

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 16, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2014. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of June 2, 2014, June bills and St Mary's of Mount Carmel church raffle. Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed two temporary easements and two permanent easements sent over by Todd County and Long Prairie Township for the culvert and bridge project located on 230th Street in Long Prairie Township. Todd County is partnering with Long Prairie Township to replace two existing culverts and a bridge structure located on 230th Street in Long Prairie Township this fall. Since the construction of the bridge will require the existing alignment of 230th Street to be closed and the fact that the 230th Street is a dead-end; a temporary bypass will be provided during construction to allow all traffic to maneuver around the construction zone. There will be an informational meeting on June 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Todd County Public Works building located at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota for all affected property owners and public safety relating to the project.

Council member Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve the 2 temporary easements

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the 2 permanent easements.

Council discussed an amendment to a current grant awarded to the City of Long Prairie for the Airport Development Project. The Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics, recently received an additional \$4 Million in spending authority from the state legislature; and, in return, this additional grant fund will decrease the city's cost for the project down to \$147,910.00 which is an additional savings to the city of \$65,249.86.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the amendment #1 to MnDot Grand Agreement #04125. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the purchase of a digital in-car video camera for the police department. The police department is looking for 2 new cameras in the amount of \$8,130.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the digital in-car cameras in the amount of \$8,130. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to adopt the following resolution acknowledging donations to the Long Prairie Police Department:

Resolution #14-06-16-11
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
American Legion	\$50.00	DARE – bike safety
VFW	\$50.00	DARE – bike safety

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 May.

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 16th day of June, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer submitted bids for the purchase of new door key pads overrides. Kreemer proposed from Alex Glass & Glazing 2 - 2000 series door lock with key override packages priced individually at \$771.88 including installation for a total of \$1,543.76.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the key pads for the fire department doors. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the temporary on-sale liquor license for the American Legion Post 12 for the Bike & Trike Rally. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the appointment of Russell Jacobsen and Bob Klick as Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Long Prairie. Bob Klick is taking over for Bobbie Schroeder who has been on the commission for over 32 years.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve Russell Jaconsen as a new Commissioner member of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve Bob Klick as a new Commissioner member of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried. Council member Klick abstained.

Council member Rowan stated the public works department replaced new tires on their trucks and replaced the dissolved oxygen probes. One went out one week and the other went out a week later. The total cost was \$3,600.00. Rowan also stated that the public works is looking at purchasing radio readers for the water meters. This is something that will be budgeted for in the future.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated that Prairie Fest will be starting on Thursday with the Midway opening up on Wednesday. Langer stated that a bull is running loose in the City of Long Prairie after breaking out of the livestock barn on Monday afternoon.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that they had accepted the applications for three new firefighters but before physicals took place, one firefighter dropped out. Of the two new applicants, one has completed and passed his physical and the other one is waiting to complete his physical. With the addition of the two new members, the fire department will be back up to 22 firefighters. Kreemer also stated that Prairie Fest is going on this week. They will be having a health fair and fireworks on Saturday night. Kreemer also stated that there was gas leak out on T.H. 287 and they had to block off a portion of the road while Center Point Energy was working on the problem.

Council member Klick stated that the liquor store is having problems with the code readers and working on resolving that problem. They have obtained quotes for shirts, T-shirts, and jackets for the liquor store. They are going to stay locally with a vendor in Long Prairie. Klick stated the library will be open Friday 9:00 – 5:00 and Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 with story time July 1st.

Council member Gripne stated that she is the new chair and liaison for Planning & Zoning. Gripne stated that the Park Board is short lifeguards for the beach. Beach hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. Also, Joe Messer stated he will need \$2,500.00 to clear the brush and trees over by the Frisbee Park.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the \$2,500.00 recommended by the Park Board to give to Joe Messer to continue clearing the tress over at the Frisbee Park. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the airport project is running slow due to all the rain that we have been having. Contractors at the airport are working to remove some of the buried topsoil in the plans sub-cut areas; encountered topsoil extending beyond the planned limits. Contractor continued to remove the topsoil where it was encountered beyond the plans sub-cut limits. The culvert replacement is 75% turnaround; excavation is 60%, subgrade prep is only 40%. They are

continuing to sub-cut of runway; beginning to replace fill in sub-cut areas; and grade. The sub-cut required to be more extensive than anticipated. The buried topsoil extended farther along the runway and in some places deeper than planned. Sub-cut waiting direction from engineer of depth at which buried topsoil may remain in place.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor