

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2013

The September 17, 2013 meeting of the Lake Mills City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building Council Chambers by Council President Ed Grunden. Roll Call was answered by Steve Kurkiewicz, Ed Grunden, Diann Fritsch and Rudy Schaar. Also present were City Manager Steve Wilke, City Attorney Vickie Schmidt, City Treasurer James Heilman and City Clerk Elizabeth Milbrath.

City Council Minutes. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz, second Mr. Schaar to approve the City Council Minutes of September 3, 2013. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence. All Council persons received a memo regarding E. Lake St. Mr. Grunden spoke to someone about the proposed street off Pine and Elm Streets and about downtown business assistance. Mr. Kurkiewicz spoke to a resident in the Brookstone subdivision about a problem they have with water drainage. Mrs. Fritsch spoke to someone concerning placement of sexual predators in the City.

Questions and Public Comment. Steve Homann, 410 College St., has offered for sale his mother's property on Tower St, next to the former water tower site. The Public Works Board recommended not purchasing the property. He asked that the City Council consider the potential uses for this property by the City. He is willing to work with City Staff on engineering and free grading in the development. Also the Plan Commission has recommended approval of the zoning amendment for Klein & Klein LLC. And feels it is an appropriate use of the area.

City Manager Report. City Manager Wilke reviewed his report and added that the planned street work is done on S. Main and Mulberry. Mrs. Fritsch added that the city crews were out at 4am to work while traffic was light; she commended the extra effort by city employees.

Committee Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the Plan Commission, July 17, 2013 were placed on file as presented.

Council Business:

- a. Board/Committee Appointments. None. Mr. Grunden stated he will make appointments on October 8th or 15th.
- b. Miscellaneous Licenses. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to grant the tavern operators licenses to Margaret Armentrout and Terri McGeough. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. Discussion/Decision on Municipal Court Computer Software. Judge Guerrero presented to the council that he would like to implement a new computer software program call TIPSS. He feels the current system is no longer adequate and TIPSS will provide excellent support, seamless transition and will pay for itself. There are not many programs to choose from and this is being used by municipalities of various sizes. He asked that the council fund the purchase from his contingency fund so he can implement before the contract with the current software expires. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to approve funding the first installment of the cost of the software in 2013 with City Council Contingency Funds and the balance in 2014 in the budget. Motion passed 4-0.
- d. Resolution 13-31, Releasing Brookstone Homes, Riverwood Properties, Benton Land & Development LLC from Obligations under Various Development

Agreements and Bonds. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Schaar to adopt Resolution 13-31. This is a housekeeping item. Motion passed 4-0.

- e. Resolution 13-33, Retaining Lower Interest Rates on Levies of Special Assessments. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz, second Mr. Schaar to adopt resolution 13-33. Instead of periodically adjusting the interest rates this will keep the rate at 3%. The council can change the rate whenever they decide to. Motion passed 4-0.
- f. Ordinance 1115, Amending Residency Requirements, 1st Reading. The state requires the residency requirement at 15 miles. This ordinance complies with State Law. Passed to 2nd reading.
- g. Ordinance 1116, Request to Amend Zoning from General Manufacturing (I2) to Warehousing and Manufacturing (I2), Klein & Klein LLC at 246-0714-1823-001, 1st Reading. Comprehensive Plan amendment will be going to the Plan Commission in October. This ordinance needs to wait for that. Passed to 3rd Reading.
- h. Ordinance 1117, Amending Sign Regulations to Regulate Signs Applicable to Properties Abutting Interstate 94, 2nd Reading. Passed to 3rd reading.

Recommendations for Future Agendas. October 8th and 15th Budget meetings at 6:00 pm. City Council will meet October 8th instead of 1st; Budget Meeting October 22nd at 6:30 and Plan Commission will meet October 29th.

Adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Elizabeth J. Milbrath
City Clerk