

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on March 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Moen, Parslow and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Sheriff Throntveit, Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvold Engineering, Dustin Olson, Patrick Leighton, Joe Rivers, David Sellie, Lindsey Jensen, Renae Evensvold, Scott Carlson and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm. Mayor Enget called the meeting to order.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report.

The Powers Lake Quarterback Club is requesting funding to help pay for a new football scoreboard. Motion by Moen, seconded by Griesbach to approve a bulk water community grant for the amount of \$10,000 for the scoreboard. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Carlson left the meeting.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen approve the February 6 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Moen, seconded by Parslow to approve the February fund balance statement as presented. Motion carried.

Streets & Legion Hall: MacDonald presented a paint sprayer quote for painting curbs for \$2,595 & \$209 for the hand wand. Motion by Parslow, seconded by Griesbach to approve the paint sprayer. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. The chip-sealing project will be completed the week of June 2 and the pre-construction meeting will be in Powers Lake the first week of April.

Water & Sewer: There have been multiple freeze-ups of water service lines along with a couple of empty homes have had burst pipes inside. Reminder to residents: even though the weather has been nicer, water lines can still freeze.

Police: Leighton has acquired his limited license from the ND POST board, and working on getting a spot in the June 2 academy in Bismarck. The limited license allows Leighton to perform administrative work until the academy; while patrolling is limited to patrol with a training officer. Sheriff Throntveit stated the county commissioner would like a representative from city council to attend the next commissioner meeting to discuss the training proposal. Discussion was held. Motion by Moen, seconded by Holmen to approve the hiring of Patrick Leighton as Chief of Police with a start date of March 10, 2025; starting salary is \$50,000/year; gross income in lieu of health insurance \$1,000/month; NDPERS-public safety; vacation/sick leave per the city employee policy manual; and providing the city house as housing. Roll call vote: Griesbach-aye; Holmen-aye; Parslow-nay; Moen-aye. Motion carried. Leighton will sign the police training agreement stating he will pay back the city expenses during the time he attends the academy if he does not complete academy or leaves the position within two years of completion of academy.

Mayor: The mayor solicited input on a survey for SB2390 regarding small town grants through the regional planning councils, Northern Charm is moving into their new building and Thistle Grove is getting ready to open.

Old business: Discussion was held on the quote from NCC on surveillance camera at the entrances to town and along with adding cameras in the city parks. Council feels that a public input meeting to hear resident's opinions is needed. A public meeting has been set for Monday, April 7, 5:00-6:00 pm with the regular meeting to follow. Evensvold and Jensen left the meeting. Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance 9.0803 BE IT ORDAINEDE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWERS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA The Ordinances of the City of Powers Lake shall be amended to reads as follows: 9.0803 Parking of Motor Vehicles

1. It shall be unlawful, within the limits of the City of Powers Lake, for any person to park a semi-truck or semi-trailer, on any street, alleyway, highway, or other public place, or on any tract of land owned by any other person without permission, except for emergency or temporary stopping as set out section 3 below. This section does not include the following:
 - a. City owned semi-truck or semi-trailer
 - b. Semi-truck or semi-trailer contracting, working, or acting on behalf of the City
2. It shall be unlawful, within the limits of the City of Powers Lake, for any person to park any motor vehicle, except semi truck or semi trailer as set out in section 1, longer than 72 hours on any street, alleyway, highway, or other public place, or on any tract of land owned by any other person without permission, excluding city business district provided in this article. This section does not include city owned motor vehicles.
3. Emergency or temporary stopping or parking is permitted on any street or highway for not longer than 1 hour subject to any other and further prohibitions, regulations, or limitations imposed by the traffic and parking regulations or ordinances for that street or highway.

Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the City of Powers Lake Purchasing and Procurement Policy as presented. Motion carried. Discussion was held on Loc-Ales request to partition off a portion of the bar and have a restaurant in the evenings til 8 pm. Council requests to verify the proper health department inspections are in place before approving – tabled until April 7 meeting.

Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen to pay the following bills: Adobe-20.99, Axon Enterprise-1818.66, Border Plains Equipment-911.88, Brosz Engineering-427.50, Burke County Auditor-463.80, Burke County Sheriff-400.00, Burke County Tribune-309.96, Cenex-47.99, Circle Sanitation-7862.50, Country Store-156.08, First District Health-30.00, ITD-63.65, John's Sand & Gravel-4132.50, MDU-3522.26, MFOA-40.00, Motorola Solutions-5220.00, NCC-394.62, Staples-252.99, Valli-75.00, Verizon-256.75, Liz Beavers-456.58, Kenny MacDonald (city)-3060.34, Jennifer Titus-2674.65, NDPERS(retirement)-667.20, NDPERS(Def Comp)-750.00, IRS payroll taxes-2031.37. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, April 7, 2025: resident input on cameras at 5 pm; Tax Equalization at 6 pm; regular meeting to follow.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor