

Regular Meeting of  
Lake Preston City Council  
Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the Community Room on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6pm. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Jodi Hope, Allen Wilde, Jeremy Woodcock, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Cedric Hays from Banner Associates, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Jeff Halme and Johnathan Kaski from Halem, Joey Gilsdorf from Bowes, and Audience.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wienk at 6:02 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve the agenda with 2 additions-change order #8 and Halme pay request #17 and 1 subtraction of Rounds. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Halme and Jonathan Kaski from Halme discussed the current project, they presented a letter-indicating a “winter shutdown.” Joey Gilsdorf from Bowes discussed their current stance on Phase 1 & 2. He explained the mishaps with the weather, fall season is tough to get asphalt done.

Woodcock in at 6:09 pm.

Hay stated that there are indicators for the edge of the curbs, please leave them as they are to help with snow removal. Bumann inquired what happens if the plow does damage any of the new curbing. Zeeck and Gilsdorf discussed the plan for the spring, to get back here to finish the top coat of asphalt. There should be at least 2 full days of asphaltting.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to approve change order #8 from Halme for \$12,250. All in favor, motion carried. Hay gave a brief update of phase 1, there are a few items that have not been completed yet. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Wilde to approve pay request #17 from Halme for \$320,457.27. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Bumann to approve pay request #7 from Rounds for \$188,350.23. All in favor, motion carried. Hay gave an update on phase 2, next year only the 2<sup>nd</sup> lift of asphalt should be left. Hay gave an update on the water tower project; the bid date is set for January 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A pre-bid meeting will be at city hall January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. 3 different bid alternates were discussed; contractors would give bids on the main project then separate bids on each alternate. An update on the TAP grant was presented, there had been a meeting with the state to review the plans.

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Wienk at 6:32 pm.

Hay explained the rate impact that could happen, 0% grant an increase would be \$39.30 per user.

Mason Weidenbach in at 6:40pm.

With a 75% grant, an increase would be \$9.83 per user. Hay explained that previous packages have all been above the 75%. Weidenbach stated that 1<sup>st</sup> district will be helping with technical support and administration of the dollars. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Hope to approve resolution 115-23. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried. Hay explained that a 0% grant would be an increase of \$42.90 per user. With a 75% grant, an increase would be \$10.95 per user.

Olson in at 6:50 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to approve resolution 116-23. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

The public hearing was adjourned by Mayor Wienk at 6:52 pm.

No public comments.

Wienk moved committee reports up on the agenda, Bumann stated that the personal committee did meet twice to discuss bonuses and raises. The liquor committee met 4 times; Bumann stated that they had been in contact with the Department of Revenue. The committee feels the legion has not met the required days, Wilde stated that he wanted written proof from the DOR. Council and audience had an extensive discussion about what events were and were not allowed. Several codified laws were discussed, the first codified law was sent out in October with the renewal documents.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve November 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve November 14<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk clarified that they will not be reading off comments from the Facebook live, due to the overabundance of comments.

Klug provided a letter stating that the 2022 audit had been excepted by the state.

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

A&B Business \$75.99, printer contract; Amazon \$142.39, lib. books & dvds; Ambill Ass. \$2,870.00, amb. billing; Anderson Lumber \$266.95, shop; Aron's Electric \$5,125.53, Firehall; Avera \$635.01, health ins.; Bode Const. \$408.16, rubble site; C&R Fire Suppression \$45.00, extinguisher bracket; City of Lake Preston \$8,000.00, amb. payment; Cooks \$2,786.32, city trash/dumpster; Dakota Pump \$1,276.27, sewer; DANR \$1,360.00, taxes; Deb Miller \$376.52, lib.; DOR \$243.66, taxes; FNB \$300.00, water deposits; Foley & Foley Law Office \$150.00, January; Josie Repair \$80.00, golf cart repair; Kingbrook \$6,133.45, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$511.65, publishing; Kramer Mechanical \$92.16, amb.; L.G. Everist \$1,081.58, pea rock; LP Auto \$260, stump removal; LP Chamber 4312.50, promotional items; LP Development \$5,000.00, 2023 dues; M&T Fire & Safety \$2,000.00, fd; MC&R Pool \$2,542.08, pool closing; Northwestern Energy \$546.62, natural gas; One Call \$2,528.95, 811; Ottetail \$2,528.95, electric; PAP \$200.13, amb.; Public Heath Lab \$15.00, water samples; Runnings \$93.41, park; SD Finance Officers Ass. \$40.00, 2024 dues; Sg Gov. Human Re Ass. \$25.00, 2024 dues; SDML \$986.78, 2024 dues; Vallery Fibercom \$216.70, phones/internet; Banner Ass. \$50,868.51, phase 1; BX Civil & Cons. \$10,115.60, first dust control; Halme \$366,429.29, phase 1 pr #15; Rounds \$249,831.87, phase 2 pr #6; SDARW \$1,250.00, phase 1-cw; Amazon \$189.02, dead set/DeWalt filter; Certified Lights \$30.66, tree lights connectors; Eexcubanc \$73.20, bank fees; Foley & Foley Law Office \$351.00, invoice error; Onlinedatareports \$29.95, searching for small claims; USPS \$22.19, part of water bills; Voiceshot \$20.00, calling/texting service.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to approve the November financial reports. All in favor, motion carried.

A building permit was discussed briefly and a resident inquired about the set back on the new house on Spring Ave. N.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Olson to approve resolution 114-23. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Special event licenses were discussed, Wienk stated that any non-profit/legion organization can apply for such licenses.

Zeeck explained the claim of damage on the snow plow, they are not sure when it happened. It was found during a preseason inspection. Now will just await the insurance claim.

Motion to Olson, seconded by McMasters to approve transfer authority of the contingency. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve the first reading of ordinance 461-23. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Olson to approve blocking off Main St. for the parade of lights and turning off the street lights. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to approve Kramer Mechanical to repair the boiler at city hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck reminded the council about ear marking the street paving budget from 2023 that was not used. East and west streets were discussed, as we need to start the paving of them. Main Street by the railroad tracks was discussed. Wienk expressed his gratitude to the city employees for all the work and stress they go through. Wilde inquired about the maintainer, if it was ready and checked over for snow removal. Olson inquired about getting the car club on the January agenda.

Merrill Zeeck stated that he really wants to complement the city workers on their hard work with the projects.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to go into executive at 7:42 pm for personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 8:41 pm.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Woodcock to give Bumann a \$1 raise and a \$500 Christmas bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to give Klug a \$1 raise and a \$500 Christmas bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to give Zeeck a \$1 raise and a \$500 Christmas bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Bumann to give Deb Miller a \$150 Christmas bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to give Rodney Olson a \$150 Christmas bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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Andy Wienk, Mayor

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