

City of Powers Lake  
Regular Meeting  
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Moen and Holmen (via phone). Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvold, Dustin Olson, Kristy Olson and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order and the hearing on the 2025 preliminary budget. No resident comments were voiced. The 2025 preliminary budget hearing was closed.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report – the Clean Water SRF application is due in October.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen approve the August 5 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the August 14 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Moen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the August fund balance statement. Motion carried.

Landfill & Building Permits: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen to approve the building permit for Kilpatrick for a greenhouse attached to her home. Motion carried.

Streets & Legion Hall: Tanya Hill contacted Moen and gymnastics will be using the Legion October-November and January -February on Wednesdays. Discussion was held on camper sewer dump station. Dust control was done in August. Tables and chairs at the Legion are not available to be rented out. Discussion was held on Legion Hall rental checklist. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen to set a Legion Hall key rental deposit of \$100 and a cleanup deposit of \$500 when the Legion is rented. If the key is returned and the cleanup is satisfactory the deposits will be refunded. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Water & Sewer: The water tower is being cleaned and touch-up painting done.

Police report for August: calls for service-30; citation-4; warnings-9; fingerprints-5; assist PLA/PLF-4; school checks-1; bar checks-5; alarm calls/911-7, misc & phone calls-102, total vehicles mileage-1873. The Burke County Sheriff's office has declined to take phone calls when Chief Allard is off duty. Allard has contacted state radio to take these phone calls. Chief Allard presented the council with 3 quotes for police vehicles on dealer lots and discussion was held. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to purchase a 2024 F150 Supercrew Police-145 from Jim Shorkey Ford for \$55,735 plus \$2,000 delivery fee. Roll call vote: Griesbach-aye, Moen-aye, Holmen-aye. Motion carried. Holmen left the meeting. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen to approve the quote from K-Squared for installation of additional electrical outlets in the police office for \$2,230.63. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Chief Allard would like to purchase some promotional items to attend some job fairs for recruitment. Motion by Moen,

seconded by Griesbach to purchase a table runner, banner, pens, sticky notes. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Mayor: Splashpad is being used. October 4<sup>th</sup> is Pumpkin Spice Day put on by the community club.

Old business: Nothing new on the community/multipurpose building. Motion by Moen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the bulk water community grant of \$5,000 and bulk water community short-term loan of \$10,000 to the Powers Lake Parkboard to pay off the remaining splashpad bills. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. The council agreed to install solar lights at the south entrance sign instead of trenching power to the sign.

New business: Tim with H&H Coating entered the meeting and shared an update on the water tower work being done and left the meeting. Information on the Souris Basin Planning Meeting, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> was shared with the council. MacDonald will contact Commissioner VanBerkom about the city installing a no engine brake sign on Railroad Ave from the east entrance. Discussion was held on speed bumps and speed limit signs requests by Windmill Park and Lake Park. Motion by Moen, seconded by Griesbach to purchase and install 15 MPH speed limit signs around Lake Park. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen to approve the 5-year contract renewal with Circle Sanitation for garbage pickup. Residential rates increase by \$.50 years one and two; increase \$1 years three, four and five. Commercial dumpster rates increase depending on the size of the container. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. MacDonald has had a request from NW Vet clinic to place customer only parking signs for in front of their building.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen to pay the following bills: Burke County Auditor-437.50, Burke County Tribune-157.44, Cenex-497.08, Circle Sanitation-6901.25, Country Store-153.04, First District Health-30.00, Griesbach Construction-1320.41, Hawkins-1893.71, ITD-73.80, Lexipol-2051.14, Midstates Wireless-575.04, MDU-3002.81, NCC-394.05, One Call Concepts-4.50, Prairie Ford-138.40, Valli-75.00, Verizon-256.65, Western Dakota Energy Association-2020.40, Bryton Allard-4499.09, Liz Beavers-958.82, Carey Kilpatrick-132.98, Kenny MacDonald(city)-27969.12, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-801.04, Jeff Parslow-310.30, Bonnie Peters-2225.87, Jacob Roberts-4371.28, Jennifer Titus-2546.77, NDPERS(retirement)-2316.89, NDPERS(Def Comp)-800.00, IRS payroll taxes-5647.92. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, October 7 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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Kari Enget, Mayor

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Jennifer Titus, City Auditor