

**City of Long Prairie  
Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Art Rowan, Tony Towle and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp.

**Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of January 21, 2014 and the February invoices. Motion unanimously carried.**

Long Prairie Librarian Nancy Potter, reviewed the 2013 usage of the library. The library had an overall circulation of 59,800 items checked out (33,100 adult and juvenile books, 4,150 audio books and 22,550 DVDs). The internet stations were used by 6,835 individuals and 1,652 individuals used the wireless access.

Nancy stated they still have issues with the bathroom facility in that the public is not allowed access to the facilities. The council discussed having the bathrooms turned into unisex bathrooms with individuals needing to obtain a key for their use from the library.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer reviewed two quotes for the purchase of 18 Drager PSS 7000 self contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) for the fire department. The city's current system is 15 years old and the air tanks would need to be replaced since they can no longer be certified. The department received the following two price quotes on the apparatuses:

Alex Air Apparatus, Alexandria, MN	\$ 80,975.22
Drager Safety, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA	\$163,838.20

Jim stated the Alex Air quote includes trade in of the old bottles and masks. The fire department asked that the money for the SCBAs be taken from the fire department capital equipment funds. The members felt the SCBAs were more important than the purchase of a fire truck at this time.

**Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to purchase the SCBAs from the low bidder, Alex Air Apparatus of Alexandria, MN. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution #14-02-18-02  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Long Prairie has received the following donations during the months of February, for the following purposes:

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Todd Wadena Comm Trust	\$300.00	LP Police - DARE

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA THAT:** the City Council of the City of Long Prairie acknowledges and accepts the donations received the month of September.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** the City Council of the City of Long Prairie expresses its thanks and appreciation for the donations to all Donor(s) listed.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

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David Venekamp  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed the adoption of a sign retroreflectivity policy which would replace the city's current policy. The law has changed on the replacement of signs and the new policy conforms to the new law.

**Council member Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adopt the sign retroreflectivity policy as presented. Motion unanimously carried.**

The council reviewed a resolution selling some of the city's wastewater treatment ponds to Long Prairie Packing. The council had previously passed a motion to sell the ponds however the title insurance company preferred a resolution for the sale of the property.

**Council member Rowan motion Klick seconded to approve the following resolution:**

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE  
Resolution #14-02-18-03**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING  
SALE OF TREATMENT PONDS TO  
LONG PRAIRIE PACKING COMPANY, LLC**

The City Council of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota does ordain:

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie previously entered into an agreement with Long Prairie Packing Company, LLC, to sell and convey treatment ponds and related interests in the property; and

WHEREAS, all of the required elements and conditions of sale have been satisfied by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA:

1. The sale of the treatment ponds and related interests from the City of Long Prairie to Long Prairie Packing Company, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, as evidenced by a Commercial-Industrial Purchase Agreement dated May 23, 2012, is hereby ratified and approved in all respects. The real property located in Todd County transferred and conveyed to Long Prairie Packing Company, LLC, is as follows:

See Exhibit A attached.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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David Venekamp  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor

**Council member Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adopt the job description for the position Deputy Clerk. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council member Towle mentioned the police department handled 229 incidents in January. Both the fire and police department completed 1<sup>st</sup> responder training in February.

Council member Gripne stated the liquor store manager is getting price quotes on inventory scanners and on different racking in the coolers.

City Administrator Venekamp stated the city has received 47 applications for the administrator position. Interviews will be done during the last week in February.

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

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David Venekamp  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor