

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday February 5th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday February 5th, 2024 at 7pm. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, Donna Bumann, Allen Wilde, Jeremy Woodcock, Rick Olson. Via teleconference: John McMasters. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Dave Gutzmer, Brandi Olson, Jim Wilde, Brett Anderson, Joe Schnell, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates, Terry Sass.

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

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Woodcock to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Schnell gave the yearly ambulance report. Calls have been slow recently. Discussed certification renewals, saving money on EpiPens, and they had their yearly Christmas party. And the ambulance is always looking for volunteers.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to surplus the old mosquito sprayer to other municipalities, Woodcock amended his motion, seconded by Olson to surplus it for no less than \$2,000 to municipalities. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Wienk read aloud a letter from Banner Associates, stating that the city received bids from 3 companies for the new water tower. The low bid was from Maguire Iron out of Sioux Falls- the base bid is \$2,255,000.00. In which surpassed the funding package from the state, although funding remains from Phase 1 and Phase 2A can be utilized. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to accept the water tower bid from Maguire Iron contingent on DANRs approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay explained the proposed paving project for 2nd St NE between Park Ave N and Spring Ave N. Also, Main Ave N from the railroad tracks to the 5th St intersection.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Olson to approve the 2nd St NE & Main Ave N contract with Banner Associates. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Bumann to approve January 9th regular meeting minutes with the change of Wilde stated instead of inquired. All in favor, motion carried.

Bumann stated that the liquor committee had met, they are working on the new liquor ordinance. A new operator's agreement was discussed extensively, a previous agreement has not been found for the Legion. Since Prairie Ag Partners is a brand-new license, an agreement needs to be finalized. Gutzmer discussed a few codified laws with the council. After a long discussion it was decided to table the agreements until the March meeting- so council can review them.

Zeeck stated that there was a leak in the water tower, Maguire Iron came and repaired it. Zeeck and Bumann have done some updating in the city hall foyer and the community room kitchen. February 28th, they have MSHA training in Brookings, contact hours. Zeeck inquired about a local using the baseball bleachers for a bull sale. A time-lapse of the water tower being taken down was discussed, Zeeck planned to get a few quotes.

Klug stated that she had started work with Amber Nelson as far as the advertising signs at the baseball field. Klug discussed starting work towards the deadwood grant for the gazebo in the park, updating ordinances, and 1st District updating our zoning ordinances.

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

A & B Business \$76.70, printer contract; Amazon \$280.30, library books; Avera Health Plan \$635.01, health ins.; Banner Ass. \$654.00, GEVO wastewater; Cooks Wastepaper \$2,723.14, city trash; Core & Main \$3,368.76, water; Dakota Pump \$780.00, cloud 9 contract; Deb Miller \$38.02, books/supplies/DVDs; DOR \$257.18, taxes; Farmers Implement \$1,220.82, skid steer; First District \$772.50, 2024 dues; Foley & Foley Law Office \$150.00, March fee; Glacial Lakes \$240.00, membership; Henry Schein \$583.79, Amb. supplies; Homestead \$191.76, com. room tiles; Hyrdo Tech \$1,759.50, repair 4" pipe by tower; Jerry Brown \$600.00, 3 spruce trees; Kingbrook Rural Water \$6,475.50, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kramer Mechanical \$846.30, new heater installed; Lake Co International \$1,127.50, skid steer brush; LP Auto \$2,830.58, dump trucks; Metropolitan Compounds \$196.20, freight; Northwestern Energy \$1,607.42, natural gas; Office Peeps \$54.80, office supplies; Ottetail \$2,627.45, electric; Overdrive \$600.00, library; People \$84.96, mag. sub.; City of Lake Preston \$186.84, petty cash; Prairie Ag Partners \$2,164.29, city/FD/Amb.; Smithsonian Alumni Discount \$14.99, mag. sub.; Valley Fibercom \$215.44, phones/internet; Van Diest \$313.00, mosquito sprayer check; Milbank Winwater \$2,123.48, water; Amazon \$514.52, office foyer; DANR \$71.76, Doug/Brian training; Execubanc \$54.40, bank fees; Oldham Saloon \$642.99, Amb. party; Tax1099 \$46.20, filed 1099s; Unemployment \$108.05, 4th quarter; USPS \$159.63, water bills; Voiceshot \$40.00, messaging/texting; Walmart \$137.00, 3in1 vacuum; BX Civil & Const. \$11,330.30, phase 1 dust control; Halme \$303,707.50, PR #16; Halme \$320,457.27, PR #17; Meierhenery Sargent LLP \$20,020.00, Water Tower; Rounds \$188,350.23; phase 2A; SDARW \$3,250.00, phase 1.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by Bumann to approve January's financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

No building permits.

Klug stated that the code enforcer had reached out, he inquired about resuming inspections in March.

Motion by Wilde, seconded by Olson to approve ordinance 462-24. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug updated the council as far as finding a boys baseball coach, still looking.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Olson to approve the agreement from ELO for the 2023 audit. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug presented info from the city's current website company, which in the next 3 years its price keeps increasing. Klug got a quote from a local website company, Avid Hawk, finding out they were very reasonable. Council and Klug discussed the changeover, a lot of residents utilize the paying with a card feature. Motion by Bumann, seconded by Woodcock to switch to Avid Hawk for the city website. All in favor, motion carried.

Weink stated that our city attorney recommends not recording meetings at all, due to it being misused online. Wilde stated that he would offer a computer, letting residents come in and watch the meetings. Council discussed the idea of Facebook lives again, with commenting and share turned off. Wienk requested that Olson, Woodcock, and Wilde be the public relations committee, meet before March's meeting to discuss.

Notice for bids were discussed, council decided to add 2 items: excavator and back hoe.

Council set the equalization meeting on March 20th @ 6pm, Klug will reach out to the school board.

Klug read aloud the current wages per hour of 2024: Marla Bertsch-Library fill-in-\$11 Finance Office fill-in-\$15; Doug Bumann-\$22.91; Brenda Klug-\$22.17; Deb Miller-\$15.00; Rodney Olson-\$20; Brian Zeeck-\$25.46. Councilmember regular meeting \$100, special meeting \$50. Mayor regular meeting \$120, special meeting \$60, quarterly \$500. Committee meetings \$10.

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 Wakiel, Jon Wienk, Alex Juba, Hunter Flanagan, Mike Jenkins, Lance Rademaker, Andrew Wienk, Cody Doren, Jared Erstad, Tim Kramer, and Kasey Menzel.

Current Ambulance Roster: Josh Buer, Laurie Casper, Linda Demarteleare, Cody Doren, Scottie Hojer, Teresa Krogman, Bonnie Nelson, Diane Oldsen, Joe Schnell, Rhonda Thull, Shane Waikel, Andrew Wienk, Jim Wilde, Monica Wilde, Cristy Woodcock, Jeremy Woodcock, and Paul Wuestewald.

Olson stated to keep gravel road traveling to minimum, several streets need extra maintenance due to thawing.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Olson to go into executive at 8:31pm for legal.

Council came out of executive session at 9:05 pm.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Andy Wienk, Mayor

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