

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Griesbach, Parslow(via phone) and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, and the auditor.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 8:00 am.

The 2024 budget hearing was called to order. Hearing no comments from residents the hearing was closed.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen approve the September 7 minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the 2024 budget with a general fund levy of \$40,696.65. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Landfill/Building Permits: Landfill will be open Wednesdays (5-8pm) & Saturday (9-noon) during the month of October – weather permitting. Landfill will be closed after October 28.

Streets/Legion Hall: The city council and MacDonald would like to thank Mrs. Loeks and the Powers Lake Robotics team for volunteering to paint city curbs.

Water/Sewer: The disaster grant requirements for the water/sewer generators has made it financially unfeasible – the cost to the city will be less without applying for the grant. The water/sewer line has been installed at to the elevator's building. Replacement of the smaller lift station pump may need to be done this fall instead of next spring.

Police report for September: calls for service-46; cases-5; misdemeanors-3; crashes-1; arrest-3; warnings-19; case to SAA-2; landfill calls-1; animal tags-1; finger prints-1; domestic/juv-2; assist PLA/FD-2; school checks-2; unlocks-2; bar checks-4; alarm calls/911-5, Misc & phone calls-173; # of miles-1358. Ford has increased the price of the new police vehicle by \$8,000; Allard has applied for a grant to help off-set the cost of equipment for new police vehicle; calls for service has increased to 38 in August from 27 in July; would like to sell the old department revolver – council approved.

Mayor: Community Club & businesses held the Pumpkin Spice & Everything Fine Festival September 29th and Cornhole under the Lights was September 30th. There are two benefits planned – October 8 is for Kenobi Roberts & October 15 is for Gentry Hockenbary. Trunk or Treats will be at the fire/ambulance halls on Halloween from 5-7.

Old business: Community building was tabled. Still looking for a city pickup. MacDonald contacted Skar and the city is on the list for fall tree trimming but he is short on help so may be spring.

New business: Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the liquor license transfer for the 109 bar for the Fitzgerald/Gunderson wedding dance provided paperwork is filed. Roll

call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the Cenex prepay LP program for 4,000 gallons at \$1.49. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Griesbach brought an issue of 25 mph zone on 91st Ave north of town to the council. A concerned party noticed there is no increase of speed zone - this is a township issue.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to pay the following bills: Ackerman-Estvold-540.00, Burke County Tribune-111.52, Bryton Allard-596.93, Cenex-604.28, Circle Sanitation-8200.75, Country Store-583.82, First District Health-30.00, Hawkins-2065.02, ITD-80.70, Kenny MacDonald-60.41, MDU-3048.94, NCC-391.70, One Call Concepts-3.90, ND League of Cities-325.00, Powers Lake Parkboard-1407.78, SM Services-3500.00, Souris Valley Regional Lodge-75.00, Jennifer Titus-562.39, Uline-79.84, Vali-81.84, Verizon-255.83, Bryton Allard-4155.06, Liz Beavers-799.01, Craig Deitz-346.31, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2617.06, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-780.82, Bonnie Peters-1780.91, Jerry Stone-235.49, Jennifer Titus-2420.77, NDPERS(retirement)-1349.33, NDPERS(Def Comp)-750.00, IRS payroll taxes-4208.29, ND State Tax Commissioner-175.62. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to adjourn at 8:40 am. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor