

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, November 18, 2013**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 18, 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 Klick motioned Rowan seconded to approve the council minutes of November 4, 2013 and the November invoices. Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed the possibility of decertifying TIF District #1-7 INH Apartments. In October 2008, the city approved a TIF district for INH for a housing (apartment) development on parcel #36-0132900. INH never developed the apartment complex. The council could leave the district as is and hope someone would purchase the property and build apartments on the site or they could decertify the TIF district which would eliminate the annual state reporting on the district. If the district is decertified and someone purchases the property for housing, they could apply to the council for a new TIF district. The council agreed the TIF district should be decertified. A resolution will be presented to the council at the next meeting to decertify the district.

The council discussed funds for the payment of the design of the airport runway/apron improvement project. The city and county were splitting the cost of the project on a 60/40 basis (60% city and 40% county) for whatever expenses remain after the FAA's 90% funding. The council discussed what funds they would use for the city's share of the project which is \$11,505.19.

Council member Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve the transfer of \$11,505.19 from the liquor fund to the airport fund for the city's share of the design of the airport rehabilitation project. Motion unanimously carried.

City Administrator Venekamp stated the FAA had approved of the study justifying the extension of the airport runway from 3,000 to 3,500 feet. The city recently received notification of the approval of the study for the extension.

Council member Rowan stated council member Gripne and himself had reviewed the city job descriptions. Rowan stated the two job descriptions that needed to be redone were the city administrator and the deputy clerk. Once those have been rewritten, they will be submitted to the council for review.

Mayor Rasmussen called to order a 7:30 public hearing on proposed ordinance #13-11-18-05 titled "Adopting a Social Host Ordinance Chapter 13 Alcohol and Tobacco". Those present for the public hearing were Lyle Danielson and Jim Kreemer.

The council discussed the ordinance and the need to make the public aware of the ordinance through radio and news media. There being no questions from the public, Mayor Rasmussen closed the hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Council member Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adopt ordinance #13-11-18-05 titled “Adopting a Social Host Ordinance Chapter 13 Alcohol and Tobacco” as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor