

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2013

The September 3, 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 August 20, 2013. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence. Mrs. Fritsch received a call regarding the sign issue that will be discussed later in the agenda. Mulberry Street residents are asking her about street repairs. Mr. Grunden received a call about the street repairs on S. Main St., about the weeds on the N. Main St. island, tear down of buildings near the creek and tear down of the J & J Bar & Grill building.

Questions and Public Comment. Mary Doyle, 325 Washington St., Co-Owner of Doyles Dogs. Police requested they remove their sign from public property downtown. She suggested a provision to allow signs for business off Main St. under specific parameters. Patrick Doyle, 325 Washington St. Co-Owner of Doyles Dogs. Asked the City Council to keep working to find a solution. Tim Sprecher, 106 Pinnacle Dr., supports temporary signs for the off Main St. businesses and discussed what other communities do about temporary signs.

City Manager Report. City Manager Wilke reviewed his report and the additional information he distributed.

Committee Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of Lake Mills Parks Board, July 17, 2013 and L.D. Fargo Public Library Board, July 15, 2013 were placed on file as presented.

Council Business:

- a. Board/Committee Appointments. None.
- b. Miscellaneous Licenses. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to remove from the table license application from Amanda Redjinski. Motion passed 4-0. Motion Mrs. Fritsch to deny the tavern operator's license application and directed the City Clerk to send a letter that the applicant did not meet the statutory requirement, second Mr. Kurkiewicz. Motion to deny passed 4-0.
- c. Resolution 13-27, Recognition for City Service, Millicent Johnson, Currently Tabled. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Schaar to remove from the table. Motion passed 4-0. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Schaar to approve Resolution 13-27. Motion passed 4-0. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Millicent Johnson. Mrs. Johnson expressed her gratitude for the recognition and that retiring was very difficult however, she has her grandchildren to care for as a new career.
- d. Discussion on Downtown Sidewalk Signs. Mr. Grunden explained the difficulty in this situation lies in right vs. right. It is right to follow the law and right to promote business. He examined signage along Highway 26 and only found one sign that may or may not be illegally placed. Discussion on legal placement of signs near Highway 89/Main St. Mrs. Fritsch and Mr. Schaar recognize the difficulty for the business from the road closure this summer. Discussion on placement of business

advertising on I-94 and that business owners need to contact the state about that program.

- e. Discussion/Decision on Process to Fill Vacant At-Large Council Seat. Mr. Pett resigned his position effective August 31, 2013. Position needs to be filled between September 23, 2013 and October 21, 2013. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Schaar to set the deadline to submit Declaration of Interest and resume as October 9, 2013 for the at-large council seat. Action on the application will be on October 15th meeting with a non-mandatory opportunity to speak to the council followed by appointment. Motion passed 4-0.
- f. Discussion/Decision on Contract Award, Fire Department Equipment. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to approve the award of the contract to Paul Conway Shields for self-contained breathing apparatus and cylinders. Motion passed 4-0.
- g. Discussion/Decision on Contract Award, Sidewalk Repair and Replacement 2013. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to approve the award of the contract to Rennhack Construction Co., for the sidewalk repair and replacement. Motion passed 4-0.
- h. Discussion/Decision on Incubator Feasibility Study Acceptance of Phase 1 and Authorize Completion of Phase 2. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Schaar to accept Phase 1 and authorize completion of Phase 2 of the Incubator Feasibility Study. Motion passed 4-0.
- i. Resolution 13-32, County Library Tax Exemption. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to approve Resolution 13-32. Motion passed 4-0.
- j. 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. Ordinance is early since the Comprehensive Plan needs to be amended also. It can go through its' first and second reading then wait for Comprehensive Plan amendment. Planner recommended denying the request. Plan Commission recommended approving the request. Passed to 2nd reading.
- k. Ordinance 1117, Amending Sign Regulations to Regulate Signs Applicable to Properties Abutting Interstate 94, 1st Reading. Passed to 2nd reading.

Recommendations for Future Agendas. Joint EDC/CC meeting on September 12, 2013. Fire Department Study Report on September 16th.

Convene into Closed Session. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mrs. Fritsch to convene into closed session at 8:25 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Reconvene. Motion Mr. Schaar, second Mr. Kurkiewicz to reconvene at 9:40 pm.

Adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Elizabeth J. Milbrath
City Clerk