

City of Powers Lake
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 8:00 am. Council members present were: Holmen, Griesbach, Hockenbary and Carlson. Also present were Kenny MacDonald, Police Chief Lerol, Austin with Ackerman-Estvold, Eric Werth, Kristy Olson and the auditor.

Mayor Albertson called the meeting to order.

Old Fire Hall demolition bid opening: Three sealed bids were opened. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to accept the low bid from Melby Farm & Ranch Supply/K Melby Construction/Melby Construction for \$29,000.00, with demolition to begin October 1. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Jarret & Brenda VanBerkom entered the meeting. VanBerkom's requested to purchase parcel 08679000 adjacent to their home, has no city utilities and is a portion of a waterway. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Hockenbary to accept the bid of \$2,500.00 for parcel 08679000 with a clause in the deed stating VanBerkom's and future property owners will not hold the city liable for any water run off damage. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

VanBerkoms and Werth left the meeting.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Holmen to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Carlson, seconded by Griesbach to approve the August financial report. Motion carried. 2020 Census Report has the population of Powers Lake at 385. The city is eligible for American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$44,747.39 to be used for a water/sewer infrastructure project. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hockenbary to approve Mayor Albertson and city auditor to sign the required paperwork for the ARPA.

Streets & Legion Hall: Dust control on 5th Ave/Lake Park has been completed by Braun Trucking. Holmen and Griesbach will look at the Legion storage areas for cleanup. Holmen would like to have a street light installed on the pier for lighting a possible ice skating rink on the lake. Council consensus was to install the light pole.

Water & Sewer: Water tower and lift stations annual cleaning contracts have been completed.

Police report for August: calls for service-36; cases-4; misdemeanors-3; accidents-2; DUI arrest-2; citations-3; warnings-15; Case to SAA-2; landfill calls-3; parking issues-1; animal complaints-2; fingerprints-1; assist BCSO/Williams-3; assist PLA/FD-9; bar checks-5; Misc/phone calls-101; speeding citations-5; miles-1529. Discussion was held on speed of officer when responding to a call. Lerol said speed should be reasonable and prudent to the call. Holmen stated that having the police ahead of the ambulance/fire to secure the scene of a call is appreciated.

Old business: The new siren is operational and the old siren/controls will be taken out of the old fire hall before demolition and placed out for bids.

New business: Motion by Carlson, seconded by Holmen to approve the raffle/bingo permit for the Powers Lake School/Booster Club. Motion carried. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to approve the raffle/bingo permit for the Holy Cross WELCA. Motion carried.

The council appointed the city auditor to the county commissioners re-districting board.

City auditor will be attending NDLC Fall Conference Sept 16-18.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Holmen to approve electrical outlet repairs/installation in the parks. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Discussion was held on community building with a police station included in Hegstad Subdivision. City auditor will send an email to engineer requesting a beginning plan by the October meeting.

Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Carlson to pay the following bills: Black Mountain Software-525.00, Border States-1138, Bryton Allard-500.00, Burke County Tribune-95.20, Cenex-507.52, Circle Sanitation-6752.50, Country Store-458.52, First District Health-125.00, Gustafson Septic Service-1588.00, H&H Coatings-3600.00, Hits, Inc-250.00, ITD-29.80, Jorgenson Lumber-443.55, MDU-2912.22, NCC-617.07, NDPOA-40.00, ND Sewage Pump and Lift Station Service Co-675.00, One Call Concepts-2.40, Powers Lake Parkboard-2420.62, Powers Lake School-30.00, Souris Basin Planning Council-100.00, Staples-288.60, Verizon-198.65, Bryton Allard-3222.92, Liz Beavers-844.67, Todd Lerol-3419.60, Kenny MacDonald(city)-2616.77, Kenny MacDonald(watershed grant)-1500.16, Micah Nelson-812.33, Jennifer Titus-2246.56, NDPERS(retirement)-2088.92, NDPERS(Def Comp)-2175.00, IRS payroll taxes-5145.72. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, October 4th, with budget hearing at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

John Albertson, Mayor

Jennifer Titus, City Auditor