

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday September 8th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the community room on September 8th, 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, Dennis Chance, Darlene DeKnikker, Allen Wilde, Kyle Virchow, Bill Rockino, Alden Oldson, Brian Verhey, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bumann at 7:07 pm.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the agenda with one change of removing pay request # 13. All in favor, motion carried.

Alden Oldson stated that he never requested water and sewer services on his 2 lots on Main St., it was the cities choice. Brian Verhey mentioned his patio lot on Main St.; he discussed common sense- not over analyzing everything. Darlene DeKnikker stated that in 1994 a home North of her house was torn down, there will never be anything built there to use the water and sewer. DeKnikker stated that a month ago she received a letter from the Development board about empty lots, and now this happens. Things need to be fair and use some common sense; the bills are already high. Bumann stated that the Development board was separate; they wanted to help list any available properties- not buy properties.

Klug explained the back story; she had looked into lowering the rates. A gal from the state had come, they discussed businesses with accounts turned off due them wanting the curb stop off. Then all the services that are being unused were discussed, the state actually would want the whole surcharge on these services. The gal from MAPS suggested \$25 and \$25, then the committee met and decided on \$15 water and \$15 sewer. All the funds would get separated into funds- which would be used towards balloon payments to the loans. Klug stated that after residents had been coming in with complaints, she contacted the state, in which they said that if all those services would have been included the rates would not be so high. Bumann explained getting the loans paid off sooner, would be less interest. Allen Wilde stated that he has recently purchased an empty lot and it has a service, he does not want it. Bumann stated that from the 1980s Lake Preston has lost 50 homes, torn down and not rebuilt. Which means those of us who are here are having to pay more due to those not being rebuilt. Wilde stated that we need to compliment the people that tore down the dilapidated houses. Loren Trygstad stated that he never got asked for it to be put in. Kyle Virchow and Zeeck discussed the service south of Virchow's house, Zeeck state that he wanted the service there- Virchow did not.

DeKnikker told the council to think about if your being fair, it is a hardship for some. Klug mentioned what about all the actual buildings in town being charged. Klug, Bumann, and Gerleman explained that the state wants all the surcharge on these services, committee lowered it. Strande stated that he was wrong, that they need to go back and take another look at it. Bumann stated that it looks like the council plans to reevaluate. Discussion on how long it's been getting evaluated, Klug and Bumann stated it has been going since last year. Bumann stated that hopefully there will be a better solution. Wilde inquired when this discussion was taking place. Strande stated that the resolution should be dissolved. Needs more discussion.

Hay discussed the loop on Phase 2A on Walters Ave., they have started the water main work on Park Ave. S. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve pay request #3 from Prunty for \$325,958.27. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay gave a brief update on the Phase 2B project on Fremont Ave S. and 4th St. SE. Plan to pave an extra block between Fremont Ave. and Lake Ave. on 4th St. When the concrete contractor comes to town, they will complete the Minden Ave. work also. Strande inquired about also doing Manor Ave. also, patch work. 2nd St. between Fremont Ave. and Lake Ave. has given out with all the driving, plan is to contact the state and get that paved in the project. Storm sewer on 2nd street had been completed. Zeeck stated that 2nd St. will have to

be just gravel over the winter, he planned to ask them to do removals while doing others. Hay mentioned that a televising truck had been in town, they found some significant cracks in the lines on Hwy 14. Some alternatives would be lining; 3rd Street also has a lot of cracking. Since there are some available funds in Phase 2B, address some of the other problem areas.

Hay gave a brief update on the new water tower; a few issues have come up- delaying the completion. Currently there is no expected completion date. Hay discussed the TAP grant; there will be a set date for all the land owners to come in and meet for temporary easements. Final design will be in October, submittal for DOT bid letting would be December/January. Chip seal was supposed have a substantial completion in September, which is not going to happen. They have attempted to contact the contractor several times.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the August 11th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that personnel committee did not meet but they have reviewed the exit interviews; discuss in executive. Klug did reach out to Todd Wilkinson to discuss his availability of taking us back on. Bumann explained that Todd charges by the hour vs what we currently do with a retainer. Klug and Bumann had discussed maybe getting quarterly bills from Wilkinson, in the past they have been twice a year.

Bumann stated that Delzer has accumulated more work, and would like to resign as our city attorney.

Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Strade to approve Todd Wilkinson as our city attorney. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck discussed the last day for the rubble site; a few residents inquired about a camper on Lake Ave. S. that has been there for a while. Klug plans to contact the resident about the camper. DANR has been here for the lagoons report, they were very happy with the upkeep. Zeeck discussed a water leak in the park, at the campground.

Klug inquired about doing the sponsorship ad in the Glacial Lakes magazine. All the area finance officers had met in August, they toured the new streets, new development, new water tower; was a good meeting. Several of them had questions about surcharges etc. Fall city clean up will be October 3rd to the 14th, having 2 weekends available with the roll-offs.

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

A&B Business INC \$83.50 printer contract; Amazon-American Express, \$234.86, Library Books /Supplies; Anderson Lumber \$45.20 Park Repair; Avid Hawk LLC \$49.00, Web Site BX Civil & Construction \$3075.00, Dust Control: Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling \$3324.49, City Blue Cans: Crossroads \$16182.10, Amb Payment: Dept of Revenue-Special Tax \$289.99, Taxes: Foley & Foley Law Office \$150.00, October Hold? Full Throttle Design 1410.00 FD Decals: GADO \$40.00 LOGOs-Sweaters/Shirts: Hawkins, Inc. \$1328.11 Pool Chem: Health Pool of South \$1880.50, Health Insurance: Henry Schein \$216.86 AMB Supplies: James Knight \$13.07 Used Deposit- Extra: Kingbrook Rural Water System \$7878.30.30 Purchased water: Kingsbury Co. \$2080.00 Contract Law: Kingsbury Journal \$170.07. Publishing: Lake Preston Automotive \$89.25 Water Dis: Maximum Promotions \$1084.00 PD Flags/Poles: Maximum Promotions \$573.48, Flag Poles-City: Mc Masters Gravel & Const, Inc \$3008.66, Gravel: Northwestern Energy \$88.71 Natural Gas : Otter Tail \$3737.77, Electric: Pioneer Research \$8517.75 Streets/Sewer: Prairie AG Partners \$1885.31 City Public Health Laboratory \$20.00, Water Testing: Stryker \$571.00, Ambulance: Team Lab \$1320.50, Lift Station Degreaser: Titan Machinery \$1105.28, Skid Steer: Valley Fibercom \$248.04, Phone/Internet: Van Diest \$866.80, West Nile: Milbank WinWater Works: \$295.18, Water Dept: First National Bank \$64.80, Bank fees: SD Municipal League \$60,00, HR School; Unemployment \$126.74: US Bank \$25,096.08, Phase 1-DW & CW; Voiceshot \$20.00, voicemail/texting service; Payroll \$21,978.74, August.

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

No building permits.

Klug stated that at the last meeting she had not received the report from Tim Austin, explained that she received it after the August meeting. It had taken a whole month to get from Brookings to here in the mail.

Klug stated that she had one change due to not knowing the contract law cost from the county. Motion by Gerleman, seconded by Olson to approve the second reading of ordinance 471-25. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to accept the bid for the 1992 Dodge from Silver Creek Management/Jim Conrad for \$1,355. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to accept the bid for the 1980 Chevy from Jerry Brown for \$300. All in favor, motion carried.

Foger did not receive any bids, plan to scrap it or part it out.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to approve the AAA collections agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strande, seconded by Woodcock to approve closing Main St. between 2nd-3rd for trunk or treating/harvest festival on October 24th. All in favor, motion carried.

Council okayed getting the advertising in the paper for the 2026 baseball/softball coaches.

Bumann stated that he might not be here the next two meeting due to harvest, in December he will be off a month for surgery. Zeeck inquired about the surplus funds getting put towards paving, next year we will be doing a block of 2nd St. out of pocket. Schnell inquired about cones by the motel, Zeeck stated that it was the school blocking off for future construction. Strande stated that he had checked on Jan Mobleys yard after a rain, Bumann has been in contact with Mobley and Hay. Bumann stated that McMasters had texted a concern, there are loud birds in his neighborhood- look at ordinances about loud birds. Bumann inquired about the graphite in the park bathrooms, Klug and Zeeck stated that they are still in communication with the insurance agent.

Bumann stated that the next regular meeting will be October 6th @ 7pm.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to go into executive session @ 8:44 pm for personnel and legal. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive at 9:07 pm.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to give Deb Miller a raise of fifty cents .50, now at \$16.50. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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