

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on November 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Parslow, Moen and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Dustin Olson, Carey Kilpatrick and the auditor.

A moment of silence was observed for our nation's election.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow approve the October 7, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the renewal of building reserve and equipment reserve CD's when they mature in December. Motion carried. Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen to approve the fund balance statement as presented. Motion carried.

Landfill & Building Permits: Landfill is closed for the season.

Streets & Legion Hall: Council will revisit putting gravel by RV dump at Lake Park and dust control in the spring. Griesbach stated the gymnastics enclosed trailer will need to be moved by the Legion.

Police report for October: calls for service-49; cases-1; misdemeanors-1; citation-11; warnings-11; case to SAA-1; landfill calls-2; animal complaints-1; fingerprints-6; assist PLA/PLF-6; school checks-3; unlocks-1; bar checks-1; alarm calls/911-9, misc & phone calls-138. Chief Allard has submitted his resignation effective November 17, 2024. A proposal for surveillance camera system from Flock Safety was reviewed. For 4 cameras, the first-year cost would be \$26,000 and then \$12,000 yearly. This system would need to be monitored by a law enforcement department. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to gather more information and additional quotes on surveillance cameras. Motion carried. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to allow Chief Allard to retain his badge and pistol. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. The council accepts Chief Allard resignation and wishes Allard the best in his new position. Mayor Enget and police councilman Holmen will meet with Burke County Sheriff. Kilpatrick voiced her support for Chief Allard as she feels he was a good fit for our community. Reminder to all residents – law enforcement issues need to be addressed by calling 911.

Mayor: Council would like to remind residents that vehicles are only allowed to be parked on city streets for 72 hours. Moveable objects are only allowed on city streets for 48 hours. Chief Allard will put notices on vehicles/moveable objects in violation. Discussion was held on generators for city hall, ambulance and fire hall. Light up night is November 29th with Parade of Lights at 6:30 pm. Santa breakfast is December 7. Bikes at Windmill Park will be removed. A

tree grant has been applied for to help with tree removal, stump grinding and tree planting in the city parks.

New business: Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to allow Celeste Moody to use the city logo on coffee cups and merchandise. Motion carried.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to pay the following bills: Adobe-20.99, Burke County Tribune-93.48, Cenex-379.14, Circle Sanitation-8487.50, Dakota Fire Extinguishers-76.55, Dept of Env Quality-131.07, First District Health-30.00, ITD-73.80, Jorgenson Lumber-75.65, MDU-3157.12, NCC-401.89, Rudolph Electric-971.10, Trittech Forensics-175.31, Uniform Center-46.35, Valli-75.00, Verizon-299.33, Bryton Allard-4328.08, Liz Beavers-947.40, Carey Kilpatrick-29.56, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2777.56, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-910.56, Jeff Parslow-495.00, Jennifer Titus-2546.77, NDPERS(retirement)-1535.17, NDPERS(Def Comp)-775.00, IRS payroll taxes-4017.17. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, December 9 at 6 pm.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor