

Minutes
Silver Lake City Council
Workshop Meeting
Lester Prairie City Hall
December 17, 2019

Members present: Mayor Dorothy Butler, Councilor Josh Winfrey, Councilor Brenda Fogarty

Members absent: Councilor Chris Penaz, Councilor Nolan Johnson

City Staff present: Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer; Ian Coates, Police Officer

Lester Prairie City Council Members present: Mayor Eric Angvall, Councilor Luke Meyer, Councilor Tim Dahl, Councilor Ron Foust

Lester Prairie City Staff present: Michael Skrbich, City Administrator; Bob Carlson, Police Chief

Others present: Karin Ramige, McLeod Publishing

1. Police Department discussion on retaining officers, cost savings, maintaining the department identity with each city, and the potential for shared services between the cities. Discussion on creating a task force or committee to further explore options.
2. Discussion on Public Works equipment sharing such as street sweeper, vacuum truck and jetter or leasing a shared piece of equipment.
3. Reviewed opportunities to lower operational costs for each city by joint bidding on projects such as seal coating and purchases of chemicals, materials, etc.
4. Discussion held on stimulating economic growth and expansion relating to housing.
5. Discussion on maintaining swimming pools, bike trails and recreational programs in each city.
6. Potential for grocery store, farmers markets, cooperatives and Dollar General were discussed.
7. Importance of lobbying local, state and federal representatives on united front for the communities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer

Seal of the City: