

City of Powers Lake  
Regular Meeting  
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Holmen, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Carlson. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Bethanie Letch, Nathan Halvorson, Ward Heidbreder with ND Water Systems, Sheriff Brien, Chief Lerol, Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, and the auditor.

Mayor Albertson called the meeting to order.

Letch and Halvorson gave an update on the splashpad matching grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund/ND Parks & Recreation. They have received notification of approval for matching up to \$100,000. Grant agreements will be signed in May or June, 2022, so parkboard has six months to continue fund raising. Individuals wanting to make a tax-deductible donation to the splashpad can use the ND Community Foundation ([www.ndfc.net](http://www.ndfc.net)) – Powers Lake Community Enhancement Fund. A separate parkboard bank account will be setup to keep splashpad funding separate from general parkboard fund. Jason Harris with Dakota Playground will meet with the council in January.

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

Auditor: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the November financial report. Motion carried. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to approve the pledge report as presented. Motion carried.

Landfill & Building Permits: Hockenbary ordered solid tires for the bobcat.

Streets & Legion Hall: Holmen has been in contact with the new county road worker – Mike Miller. Griesbach is changing filters and checking the furnace at the Legion Hall.

Water/Sewer: MacDonald presented an estimate to update the sewer lift stations alarm system to the new system used for the water tower for \$12,608.28. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the update the system. Heidbreder gave an update on national/state policy on blackflow prevention cross connection control. The city needs to update their current water/sewer ordinance to reflect this policy. This ordinance amendment will be on the January agenda. Heidbreder left the meeting.

Police report for November: calls for service-25; cases-2; misdemeanors-1; accidents-2; citations-3; warnings-10; case to SAA-1; landfill calls-3; assist BCSO-3; assist PLA/FD-2; school checks-3; unlocks-1; bar checks-4; alarm calls/911-3; Misc/phone calls-73. Vehicle milage -715. Notes: city has 2 – M4 rifles and parts belonging to the feds; Lerol's last working day will be Dec 10; the police house will be cleaned the last week of Dec; Lerol requests purchasing a couple items. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the sale of the following items to Lerol: badge - \$0, Glock 23 - \$425, active shooter kit - \$563.55, personal body armor vest - \$0. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. As per the officer agreement, Lerol's sick leave hours will be paid out at the end of the year. Albertson and Griesbach will call

references on the three applicants for the chief of police position and conduct interviews. A special meeting will be called once these interviews have been conducted.

New business: The Golf Association is requesting the city pay the liability insurance on the golf course – cost is approximately \$25. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the city adding the golf course onto their liability insurance. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Discussion was held on enclosing the city hall entrance to help with heat loss and door frosting issues.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to pay the following bills: Black Mtn Software-56.00, Bryton Allard-144.68, Bryton Allard-500.00, Burke County Tribune-199.60, Cenex-1745.93, Circle Sanitation-7658.50, Country Store-360.03, Edwards Service-150.00, First District Health-200.00, Arlo Griesbach-300.00, H&H Coatings-1035.51, Hawkins-2590.00, ITD-21.20, Integraph-725.52, Johns' Sand & Gravel-375.00, Jorgenson Lumber-9.50, MDU-2325.07, NCC-447.51, NDLC-210.00, One Call Concepts-3.75, Rudolph Electric-2870.56, Staples-241.14, State of ND Chemistry Lab-198.60, Verizon-198.79, Bryton Allard-3080.33, Liz Beavers-547.90, Todd Lerol-3419.60, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2846.67, Kenny MacDonald(watershed grant)-193.01, Jennifer Titus-2246.56, NDPERS(retirement)-2088.92, NDPERS(Def Comp)-2175.00, IRS payroll taxes-4295.48. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, January 3 at 8: 00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

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John Albertson, Mayor

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Jennifer Titus, City Auditor