

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

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on November 10th, 2025 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Donna Bumann, Joe Schnell, Jeremy Woodcock, Joel Gerleman, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Loren Trygstad, Allen Wilde, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Woodcock to approve the agenda with 2 additions, Mel Ness property, and employee reviews. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Council reviewed petitions submitted by Brian Verhey, Darlene Deknikker and Jerry Brown against resolutions 105-25 and 106-25. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the petitions and have the voting at the next city election in June, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Schnell to recess the regular meeting and meet as board of adjustments for roofing material. All in favor, motion carried.

Christy Mogler had inquired about galvanized steel on her front porch, by ordinance it is stated to get board of adjustments approval. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve that Mogler is permitted to use galvanized steel on her porch roof. All in favor, motion carried.

Council adjourned as board of adjustments and reconvened as regular council meeting @ 7:10 pm.

Hay stated that they are finishing up on Walters Ave S and Park Ave S. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve pay request #14 from Rounds for \$238,004.66. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay discussed various locations being seeding in the coming week. Klug inquired about the seeding process, as many residents had calling inquiring. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Strande to approve pay request #5 from Prunty for \$542,769.62. All in favor, motion carried. Main Ave S has been opened; crews were just working on gravel work.

Change order #3 for the Water Tower project included some additional piping at the water tower location; old tower. Hay stated that in the place of the old tower will be a parking area as well as a bulk fill station of customers. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve change order #3 for Water Tower project. All in favor, motion carried.

There were several items on Maguires punch list before substantial completion on the new tower. The old tower is planned to come down on Wednesday, the contractor stated that it would take 8 hours approximately. Banner Associates plans to record the whole take down as well as flying a drown. Hay discussed a portion by the old tower will likely need to stay gravel over the winter then come next year get it patched. The TAP grant was briefly discussed, Hay plans to get letters out to property owners that will be affected along HWY 14. Plans to setup meetings with the property owners. Chip sealing was briefly discussed as the company did not get to town in time, there has been an extension into 2026. Schnell inquired about the substantial completion on the water tower, liquidated damages. Water committee plans to meet and discuss the completion. Hay and Zeeck had met with Maguire just that morning, and it was expressed that there is lack of work being completed- several days with no work being done.

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

Doug stated that construction is winding down, seeding happening, tower coming down this week and a part for the boiler is ordered for City Hall. Bumann inquired about if they could get the Christmas lights up for the season when it isn't so bad outside.

Klug stated that she had spoke with Toby Morris, he plans to apply to SD housing for funding of the 2nd TIF; then start the documents for the TIF. Safety benefits had recently done their visit, Klug provided interview dos and don'ts. A dog at large complaint was reviewed. Klug stated that 2 previous residents on her collections list have died, other communities write those amounts off. Council discussed having a 90-day period, if payment has not been made then it goes to collections. Klug stated that 1st District had reached out to her about updating the zoning ordinance; plan is to meet at the December meeting; which will start at 6:15. Zoning board will also be present as well.

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

A&B Business Inc \$77.85 printer contract; Amazon-American Express \$377.86, Library; Aron's Electric LLC \$1,341.17, gen. gov./park/water; Avid Hawk \$98.00, 2 months-website; Bode Construction LLC \$816.33, tree removal; CCP Direct \$92.17, toilet paper; Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling \$6,30.44, Blue Trash Cans/Dumpster/roll offs; Dakota Pump \$1,348.31, sewer service; DOR \$346.42, taxes; Health Pool of South \$1880.50, Insurance; Kingbrook Rural Water System \$6,975.30, Purchased Water; Kingsbury Co. \$2080.00, Contract Law; Kingsbury Journal \$326.30, Publishing; Kramer Mechanical \$430.08, fall services; Lake Preston Automotive \$250.00, equipment rental; Lyle Signs \$298.40, Road Closed Signs; M & T Fire & Safety \$197.50, Fire Dep; MC & R Pools \$2,546.96, closing pool; McMasters Gravel \$186.30, gravel; Northwestern Energy \$5.56, Natural Gas; Office Peeps \$6.48, Office Supplies; South Dakota One Call \$48.30, 811; Ottertail Power Company \$2,381.24, electric; Petty Cash \$153.85, water/gen. gov./office; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,144.80, Ambulance/City; Prussman Contracting \$750.00, sewer service; Public Health Lab \$230.00, water testing; SDRWA \$445.00, dues; SDMLWCF \$6,033.00, 2026 renewal; Tailored Structures \$668.37, gen. gov. building repairs; The Arlington Sun \$59.98, newspaper sub.; Valley Fibercom \$237.97, Phones/Internet; Milbank Win Water Works \$1,471.42, Water Dis; FNB \$66.20; executubank; Property Report \$6.00, collections; Unemployment \$99.96, quarterly; USPS \$560.43, water bills/stamps; Vistaprint \$54.12, sign stamp/business cards; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting; Apex Solutions \$1,428.57, phase 2A; Banner Ass. \$80,448.09, Forester Testing \$2,600.00, phase 2B; Prunty Const. \$428,472.63, pay request #4, Payroll \$20,370.93, September.

Klug stated that she had been cleaning up the report for end of year, all the projects- using wrong funds etc. Mentioned that the Dev. Board still owed \$12,422.05 in which she had invoiced them so she can close that account. Motion by Strande, seconded by Woodcock to approve the October financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Schnell inquired about shipping containers being brought in, if they need a special permit. Weather they are permeant or not. No building permits. Klug stated that she had emailed Tim our code enforcer about getting a detailed list of the nuisance properties.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to abate the Mel Ness property at 207 Fremont Ave S, quote from Bode Const. for \$5,300. All in favor, motion carried.

Employee reviews in executive session.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve the American Legion On-Sale liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve the Lake Preston Café On-Sale restaurant liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Olson to approve the New Horizon On-Sale liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve the New Horizon Off-sale package liquor licenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve the Other Bar On-Sale liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed that there are currently 2 off-sale licenses up for grabs.

Klug and council discussed the proof of loss from the park vandalism. Was decided to speak to the insurance agent to get a few things clarified before signing.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Olson to approve the reading of resolution 107-25. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the reading of resolution 108-25. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve closing off Main St. on Dec. 7th from HWY 14 to 4th St. N for the parade of lights. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve hiring Amber Nelson as the 2026 softball coach. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Olson to approve hiring Brett Anderson as the 10U softball coach without pay. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann explained the request from the city to the development board, as the cities ARPA dollars and other funds were used to start the SE development. Message from the development board indicated that they are not saying no but would like to wait as things are in the process. Hay discussed the timeline of the events. Woodcock inquired if the money was gifted to the development board or if the city expected it back.

Klug inquired about being able to utilize her office during the water tower removal. Hay stated where all the barricades will be located. Strande stated that a resident mentioned that the new water tower tasted/smelled strange, bleach like. Bumann stated that the city is very fortunate for the employees we have, just wanted to remind residents to be respectful to them.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting will be December 8th @ 6:15 pm.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to go into executive session @ 8:35 pm for legal and personnel. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive at 9:10 pm.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Woodcock to approve \$150 Christmas bonuses to Burt Crockett, Marla Bertsch, Deb Miller and Rodney Olson. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Woodcock to approve \$500 Christmas bonuses to Doug Bumann, Brian Zeeck and Brenda Klug. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded Schnell to approve a raise for Burt Crockett of \$.75 making \$16.75. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve a raise for Rodney Olson of \$1.00 making \$21.00. Olson abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve a raise for Doug Bumann, Brian Zeeck and Brenda Klug of \$1.25. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Olson to approve the continued \$195 stipend every pay period for Doug Bumann, Brian Zeeck and Brenda Klug. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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