

**City of Long Prairie  
Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Monday, August 4, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 4, 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 Towle was absent.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of July 21, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed a variance application by David Blanchard to build a deck on the front of his house. Planning and Zoning has approved the variance application.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the variance application as recommended by Planning and Zoning for David Blanchard. Motion unanimously carried.**

Tim King presented the council with a sign permit to paint a mural on the building located at 140 Central Avenue consisting of the Northern European community, Amish community and Mexican community. