

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Hockenbary and Holmen. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Dustin Olson, Larry Tinjum with the Burke County Historical Society, Chief Allard, Chris with Ackerman-Estvold, and the auditor.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Tinjum informed the council that the gravesite of John Powers (for which the town was named after) has been found at Lorraine, ND. Tinjum has gotten a quote from Jack's Monument for a name stone with base for \$475 plus tax. Tinjum is willing to install the stone at the gravesite. Tinjum left the meeting. The council thanks Tinjum for the interesting history lesson – discussion was held. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve a bulk water community grant for a name stone for the gravesite. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Ackerman-Estvold gave the engineering report. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to approve final pay request #3 from Wagner Construction for \$91,000.50. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. The concept drawing for a community building including a gym area was reviewed. The drawing was for a building of 120' X 175'. Using a comparable cost/sq ft of \$475 from a nearby community project, the estimated cost of the building would be \$9,975,000.00.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary approve the July 6 & 19 minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to approve the July fund balance statement. Motion carried. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to approve the 2024 preliminary budget to levy \$40,696.65. 2024 budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 2 at 8:00 am. The auditor will send out to all residents a letter regarding dumpsters.

Landfill/Building Permits: Discussion was held on landfill charges. All couches/recliners/loveseats/mattresses will have a charge of \$10 each. Shingles from outside of city limits contracting jobs will be charged \$700 to cover the cost of dumpster/loading labor. Inside city limit shingles will be charged at the trailer rate of \$150-\$400 depending on load size. Changes will need to added to the sign.

Streets/Legion Hall: Holmen will line up someone to clean up the mess left at the valley gutter project at the end of Main Street.

Water/Sewer: Tower has been cleaned and the state inspector has been here.

Police report for July: calls for service-27; warnings-14; landfill calls-1; parking complaints-1; finger prints-5; assist PLA/FD-4; unlocks-1; bar checks-3; alarm calls/911-6, Misc & phone calls-99; # of miles-1346. New department rifles have arrived; 3 applicants for officer position but waiting on background paperwork; there has been an increase in calls since June.

Mayor: Powers Lake Days is August 11 & 12 with National Night Out on August 11.
Destination grant due Aug 31 as possible funding for Talking Trails.

New business: Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to approve the beer garden application for Turley's Pub with the reminder that no persons under 21 can be in the beer garden area. Motion carried.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to pay the following bills: Ackerman-Estvold-9855.63, Black Rain-4204.00, Braun Trucking-8710.00, Bryton Allard-580.18, Burke County Auditor-460.00, Burke County Tribune-149.24, Cenex-598.05, Circle Sanitation-6990.75, Core & Main-1383.23, Country Store-201.93, First District Health-30.00, ITD-80.70, Kenny MacDonald-717.60, Jennifer Titus-728.16, MDU-2689.87, NCC-392.94, ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Service-675.00, NDPOA-40.00, One Call Concepts-2.60, Qualification Targets-95.67, Streicher's-175.78, Tom Beavers-250.00, Uniform Center-92.70, USPS-351.00, Vali-75.00, Verizon-286.25, Wagner-91000.50, Western Dakota Energy Assoc-2182.39, Bryton Allard-4155.06, Liz Beavers-913.15, Kelley Billodoux-3934.27, Craig Deitz-374.02, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2495.39, Kenny MacDonald(watershed)-1331.35, Bonnie Peters-2398.24, Jennifer Titus-2420.77, NDPERS(retirement)-2007.33, NDPERS(Def Comp)-750.00, IRS payroll taxes-5792.30. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Jake Douts requests the city waive the RV park fee for one month for an individual to run the dredge for the Watershed Project. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Griesbach to approve waiving the RV fee for one month. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 8:00 am.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Hockenbary to adjourn at 7:31pm. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor