

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on August 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Parslow, Moen and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Chief Allard, Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvold, Ken Nysether with Brosz Engineering, Dustin Olson, and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Moen approve the July meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report.

Auditor: Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to approve the July fund balance statement. Motion carried. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Landfill & Building Permits: The landfill burn permit has been approved.

Streets & Legion Hall: Moen has been in contact with Tanya Hill with the gymnastics and with John Kulstad regarding snow removal this winter. Discussion was held on A/C unit at the Legion Hall. Kaylee Bolen wedding dance is scheduled for September 27, 2025 at legion hall. The food pantry has removed an old stove in the basement and replaced with another freezer. MacDonald is looking into a paint sprayer for curb painting. Motion by Moen, seconded by Holmen to approve dust control with Braun Trucking for \$9,000 per mile. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Discussion was held on 5th Ave W. Brosz Engineering presented a cost estimate of chip-sealing streets in Powers Lake as part of a 2025 area wide project. The estimate is \$100,345.00 and would be included in the bulk water community grant budget. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to approve the participating in the project, which will be put out for bids this winter.

Water & Sewer: Splashpad water supply line has been installed along with a new gate valve by the elevator.

Police report for July: calls for service-41; cases-3; misdemeanors-2; citation-2; warnings-14; Admin/Court-1; assist PLA/PLFD-3; unlocks-1; bar checks-10; alarm calls/911-4, misc & phone calls-128, total vehicles mileage-1516. Officer Roberts attended Active Shooter Training; Thank you to Burke County Sheriff for covering for Chief Allard for family emergency; Powers Lake PD will be assisting in hosting First Responder Night Out for Powers Lake Days; calls for service same as last month; Avele eCare Crisis Care setup. Discussion was held on vehicle leasing, which was decided is not a good economic option for the department. Council advised Chief Allard to look for a different vehicle option since the Ford pickup on order has still not come in after two years. Discussion was held on multi-use building/police office.

Mayor: Powers Lake Days is August 8-12; park has removed trees and ordered tables/benches; parkboard is working on converting tennis courts to pickle ball courts; Main Street Initiative is in Watford City end of August; city tree inventory has been completed; community club is purchasing a sign to advertise community events; park is installing handicap signs along with sidewalks to picnic area.

New business: Estimate for landscaping around the south entrance sign from Sherwood Lawn & Landscape LLC for \$4,783.85 was discussed. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve the bid provided a light for the sign is installed. Mayor Enget will contact Barenthsen regarding the light. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Moen requests the police department send out letters to lots violating the junk/long grass ordinance.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to pay the following bills: Border Plains Equipment-603.15, Burke County Auditor-240.00, Burke County Tribune-116.44, Cenex (June)-1034.11, Cenex (July)-1406.13, Circle Sanitation-7581.00, Core & Main-5765.04, Country Store-389.57, Display Sales-303.00, First District Health-30.00, ITD-73.80, J&A Lawn Service-4101.00, Jacob Roberts-650.00, Jacob Roberts-332.68, Jorgenson Lumber-65.99, Liberty Insurance-10936.00, MDU-2995.97, NCC-394.86, One Call Concepts-3.00, Ronald Peters-7.00, Powers Lake Parkboard-1508.76, Prairie Ford-583.11, Rudolph Electric-247.08, Sign D'zyn-310.00, Skar Trucking-5850.00, Staples-1146.34, Titan Machinery-3672.81, USA Bluebook-149.90, Valli-150.00, SM Services-4850.00, Verizon-256.67, Bryton Allard-4328.08, Liz Beavers-1817.10, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2804.08, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-754.09, Jeff Parslow-265.96, Bonnie Peters-2737.26, Ronald Peters-64.64, Jacob Roberts-4549.85, Jacob Roberts (retention grant from state)-1864.60, Jennifer Titus-2546.77, NDPERS(retirement)-2837.26, NDPERS(Def Comp)-800.00, IRS payroll taxes-6836.45. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meetings are Monday, September 9 with 2025 preliminary budget hearing at 6:00 pm; and Monday, October 7 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor