

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on September 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Moen, Parslow and Holmen. Also present were Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, Dustin Olson, Russell Holmen, David Sellie, Chief Leighton, Burke County Deputy Chris Almile, Burke County Deputy Griffin Nelson and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm. Mayor Enget called the meeting to order, called for public comment and no public comment was voiced.

The preliminary 2026 budget hearing was opened. The 2026 general fund levy is \$42,802.77. No public comment was voiced. The preliminary 2026 budget hearing was closed.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen approve the August 8 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to approve the August fund balance statement as presented. Motion carried. The auditor presented a Verizon account fraud report, which has been turned over to BCI.

Lanfill/Bldg Permits: Parslow stated there has been some issues with people dumping in the landfill after hours. Closing date for the landfill will be Thursday, October 16, 2025 (weather permitting).

Streets/Legion Hall: Moen will contact John Kulstad for 2025-2026 snow removal. Discussion was held on the painter purchased for painting curbs – getting too late in the season for good paint retention.

Police: Deputy Almile introduced the new hire for Burke County Sheriff's office, Deputy Nelson. Chief Leighton stated he has been busy his first couple weeks. Leighton is requesting a Trucks 20 mph for Railroad Ave in addition to the one in the school zone and he will contact the county. Discussion was held the new police pickup – Ford has pushed back the previous order now until the 2026 models come out. Leighton has located in-stock police pickups in different states. He will present the quotes at the special meeting Tuesday, September 16. Leighton has personally purchased a 2018 Chevy Tahoe for the police department. Mayor Enget asked Leighton if he had received council or councilmember approval to purchase the vehicle. He stated he had not and apologized. He purchased it since the 2012 Tahoe is in need of repairs. Holmen, Griesbach, Moen voiced consensus of accepting the 2018 Tahoe. Moen asked about reimbursing Leighton for the 2018 Tahoe – tabled. The council's consensus was that the 2012 Tahoe will be repaired and placed out for bids.

Mayor: Mayor Enget has been in touch with the 4H group in charge of the military banner project. After harvest, the 4H parents will inventory and repair banner hanging as needed. Powers Lake is having their annual Pumpkin Spice event. Discussion was held on the Loc-Ales special event with motorcycle burnouts and street barricading. Special event permits will now include the times approved for the event.

Kenny MacDonald entered the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Old business: Holmen still has not been able to obtain an electrical bid for the entrance cameras. Discussion was held on the old Wes' Garage owned by Savages. Leighton presented some information on an USDA grant for a community building. The auditor will follow-up with USDA.

New Business: Discussion was held on ordinance 9.18 motorized scooters. Chief Leighton will do some education at the school for motorized scooter rules for safety. Junk vehicle ordinance was reviewed. Discussion was held on protective covenants on Hegstad Subdivision and will be on the agenda in October. Sellie requested council takes a look at the damaged curb and gutter in front of his home.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to pay the following bills: Adobe-20.99, Brosz Engineering-735.00, Burke County Tribune-99.60, Catalis-2241.82, Cenex-373.71, Circle Sanitation-7966.75, Country Store-398.84, First District Health-30.00, Edwards Service-150.00, Ellvanger Plumbing-240.00, Hawkins-3133.31, ITD-103.40, Jack Sawyer Asphalt Paving Seal Coating-12780.00, Johns Sand & Gravel-161.25, Jorgenson Lumber-75.210, MDU-2688.60, NCC-573.94, One Call Concepts-3.00, Powers Lake Parkboard-1148.17, Ronald Peters-80.00, Staples-158.88, Verizon-250.66, Liz Beavers-1050.13, Patrick Leighton-4430.43, Kenny MacDonald(city)-3035.27, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-193.01, Jeff Parslow-372.35, Bonnie Peters-3077.13, Jennifer Titus-2674.65, NDPERS(retirement)-1418.87, NDPERS(Def Comp)-750.00, IRS payroll taxes-3902.11. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, October 6 at 6 pm.

Motion by Moen, seconded by Parslow to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor