

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 16, 2013

The April 16, 2013 meeting of the Lake Mills City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building Council Chambers by City Manager Steve Wilke. Roll Call was answered by Steve Pett, Steve Kurkiewicz, Rudy Schaar, Ed Grunden and Diann Fritsch. Also present were City Manager Steve Wilke, City Attorney Vickie Schmidt, City Treasurer Jim Heilman, and City Clerk Elizabeth Milbrath.

Election of City Council President. Motion Mr. Schaar to nominate Steve Kurkiewicz as Council President. Motion Mrs. Fritsch to Nominate Ed Grunden as Council President. Motion Mr. Schaar to close nomination, second Mr. Pett. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to elect Steve Kurkiewicz as Council President failed 1-4 with Mr. Pett, Mr. Kurkiewicz, Mr. Grunden and Mrs. Fritsch voting no. Motion to elect Ed Grunden as Council President passed 4-1 with Mr. Schaar voting no. Ed Grunden elected Council President.

Election of City Council Vice-President. Motion Mrs. Fritsch to nominate Rudy Schaar as Council Vice-President. Motion Mrs. Fritsch to close nominations, second Mr. Pett. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to elect Rudy Schaar as City Council Vice-President passed 5-0. Rudy Schaar elected Council Vice-President.

Mr. Grunden called a moment of silence in recognition of the tragedy in Boston, MA this week.

City Council Minutes. Motion Mr. Pett, second Mr. Schaar to approve the City Council Minutes of April 2, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence. Mr. Grunden received correspondence concerning traffic on Grove Street due to the Main Street Bridge closure, calls on the lake levels, bridge repair and spillway, spring brush cleanup. Mr. Schaar received several positive comments on City Staff, especially the Streets Department work on Main Street. Mr. Kurkiewicz received a question on the Wallace Park completion. Mr. Pett corresponded with residents on Gladstone Way concerned with visibility issue on the corner of Gladstone Way and Brewster Drive. Mrs. Fritsch received correspondence on the Bridge repairs.

Questions and Public Comment. Bill Penn, owner of a trailer at Sandy Beach Trailer Park and renter of a boatlift for over 20 year, in the past he had asked the Parks Board to increase the boatlift season to end October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parks Board would have increased the fee proportionately so it was not lengthened. Since the rates have increased he is again asking for the additional time. No further public comment.

City Manager Report. Mr. Wilke reviewed his report. On Wednesday the work on the dam and bridge will include driving pilings that will be loud. Wallace Park work is delayed due to the wet conditions. Fire Department Staffing Study will do interviews on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Council members need to contact Misty at City Hall to schedule an appointment. Mrs. Fritsch asked the City Manager to make sure the area residents were notified of the pile driving work on Wednesday to prevent damage to their property.

Committee Minutes: Minutes of the Plan Commission, February 26, 2013 were placed on file as presented.

Council Business:

- a. Board/Committee Appointments. None.
- b. Miscellaneous Licenses. None.
- c. Discussion/Decision on Claim for Excessive Assessment, JM Mechler, LLC. Motion Mr. Pett to amend the motion last line from Walgreen Co. to JM Mechler, LLC, second Mr. Kurkiewicz. Motion to amend passed 5-0. Motion Mr. Schaar to approve the motion to deny the claim, second Mr. Kurkiewicz. Nate Carlson from Grota Appraisal, the City Assessor explained that the Board of Review sustained the assessor's value. No evidence that it isn't fairly assessed and no validity to the claim. He recommends the Council deny claim in whole. Motion as amended passed 5-0.
- d. Discussion/Decision on Claim for Excessive Assessment, Walgreen Co. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Pett to deny the claim as stated in the prepared motion. Nate Carlson from Grota Appraisal, the city Assessor explained that the Board of Review sustained the assessor's value. No evidence that it isn't fairly assessed and no validity to the claim. He recommends the Council deny claim in whole. Motion to deny passed 5-0.
- e. Discussion/Decision on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Bids and Contract Award. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Schaar to award the bid to August Winters & Sons, Inc. City Manager Wilke detailed the multiple items included in the contract for repair or improvement. In the future, repairs and improvements will be done more frequently to avoid this type of large volume of items in one year. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. Discussion/Decision on Downtown Substation Equipment Bids and Contract Award. Motion Mr. Pett, second Mrs. Fritsch to award the bids as stated in prepared motion 13-4-2-2. City Manager Wilke reviewed the project that will remove the downtown substation and provide a loop around the lake that will provide better electric service. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Discussion on Compost Site. General discussion on composting looking at the different types available, land available, concerns, financing and what to do with the compost material.
- Mr. Kurkiewicz left the meeting at 8:30 pm.
- h. Resolution 13-10, Extending the Boat Lift Season at Sandy Beach to October 1. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mr. Pett to approve Resolution 13-10. The Parks Board has not recently discussed this extension. Mr. Schaar was on the Parks Board when this was discussed in the past. The Board felt the association should fund the need to commercially remove the lifts. Mr. Schaar felt that since the fee is already increased it is reasonable to extend the season. Motion passed 4-0.
- i. Resolution 13-11, Public Depository. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mrs. Fritsch to approve Resolution 13-11. Annual resolution, no change from last year. Motion passed 4-0.
- j. Resolution 13-12, Official Newspaper. Motion Mr. Pett, second Mr. Schaar to approve Resolution 13-12. Another annual resolution, no change from last year. Motion passed 4-0.
- k. Ordinance 1110, Amending Council Rules to Designate Robert's Rules of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Council felt it appropriate to adopt a more recent edition of Roberts Rules. List of changes will be brought to next meeting.

Recommendations for Future Agendas. Closed session at 6:00 pm on May 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss legal matters. Revisit gutters on the Municipal Building.

Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Elizabeth J. Milbrath  
City Clerk