

New Council Regular Meeting of  
Lake Preston City Council  
Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Jodi Hope, Alan Wilde, Jeremy Woodcock, Rick Olson. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Diane Virchow-Bunker, Krystine Thull, Jim Conrad, Dave Fields from Kingsbury Journal, and Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Hope to approve the agenda adding: Handbook-20hrs benefits, Signature Cards, lounge chairs pool, additional hires-wage change, change order No 1-Rounds. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to approve the agenda and meet as the board of adjustments for conditional use permit 597-23 and 598-23. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk stated the nature of permit # 597-23, Jim Conrad explained that the RV sites would be along the east side of the property against the commercial property of Prairie Ag Partners. Diane Virchow-Bunker stated that she had contacted a lawyer for information, the sites would dimension the property value of her property. Virchow-Bunker prepared a list of items: questioned the old railroad abandonment, a quonset that was on her property, her house by the football field, and in the past turning her hwy house into an Air B&B. Virchow-Bunker discussed her building along Main St.; cemented in windows and flooding of the basement. Windows in said building have been broken out by children from the community. Discussed a lot west of her property that previously needed major upkeep and she tried to buy it from the owner. Taxes were discussed, where she ended up having to go to the county commissioners, due to not getting them complete with the city- as the city kept changing the date of the meeting. Virchow-Bunker stated that she is against the RV sites next to her property. Wienk addressed several of the topics Virchow-Bunker brought forward, council discussed and asked several questions pertaining to the RV sites. Wilde inquired about reaching a compromise, having a written statement that the sites would only be for GEVO construction workers. Klug prepared a document for Wienk and Conrad to sign, a copy was given to Conrad and Virchow-Bunker.

Motion by Wilde, seconded by McMasters to approve conditional permit 597-23. Hope nay. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk stated the nature of permit #598-23, Krystine Thull plans to bring in a garage; structure is over 10 years old. Thull showed council photos, she discussed fixing it up to match her home.

Motion by Olson, seconded by McMasters to approve conditional permit 598-23. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by McMasters to adjourned as the board of adjustments at 7:42 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Zeeck stated that the fire department has obtained a new truck, at no cost to them. Always looking for new recruits. Fire Department plans to do a breakfast feed on the Saturday morning of Town & Country Days.

Hay presented change order # 3, for curb by the school on Fremont Ave N. The work has been completed, some of the painted areas have been chipping; they will need to get them repainted.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to approve Phase 1 change order No. 3. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Woodcock to approve pay request #11 from Halme for \$290,400.33. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay presented change order #1: work on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S and Walters Ave. S, installed a water main loop from 4<sup>th</sup> St. S to 5<sup>th</sup> St. S, and Intersection at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N and Lake Ave N.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to approve Phase 2 change order No. 1. Olson abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Hope to approve pay request #2 from Rounds for \$888,899.88. Olson abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay discussed the Phase 1 schedule on Fremont Ave. N, Minden Ave. N, and Spring Ave. N. Next construction meeting with Halme will be next week, to discuss more timelines. McMasters inquired about them finishing work according to the timelines.

Hay discussed Phase 2, there were some delays due to the gas main construction off 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Manor Ave. Rounds plans to complete all 10 blocks on their phase this summer. Milling of Spring Ave. S has started, they do plan to keep access on the side streets of 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Hay also discussed the cultural walk on the water tower land, which has already been completed. Completed in record time, Hays plans to check if this will speed things up for the design side of the tower. Wienk inquired if Hay could be available for a streets committee meeting next Monday night.

May 11<sup>th</sup> old council meeting minutes were tabled.

Motion by Hope, seconded by Woodcock to approve minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup> new council regular meeting, with a change of the date to 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Pool committee had met to discuss hiring of lifeguards, each guard was approved by the committee but needs to officially voted on in session.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Woodcock to approve hiring Colton Nelson at \$13/hr. as a 2023 lifeguard. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve hiring Jaxson Long at \$13/hr. as a 2023 lifeguard. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve hiring Ella Wienk at \$13/hr. as a 2023 lifeguard. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve hiring Christy Woodcock at \$13/hr. as a 2023 lifeguard. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve hiring Stephany Corona at \$13/hr. as a 2023 lifeguard. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Hope to approve hiring Rachel Steffenson at \$13/hr. as a 2023 lifeguard. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed there will not be any swim lessons year as no one got WSI certified and the pool will be open on Sundays.

