

Regular Meeting of
Lake Preston City Council
Monday March 11th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday March 11th, 2024 at 7pm. 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, David Fields from the Kingsbury Journal, Chrissy Paul from the museum board, Mike Strande, Terry Sass, Deb Miller for the library, Andrea Miller, Brady Malone, Dave Gutzmer, Brian Verhey, Austin Strande, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

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

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Woodcock to approve the agenda with 2 changes: remove Rounds Pay Request and 1 of the senior/disabled tax freezes. All in favor, motion carried.

Todd Brown presented 3 petitions to the governing board. Proposing a new form of government, which would be to discard the 3 ward precincts. Instead, have an at large precinct; but continue to have 6 aldermen and 1 mayor. Wilde and Brown discussed the pros and cons that go along with the potential change. Brown was certain that the city would not lose any funding or grant packages. Some concern was discussed about representation from all 3 areas of town. This will be added to the April 9th ballot.

Chrissy Paul presented the yearly museum report; they have been working towards their May opening. Lots of new things happening, they are starting a project to get more kids to visit. Paul inquired about a front gutter leaking over the front door. Volunteers are always needed, and appreciated. They have started a large project with QR codes and history, the codes will be posted at various locations and businesses throughout town.

Deb Miller presented the yearly library report; she has submitted the 2023 library report to the state. In 2023 the library had 23 new patrons; the summer reading program was also a hit. The state park library passes were discussed and viewed by the council. Margaret Wildes term was approved for a 3-year term as a library trustee. Upcoming events is an Easter craft and story time for kids. National library week is coming up in April, Miller will be having refreshments throughout that week. Miller thanked the council for her raise and bonus this last year. Also thanked the council and Brenda for all the support she gets.

No public comments.

Cedric Hay explained that phase 1 grant dollars need to be used up by April 28th. Pay request 18 consists of \$701,052.87- \$164,069.65 will be paid out to Halme right away, the remainder of the money will sit in the cities bank account for the time being. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to approve Halmes pay request for \$701,052.87. All in favor, motion carried.

Phase 2B state meeting is March 28th, awarding a funding package. Hay discussed having a preconstruction meeting the beginning of April for the water tower project. The foundation work is to begin in April, there could be a month or two gap between foundation work and tower work. February 29th the TAP grant was awarded to the city, phase 1 consists of the sidewalks along HWY 14. The whole project will be done by the DOT as that is who the grant is through. Spring Ave and Park on 2nd St /Main Ave from the railroad to the 5th street corner was discussed; hoping to have proposals the beginning of April.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Woodcock to approve February 5th regular meeting minutes. Hope abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

Brian Verhey stated that the ordinance was similar to Brooking's ordinance, Bumann and McMasters stated that they had reviewed/used DeSmet's and Bruce's ordinances. Video lottery machine fees were discussed from the ordinance. Council and audience had a long conversation about the ordinance, and the previous

ordinance. Motion by Bumann, seconded by Woodcock to approve the first reading of ordinance 463-24. Roll call, Wilde Nay. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk read ordinance 463-24, 15 pages aloud.

Motion by Olson, seconded by McMasters to approve the operating agreement between Prairie Ag Partners and the City. All in favor, motion carried.

Dave Gutzmer stated that the legion was still looking for their original agreement. Council discussed a law stating a 5-year rule pertaining to operating agreements, no one could place the SDCL number. Continued conversation on where the original operating agreement was, Wienk stated that regardless of where it's at it wouldn't be a valid agreement due to state law. Gutzmer stated that the original agreement renews every 5 years. Gutzmer and council continued a lengthy conversation about needing an operator's agreement to operate. Wienk stated that the city would be checking with city attorney and the DOR- pertaining to needing an agreement in place.

Zeeck mentioned the water tower claim; both Bumann and him attended a MSHA training class. Zeeck was aware of the museum gutter issue; he had spoken to Paulette. The end of the month he plans to be gone on vacation; they have planned accordingly if a snow storm happens. Hope inquired about the new grass seed; Zeeck stated that its dormant-some touch up work needs to be done.

Klug stated that our district 2 meeting is April 3rd in Madison, council members let her know they would like to go. Cooks had contacted about spring clean-up April 26th- May 9th. Grants for the park gazebo deadlines are June 1st and October 1st, which means no work can be done till 2025. Klug discussed a new printer lease for 36 months, lowering the monthly price. Equalization meeting is set for March 20th at 6pm, Brett Anderson will be attending from the school board.

