

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday March, 6th 2023

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday March, 6th at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, Donna Bumann, Jodi Hope, Kristen Longville, Joe Schnell. Teleconference: John McMasters. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Rick Olson, Dave Field from the Kingsbury Journal, Cedric Hays from Banner Associates.

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

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Longville to approve the agenda but subtracting the SE addition plat. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk read aloud final tree bids: Beld Tree Service \$44,800; Erickson Tree Service \$111,480; Aspen Tree Service \$44,075; Bode Const. \$26,575; and LP Auto \$45,000. Hays gave a brief update on the Phase 1 project; Halme plans to start work on April 3rd-weather permitting. Halme plans to have two crews still; one will start on Fremont N and the other on Minden N. Council and Hays discussed Phase 1 and Phase 2; Bid opening for Phase 2 will be March 16th at 2pm. Several contractors have asked if the scope of work for 2023 can be reduced, but still finishing by the end of 2024. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Bumann to rescope phase 2. All in favor, motion carried. Council discussed the tree removal project in more detail, Longville inquired what the cost savings will be separating the trees out from the project. Motion by Longville, seconded by Schnell to approve the quote from Bode Construction for \$26,575. All in favor, motion carried. Hays stated that Banner has been in contact with GEVO, as they wish to use the city lagoons. To do so, Banner would need to do a capacity study—Gevo would reimburse the city to do the study. In the future if we need an expansion, Gevo would make payments on our bond for the project. Briefly discussed the public meeting to be held the end of April for phase 2.

February 6th regular meeting minutes were tabled.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to approve February 21st special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeeck stated that he had spoken to Jack Hasche about haling during big snow storms. Electric and gas heaters were discussed for the park bathrooms, as the pipes did not hold up being open all winter. Getting the gas line to the bathroom could be a difficult process, council decided adding the topic to the March 22nd meeting. Zeeck updated the council on the water leak on Fremont North and 4th St., initially they thought was it was Halmes new pipes. High school parking was discussed, the area to get through on Spring Ave N is constrained to one vehicle. Zeeck had been reached out to about millings, council decided to wait on selling any of them. The roof at the Fire Hall was discussed due to snow accumulating above the door going into the library.

Klug stated that the Tours of Tables had reached out to her about pool passes for the upcoming year, council agreed on donating 2 family passes. Equalization meeting will be held on March 22nd; the city website has been updated and a few things changed. Klug discussed the need for lifeguards, she has some available class dates in Madison to get certified. Pool manger and lifeguards were discussed, many do not want to be lifeguards due to disgruntled parents. Appointments of council members will be in May, due to no petitions being turned in; 1 available seat per ward.

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

A&B Business \$72.84, printer contract; Amazon \$325.97, library supplies; Amazon \$12.97, library final balance; Aron's Electric LLC \$15,047.93, Com room/generator; Avera \$571.89, health ins.; Banner Associates \$452.50, general engineering; Better Homes & Garden \$22.00, mag. sub.; Brookings Area CTC \$175.00, CPR Training; Bruce Wolkow \$100.00, com room drywall; City of Lake Preston \$361.52, 4 water deposits used; Connecting Point \$122.50, remote support; Cooks 42,650.35, city dumpster/city trash; Core & Main \$567.46, hydrant markers; Crossroads Bank \$16,182.10, amb. payment; Deb Miller \$191.55, library supplies; Delzer Law Office \$150.00, April dues; DOR \$226.89, taxes; Farmers Implement \$37.50, snow removal; Forbes \$14.00, mag. sub.; Homestead \$1,636.44, com. room revamp; Innovative \$180.67, checks; Johnny Sundby Photography \$25.95, lib. book; Kingbrook \$5,789.00, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kramer Mechanical \$562.08, sewer repairs; LP Auto \$256.80, snowblower; M&T \$2,486.76, gear; Maynards \$61.89, supplies; McMasters Benefit \$200.00, map-silent auction; Northwestern Energy \$2,212.06, natural gas; Office Peeps \$19.85, supplies; Ottetail \$3,050.90, electric; PAP \$3,983.76, Amb., FD, city; Round Cons. \$2,551.03, SE development; Runnings \$479.99, sewer-lift station; Smith's Lumber \$69.78, dump truck; Team Lab \$981.50, sewer; Terex \$8,397.55, bucket truck; Valley Fibercom \$220.05, phones/internet; Milbank Winwater \$3,713.35, meters; Amazon \$372.43, office/clock/prime; Execubanc \$68.80, bank fees/safety box; USPS \$114.72, rezoning letters; Voice Shot \$35.00, message/texting service; Walmart \$368.04, smart tv; Zoom \$23.54, zoom.

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

No building permits.

Council reviewed a letter from the cities code enforcer, which has been published in the newspaper and posted on Facebook. Wienk inquired about the old 21st century building, needs some gates or closures from children. Bumann plans to talk to the new current owner.

Bumann inquired about asking Tanya Flegel to come and discuss trees for the park and boulevards. Klug discussed a new ordinance she had been working on along with a permit to plant boulevard trees.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Schnell to approve ordinance 456-23. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Gravel Bids: Hasche Construction-3.75" crushed gravel at \$11/ton. Wilde Construction-1.25" screened gravel, material and delivery \$11.70/yard which would be \$9/ton. McMasters Gravel- screened gravel delivered \$7.05/ton and crushed gravel base course \$8.25/ton and hauling \$.35/ton mile. Motion by Bumann, seconded by Longville to accept McMasters Gravel bid for screened gravel at \$7.05/ton. McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Bumann to accept McMasters Gravel bid for crushed gravel at \$8.25/ton. McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Schnell, seconded by Longville to accept McMasters hauling bid at \$.35/ton. McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Hope to approve resolution 105-23. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Bumann to approve the coco basket quote from Kinsman for \$664.07. All in favor, motion carried. s

Council discussed the community room windows, decided that during budget season- they need to be budgeted for in 2024.

Council discussed applying for the land and water conservation grant, in which the grant is a 50/50 grant. After a long discussion it was decided to save funds every year for pool reservations. A main topic from Greg Maag was getting the pool house ADA compliant.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Longville to approve Brenda Klug and Amber Hesse using the park area for the Town & County vendor show. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug presented photo canvasses for the community room, which involve out picture and new pictures. Council discussed the price, needing to budget large expenses. Also considered buying half this year and the other half next year; decided to put the topic on the next meeting.

Inventory was reviewed, Longville inquired about anything that needs to be surplusd.

2023 Ambulance Roster: Josh Buer, Laurie Casper, Linda DeMarteleare, Cody Doren, Scottie Hojer, Bonnie Nelson, Diane Oldsen, Joseph Schnell, Rhonda Thull, Shane Waikel, Andrew Wienk, James Wilde, Monica Wilde, Cristy Wookcock, and Paul Wuestewald.

Cooks wastepaper has hired there rates this year by 4%, council had a long discussion on the increase. Last year they ate the amount, but moving forward the council is trying not to. Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters approve an increase of \$.50 on the single trash can and the price of an extra trash can; \$12 to \$12.50 and \$18 to \$18.50. All in favor, motion carried.

Zeek stated that he would like to go into executive for legal. Bumann inquired if we would have storage room for a Kingsbury Transit van/bus. Council discussed the garage bay where the older ambulance used to be stored. Bumann inquired about the zoning of a home that the new owners are turning into apartments.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by Longville to go into executive session at 8:50 pm for legal and personnel. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 9:12 pm.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Hope to hire Rachel Jensen for 2023 summer help at \$15/hr. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Andy Wienk, Mayor

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