

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday January 12th, 2026

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on January 12th, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Donna Bumann, John McMasters, Joe Schnell, Jeremy Woodcock, Austin Strande, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, David Hillestad from the zoning board.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by McMasters to approve the agenda with the addition of the Fire Dept. Roster. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that the Fire Dept has a current full roster, pull tabs at the NHL are doing great. They recently just purchased a larger trailer. FD does have a few events coming up in May and June, they will be applying for special event licenses. Currently actively working on grants, they do have an upcoming training in Arlington at the lake. Annual appreciation soup supper is coming up on Jan. 15th for first responders, county, and city council.

Current Fire Department Roster: Josh Buer, Chad Olson, Jayden Woodcock, Rick Olson, Jeremy Woodcock, Joe Schnell, Rodney Olson, Tim Scheidt, John McMasters, Del Smith, Todd Brown, Jake Smith, Robbie Bentley, Jeff Woodcock, Jim Conrad, Brian Zeeck, Rodney Cook, Shane Wakeil, Jon Wienk, Alex Juba, Mike Jenkins, Lance Rademaker, Jared Erstad, Tim Kramer, Kasey Menzel, Noah Thomas, Taren Odegaard, Bryan Pietig, Eric Larson, Tyler Park.

Zeeck stated that they are meeting next week to go over chip sealing, hoping they will honor their prices from last year for more work. Water Tower meeting update; Liquidated damages that were decided upon are \$100,000 and 4 free cleanings. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Woodcock to accept the \$100,000 and the 4 cleanings from Maguire Water. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve pay request # 14 for \$55,470.15 from Maguire Water. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Gerleman to approve the December 8th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Strande to approve the December 29th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that she had reached out to the liquor committee about the operating agreements being up February 1st. Was decided to send out, and have them be on a 2-year renewal cycle.

Zeeck stated that he had went through the generators, once Bumann returns, they plan to start the 2026 inventory. Both white pickups have been in and out of the shop recently. Mentioned the one snow fall was less than 2", had gotten McMasters advice as far as plowing. Discussed the state of the city hall roof, Zeeck is currently getting some estimates, he updated the council on how many leaks etc. the other side garages have.

Klug stated that February 2nd is the first day residents can pull a petition and they need to be back by March 24th. Currently there are three positions open for 2-year terms. Council discussed a meeting Klug had at the courthouse for the upcoming election. Having our election in conjunction with the county- would make it a lot less complicated. Would be the same building, just different election workers; ballots would be separate from the county. Council was in favor with whatever makes it easier and less complicated.

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

A&B Business \$77.85, printer contract; Avid Hawk LLC \$49.00, website; B-Cake \$28.00, Christmas trays; CCP Direct \$92.17, toilet paper; Cooks \$3,416.92, city dumpster; Core & Main \$191.81, water; DANR \$102.78, 2 applicator licenses etc.; DOR \$316.79, taxes; Health Pool SD \$2,038.30, ins.; Innovative \$201.38, checks; Joel Johnson \$1,500.00, code enforcement; Kingbrook Rural Water \$5,939.00, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$133.74, publishing; LP Auto \$713.45, white pickups; Northwestern Energy \$1,429.51, natural gas; Office Peeps \$225.68, FO/GG supplies; SD One Call \$16.80, 811; Ottertail \$3,519.88; electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$4,066.00, city; SDARWS \$2,250.00, sewer camera-ing; Team Lab \$233.50, streets; Vallery Fibercom \$235.69, phones/internet; Winwater \$2,141.25, water; Execubanc \$60.60, Bank Fees; KE Dream Designs \$66.00, 2025 lifeguard/t-shirts logos; Ramkota Hotel \$357.00, 2025; USPS \$357.91, stamps/water bills; Josie Repair \$811.43, fire dept.; Kramer Mechanical \$332.80, fire hall/fire dept.; December Payroll \$14,019.17, wages.

Klug stated that she had already emailed Rebecca Lolling, asking a few questions that she may have to fix. Motion by Strande, seconded by Woodcock to approve the December financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

David Hillestad presented a building permit, according to the owner their property should be central commercial, according to the old map its R1. Hillestad stated that they had investigated the zoning, contacted the county. The definition that was found of a shipping container was read aloud. If it is central commercial, it would still need to be brought in front of the board of adjustments. Todd Kays will be meeting with the zoning board each month before the city council meeting to review the zoning ordinance. Klug stated that there are several locations on the zoning map that need to be updated/changed throughout this process. Council and Hillestad discussed a few subjects as far as zoning and at home businesses.

Gerleman expressed his reservations as far as doing the 2nd TIF, without GEVO coming will we have the interest that there once was. Council discussed lots that are vacant, no one is willing to sell. The 2 lots of Mell Ness were discussed, those lots would be very desirable. Having a developer come in was discussed, development board has already tried. After a long discussion the council decided to hold a special meeting, where Toby Morris could explain the TIF more and residents could be involved more. Council agreed that we should reach out to Tammy Anderson on her thoughts with a TIF, what we should be worried about; any concerns she may have.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve the first reading of ordinance 472-26. Roll Call. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Strande to approve an easement from East River Electric. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Gerleman to approve the 2026 code enforcement agreement. Strande Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Strande to approve the closure of Main St. from 2nd St. to 4th St. on July 19th for the Kingsbury Classic Cruisers care show, as well as using the community room. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to approve advertising in the Kingsbury Journal for pool manager and life guards. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that she plans to start advertising again about the volunteer group, starting getting volunteers. Strande stated maybe the 28th would work for the special meeting. Olson stated that if someone is moving

snow on the street, clean the tails up—plow edges. Schnell inquired about the coyote, Bumann stated that it looked like it died; no one has seen it.

Bumann stated to stay tuned to a special meeting in January maybe the last week.

Mayor Donna Bumann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Donna Bumann, Mayor

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