

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Tuesday January, 10th 2023

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Jodi Hope, Kristen Longville, Joe Schnell, Brian Verhey. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Rick Olson, Dave Field from the Kingsbury Journal.

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

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Schnell to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Rick Olson inquired about blocking off Main St. and for the Kingsbury Klassic Kruisers car show in July; the topic will be on the February agenda.

Zeeck, on behalf of the fire department, gave a brief overview of the last few months. Bumann inquired about the districting progress.

Schnell, on behalf of the ambulance, gave a brief overview of the last few months. They purchased a new computer for the shed, several had gone to training a few months ago, plans to get another CPR machine.

Wienk called Cedric Hays from Banner Associates, he discussed the Phase 2 progress, hoping to get the final plans to DANR by January 20th. Hoping to advertise the bid in early March, Banner is currently at 90% with the plans. Like Phase 1, the plan is to have a public meeting for phase 2, was nice to have the contractor at the meeting. This way the residents can ask questions and concerns, plans so far- this meeting will take place late April. Zeeck included the specific blocks that will be done in 2023 and which ones will be in 2024.

Motion by Verhey, seconded by McMasters to approve the December 5th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Verhey to approve the December 28th regular meeting minutes. Longville abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that the generator at the main lift station had gotten installed. The scrap metal business had made it to town and balled up a few cars and the white iron at the rubble site. Plans are in order to finish up a few picnic tables, getting paint and ceiling tiles in for the community room face lift. Zeeck inquired if Schnell Welding would be interesting in sand blasting the canon, to get it done by the summer time.

Klug listed the upcoming vacancies; petitions will be available starting January 27th. The museum is officially on the registry of historical places, new monitors had been purchased. Klug had a discussion with Delzer about future goals of the airport land, working with 1st district for zoning and ordinance purposes. Due to Medicare the ambulance will need exact expenses of the city workers, such as billing or snow removal. Phase 2 loan closing is being worked on; ELO will be getting a letter to us in February for the 2022 audit.

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

A&B Business \$72.84, printer contract; American Trust Ins. \$12,914.00, Amb./FD ins.; Avera \$571.89, health ins.; Banner Associates \$47,310.10, phase 1; Bell Bank \$20,000.00, payloader payment; Cooks \$2,668.04, city trash/city

dumpster; Core & Main \$68.52, water; Delzer Law \$150.00, February; DOR \$226.49, taxes; Glacial Lakes & Prairies \$240.00, 2023 dues; Joel Johnson \$1,500.00, code enforcement; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kramer Mechanical \$333.53, city hall; Lake County International \$823.46, skid steer; Maynard's \$120.06, general gov.; Northwestern energy \$1,772.81, natural gas; Northwest Pipe Fitting \$6,570.71, water-SE addition; Office Peeps \$87.50, office supplies; Ottetail \$3,353.78, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$3,872.57, city; Runnings \$479.90, streets/water/sewer; Joe Schnell Welding \$1,618.08, work bench; Transource \$203.46, payloader; Valley Fibercom \$217.03, internet/phones; Milbank Winwater works \$1,612.73, water meters; Execubanc \$59.40, bank fees; Voiceshot \$10.00, mass calling/texting.

Klug inquired about the sewer fund, after expenses in 2022 and the SE addition the fund is in the negatives. Discussed getting advice from Rebecca Lolling our city auditor, about transfer funds from Phase 2 savings account into the sewer cash fund as they are both in the same enterprise fund.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve the December financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Nuisance properties were briefly discussed as Tim Austin had been to town to view a few properties.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to approve resolution 100-23. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Longville to approve 2023 code enforcement agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Verhey to rehire Rodney Olson as our restricted use site worker at the same wage. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug inquired if any council member would like to keep there tablet at the office, if it's not being used, she could do some updating to it. Schnell stated that if you see fire hydrants covered with snow to please make a path around them for the fire department. Wienk stated that several residents have complimented the snow removal this year.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Schnell to go into executive session at 7:42 pm for legal. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 8:13 pm.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Andy Wienk, Mayor

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