

**City of Long Prairie  
Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Monday, July 16, 2012**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 16, 2012. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Art Rowan, and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of July 2, 2012, and the July bills. Motion unanimously carried.**

City Auditor Dennis Bacon reviewed the 2011 audit report. Dennis stated that nearly every fund showed an increase in the cash balance. Overall, Dennis said the financial report looked favorable and that the city was in good financial condition.

**Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to accept the 2011 audit report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council discussed the tax forfeited sale of parcel #36-0066900. Todd County Commissioner Jerry Ruda had indicated he had lowered the value of the parcel to \$34,000 for the sale. The consensus of the council was that they were agreeable in the price for the property.

The council discussed the possibility of a citywide recycling by A & A Recycling of Paynesville. There would be no charge to the city for the recycling other than advertising. The council suggested that the recycling not take place during the fair or the motor cycle ride in August. Recycling would include free disposal for residents of steel products, appliances, computers, monitors, lawn furniture, mowers, etc.

**Council member Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve A & A's request for citywide recycling for a one or two day period. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council discussed the County's request for 2 hour parking adjacent to the county property along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; and on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

The council stated that much of the parking along these areas has already been designated as parking other than 2 hour parking and that this designation will only be for those stalls that are not currently marked.

**Council member Towle motioned Klick seconded to approve Todd County's request for 2 hour parking along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street adjacent to the county courthouse property for those stalls that do not have any parking restrictions on them. Motion unanimously carried.**

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the fair will be in town the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>. The City of Browerville's fire pumper is down and they've asked the Long Prairie Fire Department to be on standby for them. Jim estimated it would take approximately 13 to 14 weeks to have the pumper repaired. The fire department had received FEMA approval to spend an additional \$3,500 on 7 pagers from the 2008 FEMA grant.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated the LaMichoacana has had numerous fire code violations and that they were served charges concerning those violations. Kevin applied for grants for child training and received one for Officer Larson to go to a training program on interviewing children. The city was also informed that a Safe and Sober enforcement grant between three cities in the amount of \$14,100 had been approved. Long Prairie was one of the three cities that will be able to utilize those funds for enforcement of safe and sober driving activities.

Council member Klick stated the loading door at the liquor store has been fixed and that they are still in the process of obtaining air conditioner bids for the liquor store.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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David Venekamp  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor