

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on November 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Moen, Parslow and Holmen. Also present were Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, Chief Leighton, Burke County Deputy Howard, Ronald Peters, Jarret & Brenda VanBerkom, Dustin Olson, Audrey Thorlaksen, Jesse Puckett, Hunter Savage, Chuck Kranz, Danielle Peterson, Randy Streifel, Carey Kilpatrick, Derek Hockenbary, Kenny MacDonald and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order; called for public comment. Comments were heard regarding concerns about the police department's impact on business and the broader reputation of Powers Lake. The commenters requested for improved officer demeanor and relationship with the community; want focus on treating people respectfully, even during traffic enforcement. Chief Leighton addressed circulating rumors within the area and it was not his goal to be perceived in a negative manner. Council committed to revisit the situation at the next meeting; public is urged to use official complaint forms (available on website). Residents are reassured complaints can be directed to the police commissioner or mayor; strong condemnation of any potential retaliation against complainants. Public comment ended at 7:03 pm and the following left the meeting: Thorlaksen, Streifel, Hockenbary, Peterson, and Kranz.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the final pay app for the chip seal project as presented by Brosz Engineering for \$3,298.99. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen approve the October 6 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to approve the October fund balance statement as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the cashing of the equipment reserve CD when it matures. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Landfill/Bldg Permits: Waiting for snowfall to burn the landfill.

Streets/Legion Hall: The legion bathrooms were used when the 4-plex had sewer issues.

Water: Tower recirculation line has been repaired. Lift station annual inspection has been completed. Hydrants were flushing October 2.

Police report for October: calls for service-40; misdemeanor arrest-1; total arrests-1; total stops-36; citations-15; written warnings-4; verbal warnings-17; admin-10; school checks-10+; door checks-2; alarm calls-1; phone calls-137. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to hold the

Back the Black grant check-\$2,819.54. Funds for the grant need to expended by March 2027. Roll vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Discussion was held on credit card bond payments.

Mayor: Light Up Night is November 22 and Bakken Cookfest 2026 will be held in Powers Lake on 7-16-2026. The old newspapers are still be digitized by State Historical Society.

Old Business: Covenants for Hegstad Subdivision need more review.

New Business: Two bids were reviewed for automatic door openers at the city hall building. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to approve the quote of \$7,987.00 from Fargo Glass for automatic door openers on the city hall door and senior citizen door. An electrician will need to be hired to complete the install. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to approve the bid for a 4' X 9'8" basket for the tele-loader from Acme Tools for \$3,375.00. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Tele-loader should be delivered in December.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen to pay the following bills: Adobe-20.99, Burke County Clerk of Court-150.00, Burke County Tribune-141.93, Cenex-548.94, Circle Sanitation-8152.25, Core & Main-193.25, Country Store-1298.09, Dakota Fire Extinguisher-58.59, First District Health-30.00, H&H Coating-16800.00, Heck Built-68.00, ITD-103.40, Jorgenson Lumber-10865.00, Kenny MacDonald-85.19, LexiPol-2576.31, MDU-3218.78, Modern Marketing-1345.05, NCC-576.93, ND League Cities-629.00, One Call Concepts-1.50, Verizon-99.93, Liz Beavers-776.18, Patrick Leighton-4430.43, Kenny MacDonald(city)-3035.27, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-193.01, Jeff Parslow-147.39, Jennifer Titus-2674.65, NDPERS(retirement)-1418.87, NDPERS(Def Comp)-750.00, IRS payroll taxes-3056.29. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 2 at 6 pm.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor