

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Ledene, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Carlson. Also present were Daniel Swanson with Ackerman-Estvold, Kenny MacDonald, Chief Lerol, and the auditor. The meeting was called to order by Council President Carlson.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report. Motion by Ledene, seconded by Griesbach to approve pay request #2 to Gratech Company for \$567,546.93. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ledene, seconded by Hockenbary to approve financial report and transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund for snow removal. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Ledene to approve the declaration of a snow removal emergency due to the increase cost of snow removal with the above normal snowfall in December. Motion carried.

Streets: Reminder – when the snow removal equipment is in town, please move your vehicles off the streets and do not push snow from driveways/sidewalks into the street.

Police report for December: calls for service-28; cases investigated-4; misdemeanors-4 Felony-0; accidents investigated-1; citations issued-2; traffic warnings issued-8; DUI arrests-0; parking issues-6; vehicle unlocks-0; animal complaints-0; animal tags sold-0; finger prints-0; fight calls-0; domestic violence/juvenile cases-0; assist other agencies-1; bar checks-0; arrests-3; calls/misc-23; vehicle #1 mileage-470 miles; vehicle #2 mileage-237 miles. Discussion was held on the second officer grant position that will be completed in April. The estimated cost to continue this position from May to December, including salary, benefits, training, vehicle expense, is \$48,000. Funding is included in the 2017 budget. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to continue the funding of the second officer through December, 2017. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Old Business: Albertson will be in contact with the new railroad lease contact in January.

New Business: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Ledene to approve the budgeted 6% raises effective January 1, 2017. Roll vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Discussion was held on park board motion to approve a \$200/month stipend per member for 2017. The motion for the stipend was made after the finalization of the 2017 park board budget. Since the stipend was not included in the 2017 budget, it can not be paid to park board members in 2017 as per North Dakota Century Code 40-49-10.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to pay the following bills: Ackerman-Estvold-4183.75, Burke County Treasurer-884.400, Burke County Tribune-77.70, Cenex(November)-1452.94, Circle Sanitation-5613.75, County Store-225.34, First District Health-22.00, Fiesel Law Office-300.00, IDT-600.00, ITD-27.10, Jennifer Titus-94.19, John's Sand & Gravel-29382.50, Kenny MacDonald-39.42, MDU-2736.15, NCC-426.57, Radisson Hotel-163.80, Alex Schwab-774.90, Verizon-236.64, W-5 Excavation-1000.00, John Albertson-554.10, Liz Beavers-401.69, Darrell Carlson-277.05, Arlo Griesbach-277.05, Tyler Grubb-46.17, Derek Hockenbary-277.05, Betty Ledene-277.05, Todd Lerol-4253.32, Celeste Lindberg-46.17, Kenny McDonald-658.73, Jeff Parslow-46.17, Alex Schwab-2641.92, Jennifer Titus-1687.24, Jarret VanBerkom-1131.63, NDPERS-1510.77, IRS payroll taxes-4493.48. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, February 6, at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned.

Darrell Carlson, Council President

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor