

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Ledene, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Carlson. Also present were Daniel Swanson with Ackerman-Estvold, Kenny MacDonald, Chief Lerol, Terry Andersen, Kris Hillaert-Burke County Tax Director, Mike Herman, Andrew Dosch and the auditor.

Tax Equalization meeting was called to order by Mayor Albertson. Burke County Tax Director presented valuation changes of increase to parcels: 8727 by 4105; 8731016 by 1,010,756; 8703 by 92,000; 8659 by 73,860; 8426 by 27,000; 8575 by 102,753; 8585 by 17,472; 8509 by 85472 and decreases to parcels: 8640 by 5,000; 8696 by 27,000; 8731 by 5,245; 8732 by 5,213; 8733 by 1,059; 8735 by 1,675; 8737 by 1,523; 8739 by 5,968; 8744 by 3,850. Discussion was held on 8696 – fuels tanks are not removed yet. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Carlson to accept the valuation changes as presented. Motion carried. All grain elevators will be re-assessed by professional assessor in the coming year. Tax Equalization meeting adjourned. Hillaert, Herman and Dosch left the meeting.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report. Estimate from Gratech to take out rumble strip and re-paint lines on Hwy 50 is \$57,035.81. Council wants estimates from different companies. Discussion was held on walking path from the school to Main Street on the south side of road with cross walks at Ledene Street and Main Street. Final plans should be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on street sweeping and landfill with Terry Andersen. Andersen left the meeting.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ledene, seconded by Griesbach to approve financial report. Motion carried.

Landfill/building permits: Cleanup week set for May 1st-6th at the landfill. Building permits: Turley – garage (approved). Discussion was held on outstanding building permits.

Streets: Keller paving will be in the area during May for any patch work. Albertson will contact the chip sealer about getting additional streets chip sealed this summer.

Water & Sewer: Power outage during March storms caused trouble with water well controls but has been fixed. Reminder: sump pumps can not be hooked into the city sewer system.

Police report for March: calls for service-47; cases investigated-3; misdemeanors-2; Felony-1; accidents investigated-1; DUI arrests-0; arrests-0; citations-0; warnings issued-20; parking issues-1; animal complaints-2; animal tags sold-1; finger prints-0; domestic violence/juvenile cases-0; assist other agencies-3; bar checks-4; school checks-8; foot patrol-7; door checks-1; noise complaints-0; public assists-2; safety talks-0; alarm calls/911-1; calls/misc-44; vehicle

miles on patrol-453. Lerol and Schwab will be attending Active School Shooting Training in Tioga; Hunter Ed March 1 – April 1; Lerol will use grant funds for a camera system in City Hall.

Sales Tax Committee recommendations: Motion by Ledene, seconded by Carlson to approve grant to the General Fund from New Homes & Municipal Improvements Fund for \$20,093.47 to cover Legion Hall repairs. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Ledene, seconded by Griesbach, to approve \$4,000 interest buy-down for the Food Barn's walk in cooler project. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Ledene, seconded by Hockenbary to approve \$4,000 interest buy-down for Country Store purchase of embroidery machine. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Ledene left the meeting.

Discussion was held on two applications received for the maintenance position. Albertson and Griesbach will conduct interviews this week. Council will have a special meeting Monday, April 10 at 8:00 am to discuss interviews.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Carlson to pay the following bills: 1st District Health-22.00, Ackerman-Estvold-347.50, Burke County Treasurer-1170.25, Burke County Tribune-111.50, Burlington Electric-1042.76, Circle Sanitation-6131.00, County Store-1325.66, Fiesel Law-100.00, Galls, Inc-122.93, Griesbach Construction-5000.00, Hawkins-994.33, ITD-27.10, John's Sand & Gravel-8677.50, Jennifer Titus-400.54, Kenny MacDonald-39.066, MDU-2680.60, Municipal Government Academy-140.00, NCC-426.88, RMH Heating/AC/Plumbing-2020.00, Alex Schwab-500.00, Souris Basin Planning Council-159.43, Super Circuits-999.99, Taser International-202.56, Floor House-4701.34, USPS-283.00, Verizon-228.10, Liz Beavers-443.050, Todd Lerol-4194.64, Kenny McDonald-1416.98, Alex Schwab-2756.14, Jennifer Titus-1785.08, NDPERS-1625.23, IRS payroll taxes-4418.68. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next regular meeting is Monday, May 1, at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned.

John Albertson, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor