

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 White Lake City council meeting.

Roll Call has 3 council members present, 1 present via telephonic. A quorum was declared. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Janice Thiry at 7:00 pm.

Lingle moves that to approve the agenda with executive session and additions of Arlene Koch for county to address haying in city limits, 2025 Code Enforcement contract, surplus daycare file cabinets. Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call vote Reeves-yes also. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

Conflict of Interest: None declared

Lingle moves that to approve the minutes of the last meetings with correction made to the December 10 minutes as follows:

"New Business: Schroeder moves that to accept the resignation of Ward 2 council member Wyatt Krumvieda. Reeves seconded the motion. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried. No other action taken on other matters discussed.

Reeves moves that to enter executive session at 8:08pm for the purpose of personnel and legal. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried. Lingle moves that to leave executive session at 9:01pm. Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

2024 Employee wages were reviewed. Wage increases were discussed. The 2025 wages will be approved and published with the January 6, 2025 meeting and minutes. They will be effective starting January 1, 2025."

Reeves seconded the motion. Roll call vote Schroeder-yes also. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

Public Comments were invited. Will Gottlob present, and asked the council to refrain from changing daycare rates at this time. This will allow him the opportunity to investigate the possibility of the White Lake School taking over the operations of the daycare.

Committee Reports:

The Financial Report as of 12/31/24 was reviewed. Checkbook-\$71,293.06; Savings-\$142,386.52; Reserve Funds-\$115,306.44; Library Board Fund-\$6,486.61. The Daycare P&L was reviewed. The unaudited yearend total shows a loss of \$18,364.43. Schroeder moves that to declare two file cabinets that were used at the daycare as surplus property with no value. Reeves seconded the motion. Roll call vote has Lingle abstaining from the vote, and Mayor Thiry declaring no value motion and file cabinets may be disposed of. As a reminder: The City received notice from Aurora-Brule Rural Water that they are raising our purchased water rates 7% effective February 1, 2025. Rates to be changed with the billing due February 10, 2025. For water usage over 1001 gallons, the rate will increase from \$0.01168/gallon to \$0.0125/gallon. Finance Officer directed to research lifeguarding training available so that we can have that information available to anyone interested in a lifeguarding position for our pool this summer.

Schroeder moves that to approve the presented vouchers to be paid. Lingle seconded the motion. Roll call vote has Reeves-aye. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

January 6 vouchers in the amount of \$18,100.89:

Aflac Dental & Vision	Employee insurance premiums	\$117.72
ATCO	Sewer supplies	\$138.00
Aurora Brule Rural Water	Monthly Water Purchase	\$5,945.00
Badger Meter	Beacon utility support fee	\$110.70
Bender Sewer & Drain	Sewer Repair	\$554.50
CHS	LP Budget Billing-Jan.	\$510.00
District III	2025 Membership dues	\$894.00
Hillman's Repair	Govt. Vehicle supplies	\$18.32
Jake's Corner	Govt. vehicle gas/diesel	\$182.91
Kieffer Repair & Sales, LLC	Govt. Vehicle supplies	\$71.96
Konechne Hardware	Shop tools	\$232.97
L&L Sanitation	January garbage collection	\$145.00
Menards	Municipal Donation supplies	\$94.95
Midstate Communications	Monthly telephone & internet billing	\$359.38
MPLC	Library's motion picture annual licensing fee	\$174.31
Northwestern Energy	Monthly Electrical Billing	\$3,109.12
Randi Christensen	Daycare Employee CPR training fee	\$20.00
Ron's Market	Daycare Food & Supplies; Library supplies, promoting city	\$233.34
Scavengers Journey	Municipal donation	\$250.00
SDRS	Monthly employee retirement contribution	\$12,962.80
Standard Publishing	Publication cost	\$1,413.00

Paid Bills in Between December 1-31 in the amount of \$55,972.71:

Aflac	Monthly Insurance Premiums	\$394.04
Cell Phone Expense	Employee monthly cell phone reimbursement	\$180.44
City of White Lake	Water Utility billing	\$344.30
Council & Mayor	Payroll	\$7,905.19
Daycare	Payroll	\$14,185.32
FM Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$19.10
FM Bank Visa	Daycare supplies, Promo City, internet fees, park supplies	\$769.28
FM Bank	Maintenance Shop loan payment- Nov. & Dec	\$2,769.56
Finance Office	Payroll	\$3,673.35
IRS	December Federal Tax Deposit	\$8,159.50
Lease Servicing Center, Inc.	Monthly Payloader Loan Payment	\$1,108.28
Library	Payroll	\$1,017.84
National Rural Water Association	Monthly Water Tower Loan payment	\$859.27
Sewer	Payroll	\$4,372.86
Streets	Payroll	\$3,354.61

Supplies and Misc.
USDA RD
Water

Employee paid reimbursement
Monthly Water & Main Street loan payments
Payroll

\$51.91
\$2,435.00
\$4,372.86

Old Business: Schroeder moves that the council pass a resolution to vacate 2nd Street per advice of Arlene Koch, Aurora County Register of Deeds. The new resolution will vacate Lots 7-12 Blk 27 DC Gillis 2nd Addition and Lots 1-6 BLK 30 DC Gillis 2nd Addition to the City of White Lake. Reeves seconded the motion. Roll call vote has Lingle as yes. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried. The original vacate street was requested by Dylan Mohnen for lots 10-12 in Blk 27. Since Trinity Lutheran Church abuts the street and is using that portion as a parking lot, it was suggested to vacate that portion in BLK 30 too. Arlene Koch, representing the county, also requested the portion of S. Ellis Street located in Blk 34 that abuts lot 6 and the unused alley in Blk 34 lots 1-6 be vacated. The street to be vacated is an unused dead-end street. Finance Officer directed to confirm details with Arlene and to bring back a resolution to next meeting.

New Business: Mayor Thiry declares Farmers & Merchants State Bank-White Lake branch as the City's official financial institution and The Standard as the City's official newspaper. The proposed changes to the White Lake Daycare rates were discussed. The council tabled voting on changes to allow Will Gottlob, White Lake School Superintendent, time to discuss with the school board the possibility of the school taking over the community daycare operations. He was asked to bring a report back to the February council meeting.

Schroeder moves that to enter executive session at 8:31pm for the purpose of legal and personnel. Reeves seconded the motion. Roll call vote has Lingle as yes. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried. Schroeder moves that to leave executive session at 9:10pm. Lingle seconded the motion. Roll call vote Reeves-yes. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

Reeves moves that to approve the proposed 2025 employee wages as listed effective January 1, 2025. Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lingle-yes. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

2025 White Lake City Employee wages:

Janice Thiry, Mayor	\$655.00 annual base + \$109.00 per meeting
Keith Lingle, Council	\$437.00 annual base + \$109.00 per meeting
Nathaniel Schroeder, Council	\$437.00 annual base + \$109.00 per meeting
Sharon Reeves, Council	\$437.00 annual base + \$109.00 per meeting
Josh Podzimek, Public Works/Maintenance	\$59,080.00 annual salary
Barb Simpson, Finance Officer	\$26.16 per hour
Linda Dodds, Librarian	\$10,246.00 annual salary
Summer Reading Program director	\$1,600.00 (Budget approved)
Brooklyn Kieffer, Daycare director	\$19.90 per hour
Adison Podzimek, daycare employee	\$13.00 per hour
Alexys Fink, daycare employee	\$13.00 per hour
Arianna Renteria, daycare employee	\$13.00 per hour
Ashley Stotts, daycare employee	\$14.34 per hour
Izabaele Swindell, daycare employee	\$14.80 per hour
Kris Cudmore, daycare employee	\$14.00 per hour
Pam Hallman, daycare employee	\$14.34 per hour
Rowan Vendt, daycare employee	\$14.00 per hour
Sara Wells, daycare employee	\$14.25 per hour

Schroeder moves that to approve the 2025 Code Enforcement contract. Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Reeves-yes. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

Lingle moves that to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm. Schroeder seconded the motion. Reeves-yes. Mayor declares all ayes, motion is carried.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled February 3, 2025 at 7:00pm in the White Lake City Hall/Library.

These minutes are published as unapproved.

Mayor

Finance Officer

Janice Thiry

Barb Simpson

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