

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 18, 2012**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2012. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Bob Klick, Art Rowan, Lilah Gripne, and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp. Council member Tony Towle was absent.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of June 4, 2012, and the June invoices. Motion unanimously carried.

Steve Cummerford from the Community Concern for Youth Program reviewed the program with the council. The Community Concern for Youth program started in 1977 with matching funds from the State of Minnesota. In most cases, the county attorney sends the juvenile first time offenders to the program. Those individuals may end up doing community service as well as meeting the program requirements as set forth by the Community Concern for Youth personnel. Steve reviewed the program's 2011 statistics. Of the communities involved in the program, Long Prairie had the most individuals within the program in 2011. Steve stated he appreciates the city council's past financial support. The resolution for funding for 2013 would be the same as 2012 at an amount of \$2,174.

Senate District #9 candidate Al Doty and House District #9B candidate Adrienne Welle introduced themselves to the council. Mr. Doty stated he has two previous terms as House Representative. Mr. Doty is running for the Senate for Representative District #9.

Mr. Welle stated he is a council member in Pierz and the city clerk in Upsala. Both candidates expressed some of their views on politics and city government.

The council discussed the possibility of spreading some dust control measures on 1st Avenue SW and on 1st Street South near the Rosen Field Softball Complex. The city council was asked by Ernie Valencia to apply some sort of dust control measures by the lumber yard due to the number of large trucks and traffic using the road. The council discussed the possibility of also doing the road along Soldier's Field. The estimated cost to do the two areas would be approximately \$2,200 to \$2,500.

Council member Rowan motioned Rasmussen seconded to apply a 22 foot wide dust control measure on 1st Avenue SW and 1st Street South adjacent to the Prairie Building Center and the Rosen Softball Field Complex. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve St Mary's application to the State of Minnesota for a raffle to be held on August 11, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the fire department's participation in the Clarissa Summer Fest, Browerville, and Osakis parades. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license to the Todd County Ag Society for the Todd County Fairgrounds for July 26 through July 29. Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the department did the house burn for Long Prairie Packing and used it as a training exercise for the fire department as well as the Browerville and Clarissa fire departments. Jim indicated the fire department has already responded to 61 calls for the year.

Mayor Rasmussen read a letter from the City of Sartell thanking the city for sending the ladder truck to assist in the paper mill fire. The City of Sartell is requesting funds to help cover the cost of the various cities that have been involved. It is estimated that 90 fire departments assisted over several days of the fire and cleanup. Rasmussen also read a thank you letter from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the city council for their support.

Council member Klick stated the new liquor store shirts are in for the employees. There was also an open house for R-Way on Friday for the council to attend.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that he and the City Administrator had attended the county work session on funding for the airport improvements to the runway, apron, and taxiway areas. A meeting with the county commissioners for Tuesday would, hopefully, get their agreement for funding their share of the project cost.

City Administrator Venekamp stated that the pump went out in the jetter vac and will be sent in for repairs.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor