

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, March 17, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2014. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, and City Administrator/Clerk David Venekamp.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the council minutes of March 3rd and the March invoices. Motion unanimously carried.

Tom Kammorow, from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Toward Zero Death program, presented the city with a new radar unit for the squad cars. Mr. Kammorow stated the department is changing towards a high visibility enforcement program hoping to bring new awareness to traffic safety. Tom stated he monitors how police agencies handle the department of safety programs and due to Long Prairie's participation in the programs; he had recommended the city be awarded a new radar unit from the state. The approximate cost of the radar unit is \$3,000.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to accept the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Toward Zero Death donation of a radar unit to the City of Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried.

Lorna Hunter, representative of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, presented a list of items the committee is looking at hoping to accomplish over the next several years. Some of those items are: a film festival at the drive-in, a citywide garage sale, evening history walk on Central Avenue, murals on various storefront buildings, and an open market for vendors at Everybody's Market on the evenings of the Concert in the Park programs. Melissa Kolstad also discussed a possible citywide garage sale and merchant sidewalk sales.

The council suggested that, should the committee want to close off any streets for crazy day events or open market events, the closing of the streets would need to be approved by the city council. The council also asked that they be kept apprised of the various events that the committee is working on.

Chris Senger, the Commander of the American Legion Riders, asked if the city would allow the Bike 'n Trike Rally to be held August 15th, 16, and 17th at the south end of the Industrial Park. Chris stated there will be 2 bands playing at night and the Legion intends to apply for a temporary on-sale license for the sale of alcohol at the event. Senger stated the group anticipates that there will be a larger crowd than last year due to the number of vendors and early registrations for the event.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to allow the Bike 'n Trike Rally to be held in the south end of the Industrial Park. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to adopt the following resolution of a donation to the City of Long Prairie from Irma Brand.

RESOLUTION #14-03-17-04
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Irma Brand	\$1,000.00	LP Police – Equipment fund

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 March.

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 17th day of March, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed a request for a handicapped entrance at the library. The request was from an individual who has difficulty opening the front door of the library building. The council suggested the city obtain price quotes on installing an opener by their next meeting.

Council member Towle stated he felt the city should look at purchasing a stump grinder for use in the city parks and city boulevards. Towle stated the city would definitely get its use out of the grinder over the years. It was estimated the possible cost of the grinder would be around \$4,000 - \$5,000. The Council suggested the city obtain price quotes for a new stump grinder.

Council member Gripne stated the liquor store manager reviewed a new inventory scanning system and is proposing that the council approve the purchase of the system. The council had reviewed prices at their last meeting; however, the manager had not had time to review the system.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the purchase of an inventory scanning system as presented at the March 3rd council meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Don Rasmussen proclaimed the following Mayoral Proclamation in observance of National Donate Life Month.

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
IN OBSERVANCE OF
NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**

Whereas April is considered National Donate Life Month; and

Whereas Organ, eye and tissue donation is a gift which extends hope and healing to those in need; and

Whereas Nearly 115,000 Americans and approximately 3,000 people in Minnesota are waiting for a life-saving transplant; and

Whereas There is a serious shortage of transplantable organs in the United States, resulting in only 28,000 transplants and nearly 6,000 preventable deaths each year; and

Whereas One organ, eye and tissue donor can save or improve the lives of up to sixty people; and

Whereas Minnesota is a leader in registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Any person of any age can become a donor by indicating their preference on their state ID or by registering on-line through either Donate Life Minnesota or Lifesource, one of America's leading organ procurement organizations

Now, Therefore, I, Donald Rasmussen do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

AND, I urge all resident of Long Prairie to mark this day by taking the time to consider becoming an organ donor in order to help others continue to celebrate life.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE OF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota to be affixed on this 17th day of March, 2014.

Donald Rasmussen, Mayor

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to adopt the following resolution for Irish's.

**RESOLUTION #14-03-17-05
"RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A
STATE GAMBLING LICENSE"**

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota requires the licensing of all groups, agencies, parties, etc. who engage in gambling activities, and;

WHEREAS, Grey Eagle Burtrum Lions Club wishes to conduct a pull tab operation which requires a state approved gambling license at 220 Central Avenue and;

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota gambling license procedure requires the city to pass a resolution approving or denying the application to the state license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Long Prairie hereby approves Grey Eagle Burtrum Lions Club gambling license application for pull tabs at Irish's Place, 220 Central Avenue, Long Prairie, to the State of Minnesota and waives any required waiting period from the city for the granting of the license.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/clerk

Donald Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated that March 21st through the 30th will be TZD Enforcement of seatbelts. Langer also indicated the tornado siren located at the old city hall/library is up and running.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the fire department has 2 openings and no candidates for the positions. The department is looking at the possibility of advertising for possible fire department volunteers.

Council member Gripne stated the park board met earlier tonight and Charlie Reichert presented a report on the CEP Program. Charlie is overseeing a group of 2 to 3 individuals who are working under CEP picking up trash and cleaning the city parks and various other properties in the community. The Lions Club is looking at redoing the fire ring at the Lake Charlotte Park and providing a sidewalk to the bathrooms at the park. Lilah indicated that Roger Thies from the Long Prairie Baseball Association presented a possible baseball field project at the Lake Charlotte Park. Lilah stated the park department also heard a report from Karl Langford on the issues of the use of the swimming beach and pontoon.

Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

David Venekamp
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor