

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Carlson, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Lerol (via phone), Lisa Thomas, Loretta Stetz, Amber Fiesel-city attorney (via phone) Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvold, and the auditor. Mayor Albertson called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board for approval of an application requesting zone change from residential to commercial for Katerina Holmen, PO Box 306, Powers Lake, ND 58773 for property described as parcel 08727002 – subplot A of Outlot 7, NW1/4SW1/4 Section 25-159-93, City of Powers Lake, Burke County, North Dakota for a bakery. Councilman Holmen requested to table the application as a new location is being explored. Tabled.

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

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the following transfers: \$50,000 from General Fund to Building Reserve Fund, \$35,000 from Water Fund to Building Reserve Fund, and \$20,000 from General Fund to Hwy Fund. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to approve the November financial as presented. Motion carried.

Landfill/building permits: Hockenbary will file a burn application for the landfill.

Streets/Legion Hall: Griesbach has repaired the gutter at the Legion Hall. MDU has installed street lights at the Catholic Church and on 4th Ave. Holmen has also requested repair to a light in the park. Holmen has spoken with a school board member and the parking lot lights will be adjusted as requested. Albertson has spoken with Cenex to remind the LP driver to keep the LP tank at the Legion filled. Griesbach will check the furnace filters at the Legion and has been disinfecting as needed.

Water/Sewer: The lift station pump has been pulled and checked.

Police report for November: calls for service-30; citations-2; warnings-17; animal complaints-1; assist BCSSO-5; PLA/PLFD calls-3; door checks-1; door unlocks-1; alarm calls/911-2; Misc/phone calls-56. Police office closed for non-essentials, routine patrol continues.

The formal complaint from Lisa Thomas against Chief Lerol and Chief Lerol's written response were discussed. Mayor Albertson stated the written complaint did not contain specific times, dates or witness statements. Discussion was held with Thomas and Stetz on their concerns. Thomas requested a copy of Chief Lerol's response letter and was given a copy. Lisa Thomas, Loretta Stetz and Amber Fiesel left the meeting.

Old business: Motion by Carlson, seconded by Holmen to approve the quote from the NDFlagguy was presented for a 30 ft flagpole in front of city hall for \$4,219.30 which includes installation. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Discussion was held on the RV park rates. The auditor presented a listing of rates from around the area and our rates are comparable.

Discussion was held on Christmas banners and wreaths – they will need to be replaced the coming years.

The city council would like to thank the community club and organizers of the Parade of Lights and events from the December 5th weekend.

Discussion was held on the old fire hall. The city will need a quote to tear it down. Before it is torn down there needs to be a place to store the equipment (fogger/generator/mowers) and decorations located in the building. Discussion was held on constructing a building next to the city shop.

Hockenbary will have the bobcat taken in for service and repairs. It also needs solid tires or foam filled tires.

Mayor Albertson requested the council's opinion on mask mandate.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Carlson to appoint Carey Kilpatrick to the Powers Lake Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to pay the following bills: First District Health-25.00, First District Health (RV park license)-175.00, Bryton Allard-500.00, Burke County Tribune-123.24, Cenex-800.97, Circle Sanitation-6578.00, Country Store-89.29, ITD-28.45, Jorgenson Lumber-28.75, MDU-2322.00, NCC-398.27, NDLC-210.00, One Call Concepts-2.40, Powers Lake Park Board-2910.89, Share-1127.08, Staples-1066.26, Titan-1848.38, Verizon-244.00, Bryton Allard-3009.00, Liz Beavers-479.40, Todd Lerol-5027.28, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2903.42, Kenny MacDonald(watershed grant)-219.33, Jennifer Titus-2181.19, NDPERS-2028.08, IRS payroll taxes-4447.95. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Holmen stated he had received a verbal complaint from Mike Gunderson that Chief Lerol visited his daughter multiple times over a parking issue. Chief Lerol addressed the council regarding complaint. No citation was issued.

Next meeting is Monday, January 4 at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

John Albertson, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor