LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 11, 2026
City Hall

The following are the minutes as recorded by the City Clerk and are subject to council approval at the next regular meeting on 06/08/26

Lake Park City Council met in regular session and for a public hearing on May 11, 2026. Members present: Thiessen, Judd, deBoom, Jacobson, Sohn (arriving at 8:10). Others present: Marie Matthiesen, Melanie Summers Bauler, Lew Winkowitsch, Beth Will, Shane Arndt, Jeremy Harms, Tim Oswald, Darolyn Packebush, Dick Packebush, Carol Johnson, Shirley R. Gillespie, Marcia Schumacher, Alice Anderson, Dianne Jansen, Alice Von Holdt, Mackenzie Ashland, Mel Zevenbergen, Brandon Ehret, Ryan Carpenter, April Junge, Jalyn Lubben.

Mayor Carstensen opened the Public Hearing at 7:01PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. A hearing on the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the City thereunder. With no written or other oral comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:04PM.

Mayor Carstensen called the regular meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Moved by deBoom/Thiessen to approve the consent agenda which includes: Minutes of 4-13-26 Meeting; Financial Reports; Payroll Summary Report; Bank Reconciliation: Approval of Bills for Payment; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Judd/Jacobson to approve regular agenda; all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Police, library, street and sewer reports were in the council packets.

BUSINESS:

Moved by deBoom/Judd to approve the closure of Ave A East from Market St. to the alley from 12:00pm Aug 1 until 10:00am Aug 2 for the annual Farmers Appreciation Day street dance." All ayes. Motion carried.

April Junge stated that there are currently 21 vendors signed up for Market on Market. There are 3 nights that there will be extra activities so they would like to have Market St. closed from Ave A to Ave B on those nights from 4:00pm -7:30pm. Moved by Thiessen/Jacobson to approve the closure of Market St. from Ave A to Ave B from 4:00pm-7:30pm on June 4, July 2, and July 30; all ayes. Motion carried.

The council was provided a list of cost for the upgrades that had been completed. With the grant money & the grant match from the city deducted they were requesting reimbursement of $15,726.00. Council expressed how nice the museum looks with the upgrades that have been completed. The council explained that going forward they would need council approval before spending any amount over $10,000. The original building design has been scaled back quite a bit. The council noted that they could not take on any big projects at this time. The new design may be feasible, but it was tabled for 6 months and will be discussed during the next budget planning. Thiessen volunteered to be the liaison from the council for the museum. Moved by Judd/Thiessen to reimburse the Friends of the Museum $15,726.00 for the work completed; all ayes. Motion carried

Moved by deBoom/Judd to approve the final payment to the Dickinson County Engineer for the City share of the M27 project in the amount of $592,424.64; all ayes. Motion carried

Moved by deBoom/Thiessen to approve the dock purchase for the City Park from Hoek Outdoors at a cost of $14,153; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mackenzie Ashland, Beck Engineering, presented the council with a new design and cost estimate for the EMS building. The size was reduced to 11,200 sq. ft. The design also includes an alternate for an additional bay. The base cost estimate is $4,393,605. There was some discussion over the costs. Moved by Thiessen/Jacobson to approve the design and cost estimate and to proceed forward to with a levy vote to be put on the next election ballot; all ayes. Motion carried.

Tim Oswald, Piper-Sandler, provided information concerning the EMS building. The question was posed as to leasing a building for EMS. Oswald stated that when the lease is up, fair market value would have to be paid for the building which results in paying for the building twice. Advised that this would not be a good route to take. The levy amount to be on the ballot will need to be submitted to the county in August. He provided an estimate on the levy based on current evaluations and all-inclusive costs. The first step is securing 28E agreements with the townships and determine what level of financing they may be able to provide. He will continue to work with the City and Fire Dept to determine the rate to be added to the ballot.

The council was provided some pictures of the current condition of the pool. When the current liner was removed, in preparation for a new liner, the walls and gutter showed a substantial amount of cement cracking and cement falling off. In a discussion with Christiansen Construction, they stated it would be $3000-$4000 to have 2 technicians come up and evaluate the cement and provide the extent of the bad cement and a cost estimate to repair. Additional pool contractors will be contacted to provide additional opinions and costs. The time frame involved with the current condition of the pool has made it unlikely that the pool will be open this summer. Moved by Thiessen/Sohn to proceed with having Christiansen Construction proceed with having 2 technicians provide a pool evaluation and cost estimate; all ayes. Motion carried

Moved by Sohn/Judd to adopt Resolution #11-26—"RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED $3,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN NOTES". Roll Call vote; Ayes-Sohn, Judd, Jacobson, deBoom, Thiessen. Nays-none. Resolution duly adopted.

Moved by Thiessen/Jacobson to approve the library 28E agreement with the City of Harris; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Thiessen/Judd to adopt Resolution #12-26--" RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR BUDGETED FUND TRANSFERS." Roll Call vote; Ayes-deBoom, Jacobson, Thiessen, Judd, Sohn. Nays-none. Resolution duly adopted.

Moved by Judd/deBoom to adopt Resolution #13-26— "APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION AND ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SAID APPLICATION." Roll Call vote; Ayes-Jacobson, Sohn, deBoom, Thiessen, Judd. Nays-none. Resolution duly adopted.

Public Forum, Council discussion, mayor's report, and administrators report were the last items on the agenda.

Moved by Sohn/deBoom to adjourn at 9:20PM; all ayes. Motion carried.

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Matt Carstensen, Mayor Marie Matthiesen, Clerk

The following are the bills approved at the Lake Park City Council meeting on 05-11-26 along with the bills of necessity.

Wellmark	health insurance	7345.47
IPERS	IPERS March 2026	5102.47
State of Iowa	state w/h pp 03/21	835.00
Dept of Treasury	941 deposit pp 04/20	4036.90
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Acco	chemicals/gutter drain	625.02
Aero-Mod	air compressor maint.	181.21
Ahlers & Cooney	legal fees	697.50
Alliant Energy	street lighting/lift stations	1165.22
AT & T Mobility	cell phones	225.18
Beck Engineering	eng fees	22841.85
Bomgaars	department supplies	234.96
Card Service Center	department supplies	1612.85
Carstensen Meat & Grocery	paper products	18.18
City Laundering	rugs	67.69
Cohrs Construction	pea-rock/campground	311.01
Consumers Lumber Company	comm ctr/sewer supplies	164.24
Cooperative Energy	fuel	2424.78
CFE	weed control	537.87
Dickinson County News	publications	282.69
Ehret Web Co.	website maint.	93.10
Galls, Inc	police supplies	132.65
Garland Iron Works	sewer maint.	250.00
H & H Aggregates	gravel	816.44
Image Trend	FD reporting services	775.00
Ingram Library Services	books	478.91
Iowa Lakes Superior Plumbing	concession stand repairs	152.00
Iowa One Call	locates	29.70
Jeremy Harms	t-posts	219.00
Lake Park Auto Parts	supplies	285.34
LPMU	utilities	5482.64
Lakes News Shopper	help wanted ads	339.00
Marie Matthiesen	mileage/IMFOA	315.37
Market Street Tire	tire disposal	88.00
MCM Fabrication	plow repairs	388.80
Midwest Lake Service	dock install	525.00
Murphy Electric	sewer repairs	583.60
Niemeier Spine & Sport	random drug tests	63.00
One Office Solution	copier	200.37
Premier Communications	internet/phone	893.61
Redbeard Cyber Security	IT qrtly service	1548.88
Ruhland Tree Doc	tree treatment/park	7960.00
Sanford Health	random drug test	35.00
Savings Bank	HSA deposit	275.00
Shamrock Recycling	cardboard recycling	551.09
State Hygienic Lab	w/w testing	722.50
Titan Machinery	mower repairs/maint	236.46
Tom Kluver	reimburse supplies	30.97
Town & Country	garbage collection fees	10303.22
Trent Hoek Outdoors	boat ramp dock	9868.40
United Community Bank	HSA deposit	275.00
Waste Management-DC	landfill fees	7079.61
Dickinson County Engineer	M27 project share	592424.64

RECAP OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES BY FUND:

General	$294,063.00	$161,973.57
RUT	14,211.25	2,447.47
Debt Service	37,478.69	-0-
Trust & Agency	41,894.98	9,871.05
L O S T	25,873.11	-0-
Sanitary Sewer	59,119.83	49,488.74
TOTALS:	**$472,640.86**	**$223,780.83**