

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on October 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Moen and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Jonathon Yunker with Yunker Law, Lisa Thomas (via phone), Laticia (via phone) and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Council President Griesbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen approve the September 9 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Financial report was presented. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to approve the final 2025 budget with a general fund levy of \$41,832.94. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Landfill & Building Permits: Closing date for the landfill will be October 19th. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to approve the building permit for Barney Jorgenson for a shop east of his home with approved zone use of residential. Motion carried.

Streets & Legion Hall: Council granted permission for school to use legion hall chairs for the "Consumed by Fire" concert October 9. Griesbach stated the gymnastics enclosed trailer may need to be moved for snow removal through the alley and access for food pantry.

Water & Sewer: H & H Coatings water tower report was reviewed. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to approve the 5-year water tower maintenance contract with H & H Coatings for \$4,450.00/year. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Police report for September: calls for service-30; cases-1; misdemeanors-1; citation-6; warnings-5; fingerprints-6; domestic/juv-1; assist PLA/PLF-2; unlocks-1; bar checks-2; alarm calls/911-4, misc & phone calls-93. Abandoned vehicle was impounded; assisted other agency with vehicle pursuit; multiple city ordinance violation cited. A complaint has been filed with the city auditor's office by Lisa Thomas/The Historic Hygge Hotel regarding an unanswered phone call by Chief Allard during an emergency event. A draft response letter from city attorney Amber Fiesel was presented for council review. Discussion was held. Holmen requested the police department schedule to be presented to council at the next meeting.

Old business: Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to approve the community club placing the business sign on Hegstad Subdivision by the landscaped hydrant. Motion carried.

New business: Motion by Moen, seconded by Holmen to approve LP prepay to Farmers Union Oil for 4,000 gallons of LP at \$1.50/gallon. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Moen, seconded by Holmen to approve the Burke County and City of Powers Lake Joint Powers Agreement as presented for the multi-community chip sealing project. Motion carried. Thomas asked if Chief Allard has resigned. No resignation letter has been received by the council.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to pay the following bills: Adobe-20.99, Braun Trucking (dust control)-8895.00, Burke County Tribune-132.02, Catalis-2114.70, Cenex-328.97, Circle Sanitation-6901.25, Country Store-156.68, First District Health-30.00, H&H Coatings-15227.18, Hawkins-1210.23, ITD-73.80, John's Sand & Gravel-115.00, Jorgenson Lumber-10.95, Liberty Insurance-339.00, MDU-3035.31, NCC-398.52, ND Surplus Supply-300.00, One Call Concepts-1.50, Powers Lake Parkboard-968.08, RoadTrafficSigns.com-72.55, Share Corp-1318.71, Uline-370.00, Valli-75.00, Verizon-256.72, Bryton Allard-4328.08, Liz Beavers-833.26, Arlo Griesbach-88.66, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2869.19, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-333.39, Bonnie Peters-2437.10, Jennifer Titus-2546.77, NDPERS(retirement)-1535.16, NDPERS(Def Comp)-775.00, IRS payroll taxes-4255.12, ND State Tax Commissioner-144.75. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, November 4 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Arlo Griesbach, Council President

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor