

**City of Long Prairie  
Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Monday, May 20, 2013**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2013. 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 Towle motioned Klick seconded to approve the council minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup> and the May invoices. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council discussed the possible purchase of a used pickup for the public works department. The city had sold a couple of their older pickups when they reduced their staff to four fulltime employees. With adding a couple of part-time individuals, the city is short of trucks for these individuals to use for picking up garbage at the parks and for hauling mowers around. City Administrator Venekamp stated the department would like to purchase a truck somewhere in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range which could be used by the part-time individuals.

**Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to purchase a used pickup in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range for use in the public works department. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council reviewed three underground sprinkler bids for the lawn at city hall. The bids are as follows:

- Long Prairie Plumbing \$5,977.80
- Alex Irrigation and Landscaping \$2,800.00
- Countryside Plumbing & Heating \$2,461.00

The bid by Long Prairie Plumbing & Heating and Alex Irrigation included 38 to 40 heads in each of those bids; whereas, Countryside Plumbing & Heating's bid included 22 heads.

The warranty on the Countryside Plumbing & Heating system was 2 years parts and labor, Alex Irrigation was 2 years labor and 5 years on the parts. The council reviewed the sprinkler coverage under the bids and felt that Alex Irrigation provided a more uniform and even distribution of water coverage under their bid than Countryside Plumbing & Heating.

**Council member Gripne motioned Rowan seconded to award the sprinkler bid to Alex Irrigation in the amount of \$2,800 due to a more uniform coverage of the water and better warranty on the equipment. Roll call: Yes; Towle, Gripne, Klick, Rowan, Rasmussen. Motion unanimously carried.**

**Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to attend the Clarissa Summer Fest Parade which will be held July 20, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.**

**Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license to the Lion's for Prairie Fest at the Todd County Fairgrounds and Rosen Fields, June 13-16. Motion unanimously carried.**

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that several of the fire department members assisted in the Menahga fire. The department took 3 vehicles up to the fire and spent a day trying to help control the fire.

Council member Klick stated that Pam Reinbold who has been a long-term member of the Park Board has decided not to reapply for the park board and that the commission will be looking for a new member. The city had submitted a grant application for a Frisbee golf park and had received \$4,999.00 in funds for the park.

Council member Rowan stated the library will be having a used book sale on June 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pet Vet building.

The council discussed a couple of complaints the city had received concerning the boulevards along the 2010 public improvement project. The council discussed whether the city would be interested in assisting those individuals in reseeding their boulevards. The council felt that the project had been completed; the engineer had reviewed the grass establishment of the project and felt it was satisfactory. The city council, at the engineer's recommendation, had signed off on the project. The feeling of the council is that they did not want to get into redoing boulevards on projects that have been completed.

**Council member Towle motioned Klick seconded to offer grass seed to those individuals who felt that their grass seed had not re-established within the boulevard. Roll call: Yes; Towle, Gripne, Klick, Rasmussen. No; Rowan. Motion carried.**

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

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Dave Venekamp  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor