

Regular Meeting of  
Lake Preston City Council  
Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Darlene DeKnikker, Allen Wilde, Bill Rockino, Alden Oldson, Brian Verhey, Ron Brown, Jerry Brown, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

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

Motion by Strande, seconded by Gerleman to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Jerry Brown stated that the extra water and sewer charges are a joke. Schnell stated that after lots of discussions the committee decided to keep it the same. Darlene DeKnikker stated that she is never going to build on her corner lot. She does not want neighbors; she is going to look into removing the infrastructure. Allen Wilde questioned what is the reasoning for charging the \$30 fee per curb stop. Bumann explained the reasoning, from the state charging the full surcharge. End game is to pay off the loans sooner.

Discussed removing the curb stops, is that an option? Digging up the curb stop and capping the line- without tearing up the asphalt. Zeeck went through the pricing for a curb stop parts and installation. Brian Verhey stated that this a recommendation, you do not have to do it.

Ryan Hageman stated that he thinks the council is correct, with any service you have even when its not in use your still getting charged a fee. In the country Kingsbrook Rural Water charges a fee even if you do not use the service. Hageman and Wilde discussed telling them they didn't want a curb stop put in, he got the option- seen work happening and told them so. Schnell stated that it could come to a vote, override the council. In which Schnell also will be paying them, he has 4.

Woodcock discussed the maintenance of the curb stops, if something would need to be fixed. He agreed that some probably don't need to be there, but they were previously- apart of the program is to put them back in. Schnell discussed that Hurons ordinance states that the maintenance is from the Main. Wilde states what's the criteria of getting it taken out, he doesn't want it. Council discussed if they would want the residents to be taking them out, since the curb stop is city property. DeKnikker inquired about contacting a professional about getting hers taken out, council stated that they can not just say yes due to not knowing what it all entails. Discussion continued, it's all about the future- what's going to happen. Those curb stops can be a start/supply for new homes in the future. Bumann stated that there have been inquiries about buying lots, Brown stated that no one has contacted him. DeKnikker inquired how would she go about the process of getting it removed. Klug stated that she just wanted everyone to know that in the resolution it states that these funds are restricted- only to make balloon payments towards the loans. Verhey stated that 99% of the lots you don't have to dig the streets up for capping.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve resolution 105-25. Roll call vote. Nay Strande. Motion passed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Woodcock to approve resolution 106-25. Roll call vote. Nay Strande. Motion passed.

Alden Oldson inquired what would happen if its not paid, they would go to collections. Hageman inquired when will the loans be paid off, will the fees be taken off – yes but they are 30-year loans.

Hay stated that there is working happening on Phase 2A on Park Ave S. Some corrective work is happening on Lake Ave S. Motion by Strande, seconded by Olson to approve Pay Request #4 for Phase 2B-Prunty for \$428,472.63. All in favor, motion carried.

Phase 2B project- asphalt will be happening this upcoming week on Fremont Ave. and the holes on Manor Ave. will be getting patched. Between hwy 14 and 2<sup>nd</sup> street is wider due to parking for the school.

The new Water Tower is operational, although there are still some things that need to be completed. The old tower will be getting taken down the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tap grant is still in the process of design. Hay stated that they finally got ahold of their chip sealing crew, they will not be able to come till next summer.

Klug inquired about the specifics on the sideway reconstruction for the Keith building on Main Street. The owner had emailed wondering if the city would do any cost sharing on the sidewalk ramp. Council discussed giving them the development boards info, as the city does not really help with those things.

Klug stated that she had gotten an email from Tim of 7-8 properties that need to be sent to the city attorney. Gerleman and Schnell stated that it is a good plan to keep the code enforcer. Decided to give these 7-8 properties time till August 2026, chance to clean it up then if still not cleaned up they will be brought to court. Council agreed that a few properties need a detailed list of the items to work on. Klug inquired about advertising a volunteer cleanup crew, come spring- skid steer, trailers, and volunteers. Brown stated that during cemetery cleanup they have a group from the school that comes and helps.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Strande to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that the pool is winterized, there was a water leak in the campground. A new fire hydrant by the water tower needed some repairs, hoping the seeding will be coming. Floats at the lift stations need replaced. The Mel Ness property on Fremont Ave S was discussed; Klug will follow up with Wilkinson.

Klug stated that the city cleanup has moved locations behind the Fire Hall. Next week safety benefits will be here to tour all the buildings.

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

A&B Business Inc \$77.85 printer contract; Amazon-American Express \$543.82, Library; Arrow Manufacturing, Inc. \$10,796.04, Ambulance Repairs; Banner Associates \$307.00, Asphalt Surface; Bode Construction LLC \$2372.45, Paving/Demo/ Water; Consumer Reports \$31.86, Library Mag. Sub; Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling \$3478.70, Blue Trash Cans/Dumpster; Core & Main \$1225.03, Water Dis.; Deb Miller \$165.39, Library; Department of Revenue-Special Tax \$369.86, Taxes; Health Pool of South \$1880.50, Insurance; Kingbrook Rural Water System \$6369.00, Purchased Water; Kingsbury Co. \$2080.00, Contract Law; Kingsbury Journal \$529.78 Publishing; Lake Preston Automotive \$800.39 Park-Golf Cart; Lyle Signs \$100.00, Road Closed Signs; M & T Fire & Safety \$ 2933.19, Fire Dep; Northwestern Energy \$177.83, Natural Gas; Office Peeps \$165.90, Office Supplies; South Dakota One Call \$79.80, 811; Onsite \$194.57, Remote Support Plan; Ottetail Power Company \$2433.71, Electric; Pioneer Research \$4235.00, Sewer; Prairie Ag Partners \$1588.60, Ambulance/City; Rick Close \$250.00, Campground Septic; Runnings \$73.98 Park Repairs; SDRS \$80.34, August Penalty; Team Lab \$444.50; The Pioneer Woman Magazine \$19.97, Library Mag. Sub; Titan Machinery, \$71.65 Skid Steer; Two Trees \$198.16, Antivirus Renewal; Valley Fibercom \$216.96, Phones/Internet; Milbank Win Water Works \$2485.79, Water Dis; Prunty Construction Co \$734,730.35, #1, #2, #3; Banner Associates, Inc \$44,560.78; McGuire Water \$191,430.01; #11#12; Payroll \$16,854.05, September.

Klug stated that she had paid Prunty, due to the funds being held up. But now come October those funds are in the account to offset the payment. Bumann inquired why the Gen Gov building is over so much, Klug double checked and it was due to the Gevo wastewater study. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the September financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

3 building permits were viewed.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve the special event liquor license/malt beverage license for the Fire Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the updated media policy to included Brian Zeeck as Fire Dept. Chief. All in favor, motion carried.

Schnell stated that there had been an accident at the ambulance shed, the door had been hit. Discussed turning it into the insurance. Schnell discussed what he all needs to do to his properties to get them in compliance. Gerleman inquired about any sort of accidental waiver, do a volunteer list in the minutes. Strande inquired about the alley behind the bank, already better than it was.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.

Motion by Woodcock to go into executive session @ 8:39 pm for legal. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive at 9:07 pm.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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Donna Bumann, Mayor

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