

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Ledene, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Carlson. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Lerol, Daniel Swenson – Ackermant-Estvold, Randy Mehlhoff, Mike Herman & Kris Hillaert with Burke County Tax Department and the auditor.

Mayor Albertson called the tax equalization meeting to order. Hillaert presented the following increase changes to valuations: 8727-1,065; 8737003-11; 8410001-2,400; 87310106-1,065; 8703-77,000; 8726-1,094; 8729-1,035; 8731-2,901; 8679001-6,000; 8727001-231; 8489000-15,591; 8727002-9; 8560-2,856; 8733001-9; 8733002-675; 8731001-108; 8732-921; 8733-949; 8735-325; 8737-560; 8739-385; 8744-760; 8481001-45,372; 8509-137,815. Presented decrease changes to valuations: 8659-53,300; 8687-19,223; 8428-24,772. A city-wide reassessment is scheduled for 2020. Vanguard has been hired by the county to re-evaluate all grain elevators in the county. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Carlson to accept the changes as presented by Hillaert. Motion carried. Tax equalization meeting adjourned.

Mayor Albertson called the regular council meeting to order. Audrey Thorlaksen entered the meeting.

Discussion was held on Legion Hall improvements including: entrance mats, upstairs kitchen, bathroom dividers, hot water heater, under stage storage, new chairs, new windows in NE corner. Thorlaksen left the meeting.

Swenson gave the engineering report.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Carlson to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Ledene to approve financial report. Motion carried.

Landfill/Bldg Permits: Clean-up Week is tentatively set for May 7 – 12. Celeste Moody and Ben Tarap entered meeting. Discussion was held on removal of junk cars and appliances. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Griesbach to approve Moody Massage Therapy building permit for building renovation. Motion carried. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve Kenny MacDonald building permit for a garage. Motion carried. Mehlhoff left the meeting.

Discussion was held on business sidewalks. Brad Streifel and Jarret VanBerkom entered the meeting. VanBerkom and Moody will contact businesses not in attendance and compile square footage report for the sales tax committee meeting

Streets: Discussion was held on painting angle parking spots on Main Street.

Water/Sewer: Lift station maintenance has been completed. Water mains will be flushed once the weather warms up.

Police report for March: calls for service-29; cases investigated-4; misdemeanors-2; Felony-0; accidents investigated-0; DUI arrests-0; arrests-1; citations-1; warnings issued-12; Cases to SAA-2; Admin/Court-0; parking issues-0; animal complaints-0; animal tags sold-0; finger prints-0; domestic violence/juvenile cases-3; assist BCSO-1; assist PLA/PLFD-0; bar checks-3; school checks-2; foot patrol-9; door checks-0; vehicle unlocks-1; noise complaints-0; public assists-4; safety talks-0; alarm calls/911-1; calls/misc-34; vehicle miles on patrol-797. Hunter Ed class is completed. Schwab has resigned his position as of April 29. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Ledene to advertise to fill the second officers position. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Old Business: This round of oil impact grants requires a contractors bid instead of estimates to complete the application. Council decided against applying for this round of oil impact grant since there is a cost of bidding out the project to receive contractor's bids.

New Business: City goals for 2018 were discussed. Albertson will contact the PSC regarding weed control on the BNSF Railroad right of way in town. Discussion was held on the burning of a pit within corporate limits. Lerol referenced the City of Powers Lake Code of Ordinances Article 2 – Smoke – Gases, which addresses nuisance smoke.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Carlson to approve the first reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE 25, OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF POWERS LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RELATING TO PROHIBITION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPASSION CENTERS. Motion carried.

Council took no action on the R&T Water District letter.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Griesbach to approve the raffle permit application for Knight of Columbus. Motion carried.

Sales Tax Committee recommendations were discussed. Motion by Ledene, seconded by Griesbach to approve an additional \$5,424.00 interest buy-down for Celeste Moody Massage Therapy for building improvements and start-up costs. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to pay the following bills: Ackerman-Estvold-4971.23, Black Mountain Software-3281.00, Burke County Tribune-350.76, Cenex-1298.04, Circle Sanitation-6454.50, County Store-258.20, DSG-2494.08, First District Health-44.00, Health Chemistry Lab-11.77, ITD-27.10, IDT-600.00, John's Sand and Gravel-9150.00, Kenny MacDonald-27.10, MDU-2698.85, MGA-140.00, Randy Mehlhoff(training)-287.60, NCC-435.09, NDFOP-66.00, ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Service Co-675.00, Ramkota-83.70, Staples-343.20, Verizon-228.44, Liz Beavers-483.95, Todd Lerol-4550.50, Kenny MacDonald(city)-1250.10, Kenny MacDonald(watershed grant)-1502.29, Randy Mehlhoff-2975.15, Alex Schwab-2975.15, Jennifer Titus-1944.54, NDPERS-1862.61, IRS payroll taxes-4774.42. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 9, at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned.

John Albertson, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor