

City of Powers Lake  
Regular Meeting  
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on April 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Parslow, Hockenbary and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, Darrell Carlson, Zeke Isakson, Dustin Olson, Sheriff Deputies Mueller & Almilie, Mark Enget, Brandy Zepp-Burke County Tax Director, and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Enget called the tax equalization meeting to order. Brandy Zepp presented the 2024 Net Taxable Valuation as \$1,242,385 with only one increase of net taxable valuation of \$3,170 to parcel 08727003. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to approve the 2024 valuation as presented. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Tax equalization meeting adjourned. Zepp left the meeting.

Mayor Enget called the regular meeting to order.

Mark Enget addressed the city council regarding rural water. He has spoken with rural water and was informed that city council declined the last offer from R&T Rural Water to allow the city to keep income from bulk water sales at the same rate the city would charge their residents for rural water. The example given by R&T Rural Water (Sept, 2022) was a rate of \$6/1,000 gallons (for 12 million gallons sold) for a retained bulk water income of \$72,000. 2023 bulk water income was \$238,500. Discussion was held and no action was taken. Mark Enget left the meeting.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen approve the March 4 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to approve the March fund balance statement. Motion carried. Discussion was held on equipment rental for banner change-outs. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the city auditor to apply for a city credit card through Liberty State Bank. Motion carried.

Landfill & Building Permits: Clean-up Week will be May 13-18. Discussion was held on curb-side pickup for landfill items. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Parslow to hire Craig Dietz as the landfill attendant again in 2024 with a \$1/hr raise. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to approve the new landfill fee schedule as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to approve MacDonald's building permit for a deck. Motion carried.

Streets & Legion Hall: Gymnastics will be completed for the season and be cleaned out of Legion this week. Street crack sealing machine will arrive end of April. Display cabinets will be

moved out of the lower level of the Legion onto the main floor. Discussion was held on potholes in Peterson Street.

Police report for March: calls for service-40; cases-4; misdemeanors-1; felony-1; arrests-1; citation-2; warnings-3; Case to SAA-2; animal tags-1; fingerprints-2; domestic/juv-1; assist PLA/PLFD-4; school checks-3; unlocks-2; bar checks-17; alarm calls/911-7, Misc & phone calls-168, total vehicle mileage-1202. Officer Roberts assisted with easter egg hunt at school; multiply boxes of evidence have been moved to new evidence room; PD policy being reviewed; increase in calls for serve along with cases and crimes; no update of the new squad vehicle; PD will attend Youth Safety Event at the school 4/4.

Isakson and Carlson left the meeting.

Mayor: Mayor and auditor attended the NDLC Spring Workshop; Youth Safety Event is 4/4; Dollars for Scholars is 4/7; Juneberry Day is set for June 20.

Old business: Griesbach presented a concept drawing for a police/multiuse building. Radio ad wordage for Hegstad Subdivision was reviewed. The city is working with the city attorney on a resolution to hire a realtor for Hegstad Subdivision. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to approve the work for city hall roof to be done by White Buffalo Roofing. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

New business: Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to approve the Tree City Proclamation setting Arbor Day as April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Powers Lake Days is being planned by the community club for August 9-11, 2024. NDLC informational webinar on the proposed property tax elimination measure is April 11.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Parslow to pay the following bills: Affordable Funeral Supply-249.88, Amazon-452.97, Axon-1818.66, Bismarck State College-825.00, Burke County Tribune-84.46, Circle Sanitation-6946.75, Country Store-975.67, First District Health-30.00, Galls-2.49, ITD-68.30, Jacob Roberts-650.00, Jennifer Titus-467.83, John's Sand & Gravel (Feb)-3712.50, John's Sand & Gravel (March)-10207.50, Kari Enget-227.80, Locators & Supplies-2224.25, MDU-2944.36, Midstate Wireless-198.27, NCC-393.42, NDLC-300.00, NDPOA-40.00, Souris Basin Planning Council-150.00, Uniform Center-46.35, Valli Information Systems-82.11, Verizon-255.95, Bryton Allard-4328.08, Liz Beavers-479.40, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2871.48, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-315.84, Jacob Roberts-4325.06, Jennifer Titus-2546.77, NDPERS(retirement)-2286.83, NDPERS(Def Comp)-800.00, IRS payroll taxes-4680.12, ND State Tax Commissioner-91.35. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, May 6 at 6 pm.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion carried.

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Kari Enget, Mayor

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Jennifer Titus, City Auditor