; SD One Call \$6.30, 811; Ottetail \$2,858.31, electric; Pioneer Research \$5,193.81, sewer chem.; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,703.16, city, FD, Amb.; Public Health Lab \$15.00, water samples; Sanitation Products, Inc. \$174.76, street sweeper; Vallery Fibercom \$221.03, phones/internet; Milbank Winwater Works \$212.50, meter idler bar; Adobe \$23.96, baseball signs; Amazon \$50.86, water & sewer; Buffalo Wild Wings \$45.50, MSHA Dinner; Dakota Riggers \$44.01, water/sewer repairs; First National Bank \$60.20, bank fees; Norlab, Inc. \$96.12, dye packets; Oldham Saloon \$568.27, amb. x-mas party; Trust Bank \$24,030.32, Phase 1 payments; USPS \$331.92, water bills/stamps; \$20.00, voicemail/texting service; February Payroll \$12,967.81; both payrolls.

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

No Building permits.

Klug stated that she had spoken to Tim Austin about doing his first inspection.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve the second reading of ordinance 469-25. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Hope to approve selling the Clark Cougar Mosquito Sprayer to the City of Bushnell for \$1,800. All in favor, motion carried.

Gravel bid opening; McMasters Gravel: Crushed Gravel \$9.25/ton; Trucking .35/ton DBL .17/ton. Wilde Construction: Screened Gravel \$9.00/ton. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to accept Wilde Construction's screened gravel bid. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to accept McMasters crushed gravel bid. McMasters abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to accept McMasters trucking bid. McMasters abstained. Motion carried.

Council reviewed petitions for the upcoming election.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to hire Marla Bertsch, Jan Mobley and Pat Tvinnereim as election workers; paying \$150 each. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Hope to approve the 2025 code enforcement agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Council looked to the personnel committee to do some investigating into new health insurance for the full-time staff.

Council reviewed the 2025 Inventory.

Schnell shared that he had gotten rid of some junk cars and frames; by April 1<sup>st</sup> things should be looking good at his property.

March equalization meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the community room. Phase 2B bid opening will be March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. April's regular meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Terry Sass inquired about replacing trees, Zeeck and Klug discussed the grant process info from Tanya Flegel. Council had a long discussion about trees.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to go into executive for personnel at 8:36 pm.

Council came out of executive at 8:48 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Olson to hire Aimslee Bunker as a summer lifeguard at \$13.50/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Hope to hire Amelia Holland as a summer lifeguard at \$14.00/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hope, seconded by Olson to hire Grace Greene as a summer lifeguard at \$14.00/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Hope to hire Konner Nuzum as a summer lifeguard at \$14.00/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to hire Macailyn Pillar as a summer lifeguard at \$13.50/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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Donna Bumann, Mayor

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