

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Ledene, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Carlson. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Police Chief Lerol (via phone), Jeff Parslow, Jason Skar, Haley Carlson and the auditor. Mayor Albertson called the meeting to order.

Jeff Parslow requested funding assistance for the summer rec program in the amount of \$4,000. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the funding request for \$4,000. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Parslow left the meeting.

Haley Carlson with the Acro Stars Gymnastics addressed the council regarding the continued use of the Legion Hall. They would like to expand their program in Powers Lake and are requesting to anchor uneven bars and quad set bars to the floor of the stage. The anchors are flush with the floor and will be covered if not in use. The gymnastics group has been cleaning the hall and providing the use of their equipment to the daycare. Equipment/mats are removed in the event of a meeting or wedding dance. Carlson presented a \$500 check to the city for the use of the Legion Hall. The council approved the installation of equipment and continued use by the Acro Stars Gymnastics. Carlson left the meeting.

Jason Skar asked the council to waive the landfill charge set in June 2019 for tree trimming services since he does not collect a landfill charge from residents. Council agreed to waive the fee. Skar left the meeting.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Griesbach to approve the financial report. Motion carried. The auditor requested guidance on budget preparation with the decrease in oil and gas revenues.

Landfill/building permits: Building permits for Elizabeth Lee (roof over patio) and Chris Turley (fence) were approved. Burn permit for the landfill has been approved.

Water/Sewer: Water tower stack pipe has a leak and will be repaired when H&H Coatings comes to clean the tower this summer. Gustafson Septic will finish jetting the sewer mains.

Streets/Legion Hall: Griesbach will have KEM look at the asphalt at the intersection of Main & 2nd Ave. Valley gutters continue to be replaced. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to have the auditor file the Souris Basin CDBG grant pre-application for a platform lift at the Legion Hall. Total estimated cost is \$395,000. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Carlson to open the Legion Hall as of June 4 with limited occupancy (75%) as per the green level guidelines set by the governor. Motion carried. No dance floors are recommended yet. The city will continue to follow the state's guidelines on ND Smart Restart.

Discussion was held on property with long grass violations. Chief Lerol will be sending certified notices.

Police report for May: calls for service-30; cases-1; misdemeanors-6; arrests-1; citations-11; warnings-8; case to SA-1; assist BCSO-3; PLA/PLFD calls-3; foot patrol-1; vehicle unlocks-1; alarm calls/911-1; Misc/phone calls-101. Mileage: 1175. Police office closed for non-essentials, routine patrol continues, junk ordinance violations-3, attended Officer Holte's funeral in Grand Forks, landfill gate opening-4.

New business: Motion by Ledene, seconded by Carlson to approve the pledge of assets report from Liberty State Bank. Motion carried. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Ledene to approve the resolution to set the city auditor's bond. Motion carried. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve the Plat of Sublot 'A' of Lot '2' of Outlot '15'. Motion carried.

Griesbach thanked Lerol and Allard for attend the funeral of fallen officer Cody Holte in Grand Forks.

Council approved opening city hall and the community room at 75% occupancy as per state guidelines.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to pay the following bills: First District Health-25.00, Bryton Allard-528.00, Burke County Auditor-150.00, Burke County Tribune-187.196, Cenex-301.44, Circle Sanitation-6459.50, Circle Sanitation(landfill dumpsters)-1815.00, Country Store-119.62, Hawkins-1464.13, ITD-28.45, Jorgenson Lumber-2500.00, KEM Concrete-25862.00, Todd Lerol-91.96, MDU-1964.09, Motion & Flow Control Products-40.00, National Tactical Officers Assoc-475.00, NCC-392.55, NDLC-90.00, ND Police Officers Association-80.00, One Call Concepts-7.20, Staples-223.17, USPS-485.00, USPS (box rent)-76.00, Verizon-245.85, Bryton Allard-3034.97, Liz Beavers-730.53, Derek Hockenbary-422.50, Todd Lerol-5027.28, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2778.09, Kenny MacDonald(watershed grant)-948.18, Micah Nelson-1642.44, Jennifer Titus-2181.19, Cory Ulledahl-346.65, NDPERS-1973.25, IRS payroll taxes-5339.65. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 23rd, at 8:00 pm for new council member oath of offices, council re-organization, and council portfolio assignments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

John Albertson, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor