CALL TO ORDER

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Beaudine at 7:00 PM at the Lake Park City Center.

A. ROLL CALL

1. Members Present: Jon Anderson, John Beaudine, John Thoemke, Aaron Wittrock

2. Members Absent: Jenna Seley

3. Staff: Chris Bromeling, Dave Coufal, Todd Frank, Sarah Mikkelsen, Lonnie Neuner, Carly Olson

4. Contracted Services: Charlie Ramstad, Tyson Hajicek

5. Media:

6. Guests: Britney Ronning, Abby Anderson, Ally Haas, Blake Nybakken, Dan, Jason Francis

B. ADDITIONS AND/OR REMOVALS

C. PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE

1. EPIC Companies

a. EPIC shared an update on old high school. They are hoping to start demolition this winter. They are planning to build 14 rental units on the north side of the old high school. Discussion.

2. Turnkey: Discussed variance application for the old football field. Special meeting for the hearing will be September 21st at 6:00 pm at the City Center.

3. Lake Park Betterment Committee: Abby Anderson shared, they are planning a few possible community activities.

a. October 29th will be an evening Halloween activity in the park. November 19th, STEAM with Becker County Museum. December 10th, Santa Days possibly sharing with LPFD, ALERT, and Auxiliary.

b. Committee would like an ice skating rink in City Park. Discussion. Council is in favor.

c. Anderson thanked Utility crew for installing basketball hoops. They look great!

d. They are looking into options for a portable volleyball net for next summer.

e. Asked Frank if there is a leak report. Frank reported that there are no leaks, but it could be structural leaks, leaking by lights or cracks.

f. Karen Erickson is licensed to serve food from the City Center kitchen.

g. Beaudine would like solid numbers presented for pool renovation or new pool. There is no pool revenue and staffing is an issue.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of 8-8-22 Regular Meeting

a. Anderson made a correction that it should be Vice Mayor Anderson, not Vice Mayor Beaudine in the Hearing section.

2. Minutes of 9-7-22 Special Meeting

3. Bills

4. Council/EDA Reports

**M/S/CU:** Anderson/Wittrock to approve the consent agenda.

**Roll Call:** Anderson – Aye; Beaudine – Aye; Thoemke – Aye; Wittrock – Aye

E. ADDITIONAL BILLS

**M/S/CU:** Wittrock/Thoemke to approve the additional bills in the amount of $95,233.36.

F. STAFF REPORT

1. Moore Engineering, Tyson Hajicek

a. County will be doing roads: 2nd, Lake, #7, 1st and Front.

b. Water treatment plant: waiting for the rate lock letter for the PFA, then we will proceed.

c. Update of sewer project: not sure why Hough has not finished project. We may need to take further action and terminate contract because they are delinquent.

2. Dave Coufal, Fire Chief

a. 2 fire calls

b. One donation: $100.00 – Coufal recommends donation of $100 to the Fire Department.

**M/S/CU:** Wittrock/ Thoemke to accept $100 donation for the Fire Department.

c. Physicals: Coufal will gather more information to present for council, but would like to add cancer screening to their yearly physicals. He may be over budget due to cost increase but feels it is very important.

3. Brenda Seley, Nutrition Coordinator - absent

4. Carly Olson, Municipal Liquor Manager

a. Pumpkin Fest: hosting a puzzles, pizza & pitcher at 5:00 pm and entertainment at 8:30 pm will be Jano & Murf which is a two man band.

b. Customer appreciation went well.

c. Trivia Tuesday is over. Anderson asked if they will have it in the winter. Olson replied no.

d. Meat raffles and races will be starting the October 7th at 6:30.

5. Brady Burnside, Police Chief - absent

6. Todd Frank, Utility & Public Works Superintendent

a. Frank shared concerns about the future new additions and if the holding ponds and electrical system will be able to handle the load. They waste water was approximately 1986 and electrical is aging and is 1978. Discussion. Hajicek will check on permits and get back to Frank on findings.

7. Charlie Ramstad, City Attorney

8. Lonnie Neuner, City Clerk-Treasurer  
a. Review of Trial Balance

b. 2023 Tax Levy

1. Wittrock is concerned that levy is not high enough due to cost of living. Neuner said you can set levy up to 15% which is max, but once it is set, you can not raise it, but you can lower it. Thoemke added that we are looking at possible electrical and wastewater expenses. Beaudine would like to look into utility rates. Discussion.

**M/S/CU:** Anderson/Wittrock to set levy at 15%.

c. Board of Appeals

1. Resolution 22-901: to establish a local board of appeal and equalization. Two board members volunteered to take online training.

**M/S/RC:** Wittrock/Anderson to approve Resolution 22-901: to establish a local board of appeal and equalization.

**Roll Call:** Anderson – Aye; Beaudine – Aye; Thoemke – Aye; Wittrock – Aye

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Splash Pad

a. Beaudine shared information on different examples for splash pads. The location would be the existing pool and should be more cost effective in the long run. This is an option/alternative to add to the pool discussion. Discussion. A.Anderson and Ronning asked if there could be a 2% or some type of percentage of funding added for park and rec line item in our future budgets.

2. MAHUBE Contract Renewal: Minnesota Energy Assistance Program Agreement between vendor and service provider.

**M/S/CU:** Thoemke/Anderson to approve Agreement MAHUBE Contract Renewal.

1. Restaurant Liquor License

a. Discussion about liquor license for restaurant in city limits. Ramstad said, yes they can have a liquor license but they have to pass background and criteria.

4. THC Licensing

**\*\*Tabled-Burnside absent**

5. Marshmallow Animal Shelter: City Pound Agreement: the City desires to provide animal pound services to the citizens of the City of Lake Park.

**M/S/CU:** Wittrock/Anderson to approve Marshmallow Animal Shelter: City Pound Agreement.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Essentia clinic door: Beaudine did some research if a 2nd door is needed for clinic. It is not mandatory, if they want the 2nd door, they can pay for the project. The clinic also asked for more storage and shelving, they can purchase their own items, it will not be provided by city.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was asked if the City would pay for the rental fee for the tent at the park for the Legion for Pumpkin Fest. Discussion.

**M/S/C:** Anderson/Wittrock to approve paying for the tent fee for the Legion for Pumpkin Fest.

**NAY:** Thoemke

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Anderson stated the squad is being outfitted in Park Rapids.

2. Pumpkin Fest is September 24th. They will have a meeting on September 21stat 6 pm at City Center. Anyone welcome.

K. ADJOURNMENT

**M/S/CU:** Anderson/Thoemke to adjourn meeting at 8:50 PM.