

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING May 19, 2025	
A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa, was held in the Council Chambers at the Lake Mills City Hall on the 19th day of May 2025, at 7:00 p.m.	
Present: Mayor Mark Peterson, Council Members: Bill Clark, Joseph Jamtgaard, Nathan Ostrander, Bob Storby, Brian Thompson, City Clerk Diane Price, Chief of Police Matt Levine, Public Works Director Brad Wempen.	
Absent: None	
Notice of the meeting was posted at the Lake Mills City Hall on May 16, 2025. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.	
Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.	
Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Motion made by Storby, seconded by Ostrander to approve the agenda as written. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: 0. Motion carried.	
Public Forum: Department Head, Library, and LMCDC Reports were presented.	
Ostrander introduced and Jamtgaard seconded to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items included: April 21, 2025 minutes, monthly claims and warrants for \$520,440.33 and financial reports, Class C Retail Alcohol License for North Branch, contract for Library service for the City of Scarville, Iowa for \$108.56, approval of tax abatement application for Marvel II: Erich and Andy Stene, Resolution No. 25-18 n a resolution establishing new wages for employees of the City of Lake Mills, Resolution No. 25-19—a resolution approving 2025 pool wages for Lake Mills Family Aquatic Center, approval of a Fire Truck bid from Nashua Rural Fire Company Trustees for \$35,739.51, approval of emergency Electric Plant engine repairs, approval of Employee Pool Pass rate, approval of 2025 Mayoral Appointments/Committees, approval of Pay Request #4 for Larson Contracting for Civic Center Remodel Project for \$31,080.20, and Resolution No. 25-23—a resolution accepting work for Civic Center Restroom/Entry Remodel. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll be- ing called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Ostrander, Jamtgaard, Storby, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the consent agenda adopted.	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES.923.70 AT&T MOBILITY, LMPD-CAR COMPUTERS.123.81 AVESIS, VISION INS.374.18 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NATURAL GAS SERVICE.1,276.42 CITY OF LAKE MILLS, ELECTRIC SERVICE.11,752.62 DELTA DENTAL, DENTAL INS.1,194.22 LMCDC, FUNDING.4,167.00 LINDA LANDHEER, METER DEPOSIT REFUND.150.00 N IA COMMUNITY ACTION, ENERGY ASS CREDIT REFUND.111.95 PETERSON SANITATION, GARBAGE SERVICE.10,856.00 PRINCIPAL LIFE INS, LIFE-LT DIS INS.582.35 SALES TAX PROCESSING, SALES & EXCISE TAX.7,712.62 STAPLES, SUPPLIES.5.89 UNITED HEALTHCARE INS, HEALTH INS.42,131.07 USE TAX PROCESSING, USE TAX.199.96 ABSOLUTE SCIENCE, LMPL-SRP EVENT.400.00 ACCESS SYSTEMS, LMPL-COPIER CONTRACT.98.48 AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES, TESTING.1,286.25 AMARIL UNIFORM CO, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.63.13 AMAZON, SUPPLIES.330.49 BAKER & TAYLOR, BOOKS.1,004.29 BETTY MIRANDA OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND.173.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NATURAL GAS SERVICE.92.41 BMC AGGREGATES LC, ROADSTONE.107.06 BOLAND RECREATION, MULCH.4,200.00 BRICK GENTRY PC, LEGAL.2,760.00 BRYAN ROCK PRODUCTS INC, ROCK.1,543.70 CED-CULVER-HAHN ELECTRIC, CEU CLASS.150.00 CEMSTONE CONCRETE MATERIALS, TOP SOIL.372.24 CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, BOOKS.292.44 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, SUPPLIES.1,438.00 CENTRAL IOWA WATER, SUPPLIES.394.83 CHRIS ROGSTAD, REIMBURSE CLOTHING.149.99 CINTAS, SUPPLIES.53.85 CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, SUPPLIES.3,333.00 DAIRYLAND POWER, PURCHASE CURRENT.74,329.07 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, SUPPLIES.405.46 DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE, FUEL, MAINTENANCE.3,950.57 DAVIDS FOODS, SUPPLIES.125.71 DEMCO INC, SUPPLIES.1,366.67	

DONALD HOLTAN, REIMBURSE CLOTHING.206.95 DONS MOTOR MART, FUEL.1,401.00 ELITE K-9, LMPD K9 SUPPLIES.111.90 FAIRBANKS MORSE DEFENSE, ENGINE REPAIRS.31,282.55 FARABEE MECHANICAL, ENGINE REPAIRS.27,140.14 GARDEN GATE, LMPL- SUBSCRIPTION.32.00 GORDON FLESCH CO, COPIER CONTRACT.128.76 HANSON LP GAS, LP GAS.895.59 HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS.6,766.79 HEARTLAND POWER COOP, ELECTRIC SERVICE.72.92 HEIMAN, INC, SERVICES.50.00 HIGH LIFE TUNES, LMPL-SRP EVENT.100.00 INGERSOLL-RAND IND, AIR COMPRESSOR.35,172.00 INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CTR, SUPPLIES.125.10 INTOXIMETERS, INC., SUPPLIES.135.00 IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES.18.10 JULIAN MARFISI OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND.150.00 JULIE EVENSON, REIMBURSE CLOTHING.150.00 KIM BRACKEY, REIMBURSE MILEAGE.114.80 LM GRAPHIC, PUBLICATION.1,503.00 LM POSTMASTER, POSTAGE.398.71 LM PUMP SERVICE, SERVICES.6,010.00 LYNN CARD CO, SUPPLIES.54.05 MANNES CONSTRUCTION, SERVICES.920.00 MCMMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO, SUPPLIES.43.09 MEGAN SMITH, REIMBURSE CLOTHING.150.00 MICHAEL OLSON, REIMBURSE FUEL.42.69 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, CHEMICALS.208.96 MIDWAY TOOLING TECH, SUPPLIES.480.00 MUFF AG SERVICES, ENGINE OIL.250.00 NAPA AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES.600.18 NGT, SERVICES.870.75 NORSEMAN DIESEL SERVICES, SERVICES.951.00 NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC, TESTING.630.00 PETTY CASH-GENERAL ADMIN, POSTAGE.26.85 PETTY CASH-LIBRARY, MISC.74.04 PLANSCAPE, INC., SERVICES.3,325.00 PREMIER POLYSTEEEL, POOL CHAIRS.6,090.00 QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL, SERVICES.699.00 SCP DISTRIBUTORS, SUPPLIES.2,473.69 SIEGRIST & JONES, LEGAL.165.00 SINGELSTAD HARDWARE, SUPPLIES.1,725.93 STAPLES, SUPPLIES.158.72 TASC, ADMIN FEES.83.51 THE DEALT HAND, LMPL-SRP EVENT.295.00 THOMPSON SANITATION, RECYCLING SERVICE.6,512.34 THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE, SUPPLIES.425.00 TRUCK EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES.14.00 UNITY POINT CLINIC, TESTING.168.00 VEENSTRA & KIMM, ENGINEERING.3,824.00 VISA, SUPPLIES.3,124.12 WADE THOMPSON TRUCK REPAIR, SERVICES.212.00 WAGNER TIRE SERVICE, SERVICES.696.00 WCTA, TELECOM SERVICES.1,057.75 WINNEBAGO CO RECORDER, SERVICES.36.00 YOUNG PLUMBING AND HEATING, SUPPLIES.170.00 ZIEGLER INC, SUPPLIES.464.38 LARSON CONTRACTING, CC PAY ESTIMATE.57,774.25 IPERS, SERVICES.1.08 PAYROLL.133,696.21 TOTAL.520,440.33 FUND TOTALS 001 GENERAL FUND.177,409.33 002 LIBRARY SAVINGS.2,536.67 005 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.1,855.80 007 K9 POLICE DEPT.111.90 110 ROAD USE TAX FUND.11,616.71 125 TIF FUND.7,492.00 180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND.2,687.66 600 WATER FUND.32,731.57 610 SEWER FUND.26,815.16 630 ELECTRIC FUND.257,076.47 740 STORM WATER.107.06 890 PAYROLL.0.00 ****TOTAL.520,440.33 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR APRIL 2025 001 GENERAL FUND.258,891.92 002 LIBRARY SAVINGS & MEMORI.601.93 006 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.23,082.78 110 ROAD USE TAX FUND.25,074.39 112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.69,974.89 125 TIF FUND.325,680.80 178 REVOLVING LOAN FUND.1,816.38 180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND.3,655.66 600 WATER FUND.34,426.27 610 SEWER FUND.37,912.64 630 ELECTRIC FUND.200,510.19 740 STORM WATER FUND.3,972.82 ****TOTAL.985,600.67 Mayor Peterson announced that this is the time and place as published

in the Lake Mills Graphic on May 7, 2025, for a Public Hearing on the Amendment of the current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Storby, seconded by Jamtgaard to open the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storby, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked if any written or verbal objections had been received. None had been received.

Motion was made by Storby, seconded by Jamtgaard to close the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storby, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Storby introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 25-20, a resolution to approve the amendment to the current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025, seconded by Jamtgaard. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Storby, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted.

Mayor Peterson announced that this is the time and place as published in the Lake Mills Graphic on May 7, 2025, for a Public Hearing on the Approval of Development Agreement between Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation and the City of Lake Mills.

Motion made by Ostrander, seconded by Jamtgaard to open the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Jamtgaard, Storby, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked if any written or verbal objections had been received. None had been received.

Motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Storby to close the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Storby introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 25-21, a resolution to approve a contract for private development between the City of Lake Mills and Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation, seconded by Jamtgaard. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Storby, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Ostrander to approve the purchase of the Bobcat skid steer loader in the FY26 budget and sell current skid loader in a sealed bid process with a set reserve. There being no further discussion, roll call: Clark, Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on 3rd Avenue 2020 Street Project property assessments with Ag Deferment and Conditional Deficiency. A motion was made by Ostrander that the City is open to discuss a development agreement with each property owner that has a conditional deficiency and ag deferment from the 2020 Street Project assessment and want to develop their property with housing and possibly have the conditional deficiency and ag deferment forgiven, seconded by Jamtgaard. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Jamtgaard, Thompson. Nays: Storby, Clark. Motion carried.

Storby introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 25-22, a resolution to approve the Employee Handbook: Version 2 seconded by Jamtgaard. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Storby, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted.

Discussion was held in reference to the need to set a special end-of-year Council meeting. Following discussion, it was decided to have a Special End of the Year Council meeting on Wednesday, June 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Peterson read the following: Closed session to discuss counsel strategy in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation, which discussions are exempt from the open meetings law pursuant to the provision of Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c).

A motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Storby to go into closed session at 7:49 pm. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Jamtgaard. Nays: Clark. Motion carried.

8:00 pm: Return to Open Session
Discussion was held on the Outdoor Storm Siren.

Other items of discussion: Lake Mills Public Library/Transit
Motion made by Ostrander, seconded by Storby to adjourn said meeting at 8:57 p.m. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mark Peterson, Mayor
ATTEST: Diane Price, City Clerk
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- Moneys in the account shall be used for the purposes of inspecting, supervising, and otherwise regulating each franchise approved by the city.
- Moneys in the account in excess of the amount necessary for the purposes specified in subsection 2 shall be expended for any of the following:
- Property tax relief not to exceed 100% of the revenue from the franchise fees.
- The repair, remediation, restoration, cleanup, replacement, and improvement of existing public improvements and other publicly owned property, buildings, and facilities.
- Projects designed to prevent or mitigate future disasters as defined in section 29C.2.
- Energy conservation measures for low-income homeowners, low-income energy assistance programs, and weatherization programs.
- Public safety, including the equipping of fire, police, emergency services, sanitation, street, and civil defense departments.
- The establishment, construction, reconstruction, repair, equipping, remodeling, and extension of public works, public utilities, and public transformation systems.
- The construction, reconstruction, or repair of streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, pedestrian underpasses and overpasses, street lighting fixtures, and public grounds, and the acquisition of real estate needed for such purposes.
- Property tax abatements, building permit fee abatements, and abatement of other fees for property damaged by a disaster as defined in section 29C.2
- Economic development activities and projects.


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May Is Hepatitis Awareness Month

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that can cause health problems, such as liver cancer and liver failure. Learn the ABCs of this serious virus.

Hepatitis A

- Spread through contaminated food and drink.
- It's very contagious and you can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.


Hepatitis B

- Spread through contact with an infected person's blood or other bodily fluids.
- There's no cure for hepatitis B, but treatment can delay or reduce the risk of developing liver cancer.


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- There isn't a vaccine to prevent hepatitis C, but treatment is available.
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