Brian stated that the pool is ready to go, although a sand filter needed some assistance. Several of his topics to discuss are coming up in old and new business.

Klug stated CFI had reached out about using the community room on week days, Klug showed the agreement- she will work closely with Jeannie Bently on days its rented out. Library had inquired about moving some funds in the budget for the 2024 budget, when that starts occurring. Klug stated that she had trained Marla Bertsch on utility entry and trained Mandy Doren as much as she could due to being gone the next 4 days. The guards and Doren have been doing a great job of painting down at the pool, the walls, counters, and the floors. Klug applied for the West Nile grant, \$6,000.

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

A&B Business \$75.99, printer contract; Amazon \$613.58, library supplies; American Trust Ins. \$460.00, fire truck addition; Arons Electric \$2,384.38, St. lights/park/fire hall; Avera \$571.89, health ins.; Bode Con. \$382.65, curb stop install; City of Ellendale \$2,000.00, bug sprayer; Cooks \$2,692.50, city trash; Core & Main \$1,799.82, water; Deb Miller \$45.26, library supplies; Delzer Law Office \$150.00, July; DOR \$255.63, taxes; Diamond Vogel \$2,565.46, pool paint; FNB \$115.00, pool petty cash; Jesser's Greenhouse \$374.45, flowers; Kingbrook \$8,258.25, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$801.81, publishing; M&T \$1,066.94, FD supplies; MC&R Pool \$9,315.00, pool steps; McMasters \$999.90, gravel; Metropolitan Compounds, Inc. \$4,999.00, Northwestern Energy \$388.45, natural gas; O'Keefe Implement \$309.27, mowers; Office Peeps \$289.43, sewer supplies; SD One Call \$52.50, 811; Ottertail \$2,850.93, electric; PAP \$804.46, FD; Public Heath Lab \$15.00, water samples; Taste of Home \$21.30, mag. sub.; Time Mag. \$26.63, mag. Sub.; Valley Fibercom \$226.31, internet/phones; Amazon \$239.71, baseball/pool; Core & Main \$807.07, issued new check; Execubanc \$ 54.80, bank fees; Grainger \$110.83, pool mirrors; Signs.com \$66.31, men/women signs for pool; Unemployment \$417.43, quarterly unemployment; USPS \$275.76, water bills/stamps; Voiceshot \$70.00, voicemail/texting service.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Hope to approve the May financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

No building permits.

Agreed to remove the reoccurring topic of the campground addition.

Council reviewed a letter from Fire Chief Josh Buer, discussed the AEDs. Council discussed a supplemental ordinance to bring unassigned funds into the budget for the purchase of 2 AEDs. The ordinance will have its first reading at the July council meeting. One AED is \$2,250.00.

Zeeck discussed the water tower cleaning, Midco Diving's rate is a flat rate and McGuire Iron charges for hours and days. Motion by Wilde, seconded by Woodcock to approve using Midco Diving for the cleaning of the water tower. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that we are not repairing our old mosquito sprayer due to the cost of supplies and sprays. Wienk inquired about Wilde Air spraying over the whole town, if that's something that can be done.

Signature cards were signed by Wienk, Klug, Hope and Bumann will need to sign the next week.

Quality of life letter was dismissed.

Klug stated that at a committee meeting, they inquired about adding the extra benefit of SD retirement for the new hire. To be a part of SD retirement you have to work over 20 hrs./week. This would result in changing to the handbook. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to approve adding the option of SD retirement to year-round employees over 20 hrs./week. Wilde & McMasters nay. All in favor, motion carried. Tabled till the July meeting.

Council discussed pool lounge chairs. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to approve purchasing 6 pool lounge chairs from Grainger for \$1,058.82. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck inquired if residents could be mindful of parking in front of the light poles for watering the city flowers. Klug stated that the July meeting would be on July 10<sup>th</sup>, and wanted to give a shout out to the youth group in town for cleaning up our lot by the café. McMasters inquired about the canon getting finished, and if there is travel down alleys please keep your speed down. Woodcock inquired about the smell of the dumpster behind the Bait Box. Olson inquired about a snow bear on the front yard of a house on Fremont Ave. Wilde stated that he had spoken to a few of the nuisance property owners; they have plans of working on there properties. One property owner did say that during construction its going to be hard to get a cement crusher into town.

Council decided to review applications for the part-time year around position in July.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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Andy Wienk, Mayor

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