

City of Powers Lake  
Regular Meeting  
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Griesbach, Parslow and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, Dustin Olson and the auditor.

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

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

Auditor: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the November fund statement. Motion carried.

Engineering: Ackerman-Estvold gave the timeline of the lead service line inventory.

Landfill/Building Permits: Appliances/metal pile has been loaded into dumpsters from Chamley's. Reminder to residents: all freon must be drained from appliances prior to entering the landfill.

Water/Sewer: Small lift station pump has been replaced. Hydrants were flushed in November but ice in the tower caused some issues.

Police report for November: calls for service-33; cases-3; felony-1; arrests-1; citation-1; warnings-15; Case to SAA-1; finger prints-1; domestic/juv-2; assist PLA/FD-2; school checks-3; bar checks-4; alarm calls/911-3, Misc & phone calls-114; # of miles-1574. An applicant for the second officer will be interviewed; Back the Blue grant from the ND Attorney General's office has been received; increase in calls for mental health/juvenile/young adult; evidence intake has increased with the rise in calls for service. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to split the Back the Blue grant as follows: \$2,884.50 to Chief Allard as a retention bonus and \$2,884.50 to new officer after 6 month probation period is completed. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Discussion was held on salary for interview of new officer. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve second officer starting salary of \$50,000/year, upon completion of a satisfactory 6 month probation period the salary would increase to \$52,000/year; \$650/month housing allowance; gross income in lieu of insurance-\$780/single or \$1,000/family; NDPERS-Law Enforcement retirement; vacation/sick leave per the policy manual. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Mayor: 12/8 businesses open late & school scavenger hunt, 12/21 last day of school, Light Up night/Parade of Lights was successful. Food Pantry met their goal of donated food items and received a \$500 grant.

Old business: Discussion was held on community building, city pickup, city hall roof and multi-use building across from city hall. Griesbach will have a concept drawing done for the multi-use building to include meeting room/police station/food pantry. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to move forward with city hall roof project once a written quote has been received

New business: Discussion was held on Hegstad Subdivision. The city will apply to the sales tax board for funding to run advertisements for the Hegstad lots on the radio. MacDonald and Ackerman-Estvold will inspecting the second cell of the lagoon for future project. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to give \$75 Powers Lake Bucks & voucher for free turkey or ham from Prairie Pride Foods to city employees. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen to pay the following bills: Bryton Allard-286.60, Burke County Auditor-172.50, Burke County Tribune-86.10, Cenex-413.00, Circle Sanitation-7595.75, Comfort Solutions HVAC of ND-307.00, Country Store-195.00, First District Health-225.00, ITD-80.70, John's Sand & Gravel-2182.50, MDU-3128.11, NCC-393.35, Radar Shop-302.00, SM Services-1300.00, Vali-81.89, Verizon-262.94, WSI-199.69, Bryton Allard-4177.94, Liz Beavers-616.38, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2746.99, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-157.92, Jennifer Titus-2420.77, NDPERS(retirement)-1324.33, NDPERS(Def Comp)-775.00, IRS payroll taxes-3484.71. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6 pm.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to adjourn at 9:26 am. Motion carried.

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Kari Enget, Mayor

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Jennifer Titus, City Auditor