

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

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 7, 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 Brenda Thomes.

Council member Klick motioned Rowan seconded to approve the council minutes of June 16, 2014 with the following changes: Tony Towle was absent from the June 16th meeting and Council member Gripne made a motion seconded by Klick to adopt the resolution acknowledging donations to the City of Long Prairie Police Department. Motion unanimously carried.

Dennis Bacon presented the city with their 2014 audit report. Dennis stated that the city was in good financial condition for the audit of 2013.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the 2013 audit for the city of Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the temporary on-sale liquor license for St Mary of Mt Carmel church. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the temporary on-sale liquor license for Todd County Ag Society for the Todd County Fair. Motion unanimously carried.

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

14-07-07-13 Resolution acknowledging donation from the Centra Care Health for \$125.

Council member Gripne motioned Rowan seconded to approve the donation from Centra Care Health in the amount of \$125. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed a request for contract services with Dave Venekamp for the completion of the 2013 TIF report to the State Auditor and the management report letter of 2013. Dave was requesting services for \$40.00 per hour plus mileage with estimated hours for work on the TIF report to be around 8 hours; plus 8 hours for the management report letter.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the request for contract services for Dave Venekamp. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the approval of the 2014 election judges for the primary and general elections. The city pays for the evening meal, mileage to training, \$10.00 for head judges and \$9.00 for all other judges. There were six judges and two head judges.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the election judges for the 2014 year for the primary and generals elections. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed a request from Geyer Rental Services in Alexandria for a bobcat with brush cutters for 5 days for roughly \$1,400.00. This is to clear all the brush out and make a clear path at the Frisbee Park.

Council member Towle stated that he was going to be going in with Sentence to serve crew to work on cleaning up the brush, cutting down some of the smaller trees and working on the stump grinding.

Council member Klick requested that Dan Spieker bring over the stump grinder and that the Sentence to Serve crew will work on doing the stump grinding before we go ahead and get the brush cutter in that area to work.

Council member Towle also asked if public works could haul in a load of class 5 in the low area. There was a low area and they are not able to get in and out of that area to work on the Frisbee Park.

Council member Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to haul a load of Class 5 in to the Frisbee Park low area and to rent the bobcat with brush cutters for 5 days in the amount of \$280.00 per day for a total of about \$1,400.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the Initiative Foundation's request for support for the year 2015. Each year the city has been donating about \$1,750.00 to the Initiative Foundation.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to go forward the donation to the Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$1,750.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the use of calcium chloride on the gravel roads within city limits to eliminate the dust. This would include First Avenue SW and First Street South.

Council member Rowan motioned Klick seconded to approve the application of the calcium chloride on the gravel roads to eliminate the dust in the air. Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that the department was at Prairie Fest; and one fire fighter was injured during a fire over the past weekend.

Council member Klick stated that the liquor store will be ordering T-shirts and jackets; and they will also be doing inventory starting tonight, July 7th.

Council member Gripne stated that Centra Care has an annexation going on next Monday along with a preliminary plat; Hat's off Coffee has started their remodeling; they are working on the welding but still need additional funds from CEP; and Park Board will be having their meeting in 2 weeks.

Mayor Rasmussen stated there was a pay request in the amount of \$214,961.58 for the first pay request for the airport.

Council member Rowan motioned Towle seconded to go ahead and pay the first pay request #1 for the airport project in the amount of \$214,961.58. Motion unanimously carried.

City Administrator Thomes stated that Mayor Don Rasmussen was appointed to the District 3 Planning Committee by the Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trails.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor