

City of Powers Lake  
Regular Meeting  
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Parslow and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Austin & Ryan with Ackerman-Estvold, and the auditor.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report. Council questioned the unpaved portion of the new parking area for the Drainage Improvement project. This area was left unpaved (will be filled in with gravel) in order to meet guidelines for ADA compliance of the handicap ramp meeting with the slope of the parking area. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to approve pay request #2 from Wagner Construction for \$138,604.50. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. The project final completing date is July 31<sup>st</sup>. The council discussed with the engineers the ideas to be included in a community building concept design.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow approve the June 6 minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: The city has received \$16,844.14 from the state snow removal grant. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to approve the June fund balance statement. Motion carried. The 2024 preliminary budget reviewed. Discussion was held on the imitated measure petition to abolish property taxes and its effect on local control of all political subdivisions to levy taxes.

Landfill/Building Permits: A charge of \$10/mattress will be added to the landfill fees. The weeds have been sprayed at the landfill by MacDonald.

Streets/Legion Hall: Dust control products that are usually applied are not currently available but magnesium chloride is available with an estimated increase in cost of \$2,000 over the June estimate. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to approve the increase in cost, so the dust control can be applied in a timely manner. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to rent two port-a-potties for Powers Lake Days. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Police report for June: calls for service-29; cases-2; misdemeanors-1; crashes-1; arrest-1; warnings-10; landfill calls-1; domestic/Juv-3; BCSO assisting-3; assist BCSO-5; assist PLA/FD-1; bar checks-3; alarm calls/911-6, # of miles-1627. Discussion was held on training, administrative leave policy, Allard completed EMR class through the PL ambulance, Allard applied for the Back the Blue Grant for hiring and retention bonuses/tuition & fee payments for law enforcement trainees.

Mayor: Powers Lake Days is August 11 & 12 with National Night Out on August 11. Juneberry Days went well. Discussion was held on Talking Trails.

Old business: Haying of city owned land will be completed by the Carlson family. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance Book Chapter 12 – Article 5 Tall Grass. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Discussion was held on the roof of city hall.

New business: Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen to approve the participation letter for the Burke County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried. Motion by Parslow, seconded by Holmen to approve the purchase of cement wheel stops for the new parking area and fabrication of railings on the end of the culverts. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to pay the following bills: Ackerman-Estvold-7061.25, Kelley Billodoux (June housing)-650.00, Kelley Billodoux(July housing)-650.00, Burke County Auditor-345.00, Burke County Tribune-268.40, Catalis-1995.00, Cenex-843.00, Circle Sanitation-6990.75, Core & Main-616.36, Country Store-265.79, Dooley Enterprises-1893.74, First District Health-30.00, ITD-71.30, Keller Paving-69860.00, Kenny MacDonald-91.25, Lexipol-1935.04, MDU-2531.65, Motorola Solutions-2460.00, NCC-392.38, ND State Fire & Tornado-2487.00, ND Water Systems-310.00, NDIRF-7460.00, One Call Concepts-6.50, Powers Lake Parkboard-1188.45, Vali-81.70, Verizon-365.51, Wagner-138604.50, Wagner & Sons-13,176.00, Bryton Allard-4155.06, Liz Beavers-924.57, Kelley Billodoux-3934.27, Craig Deitz-332.46, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2500.69, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-1300.06, Bonnie Peters-2639.74, Jennifer Titus-2420.77, Kari Enget-554.10, Arlo Griesbach-277.05, Derek Hockenbary-184.70, Brooks Holmen-27705, Jeff Parslow-230.87, NDPERS(retirement)-2007.33, NDPERS(Def Comp)-750.00, IRS payroll taxes-6099.75, ND State Tax Commissioner-420.38. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion carried.

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Kari Enget, Mayor

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Jennifer Titus, City Auditor