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

A & B Business \$80.76, printer contract; Amazon \$236.03, library books; American trust ins. \$259.00, FD equipment; Avera Health Plan \$635.01, health ins.; Avid Hawk \$1,024.00, website fee; Banner Ass. \$3,256.23, DB/ applications; Connecting Point \$60.00, splash top fee; Cooks Wastepaper \$2,903.20, city trash/city dumpster; Crossroads \$16,182.10, Amb pymt; DOR \$233.25, taxes; Elite drain & sewer cleaning \$550.00, sewer outside service; ELO \$7,500.00, 2023 audit; Foley & Foley Law \$529.50, attorney fees; Henry Schein \$294.44, Amb. supplies; lamresponding \$1,450.00, 5 year term Amb.; Kingbrook Rural Water \$6,356.50, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$2,080.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$674.52, publishing; Lowes \$1,183.23, gen. gov.; M&T Fire \$420.16, FD; Maguire Iron \$6,500.00, water tower repair; Maynards \$58.53, gg supplies/fo supplies; Northwestern Energy \$1,437.57, natural gas; SD One Call \$1.05, 811; Ottertail \$3,563.98, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$889.83, city; Public Health Lab \$30.00, water testing; Team Lab \$1,914.00, bugs plus/sewer; Valley Fibercom \$223.61, phones/internet; Winwater \$166.63, water; Amazon \$103.87, t-paper/clock; Execubanc \$69.40, bank fees/deposit box; Moody Co Sheriff \$100.00, amb.; SDSU Commercial App License \$60.00, both West Nile licenses; US Bank \$18,289.39, phase 1 payment; USPS \$302.95, water bills/stamps; Voiceshot 420.00, messaging/texting.

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

Building permits were reviewed.

Klug stated that she had spoken to Tim Austin, he mentioned doing a loop around town before construction starts. Wienk stated that that would be a great idea, maybe indicate in the letters that we are not sending official letters out yet—but to just be aware.

Klug updated the council as far as finding a boys baseball coach, discuss in executive.

Council discussed the recording of video, after a brief discussion it was determined to not FB live anymore but to record audio and video for the city use only.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Woodcock to approve a senior/disabled tax freeze in the amount of \$221.70 from the county. All in favor, motion carried.

Council reviewed all petitions.

Wienk explained the new project of getting advertisement signs at the baseball field, like Arlington. This will help with the upkeep etc. of the field as well as equipment. Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to approve charging \$250 for the first year (purchase of sign), then \$150 for renewal. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug stated that the state came to review our Phase2B application, she had discussed a rate study on our water and sewer rates. This would make sure we are on track with all the loans, and making sure the city can stay afloat.

Due to having federal dollars/ARPA from Phase 2A, the 2023 audit is more extensive than they originally thought. Motion by Olson, seconded by Hope to approve the agreement from ELO for the 2023 audit, for \$15,000. All in favor, motion carried.

Bids were opened: Wilde Construction- gravel hauling- 1 ¼ screened gravel \$11.70/yard \$9.00/ton. McMasters Gravel- screened gravel delivery \$7.55/ton, crushed gravel delivery \$8.75/ton, hauling-single .50/ton mile, double .17/ton mile. Jake Hausch Construction- Excavation \$150/hour, \$250 mobilization fee. Motion by Bumann, seconded by Olson to accept McMasters bid for screened and crushed gravel. McMasters & Wilde abstained. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Olson, seconded by Hope to accept Jack Hausch Construction bid for excavating. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to accept McMasters bid for hauling. McMasters and Wilde abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wilde, seconded by Hope to hire Marla Bertsch, Jan Mobley, and Pat Tvinnereim as election workers for \$150 each. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussed fill-in librarian wage, as minimum wage has gone up.

Council reviewed the 2024 inventory.

Wilde commented on the signing of petitions, Klug stated she would check with the state. Woodcock stated that the legions operating agreement needed to be worked out for the April meeting.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to go into executive at 9:26 pm for personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 9:43 pm.

Motion by Woodcock, seconded by McMasters to hire Ryne Greene as the 2024 summer help at \$14/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Bumann to increase Marla Bertsch librarian fill-in wage to \$12/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hope, seconded by McMasters to hire Mandy Doren as the 2024 pool manager at \$16/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hope, seconded by woodcock to hire Bre Jensen as the 2024 baseball coach- coaching 6U and Bumann volunteering to coach 8U. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

Andy Wienk, Mayor

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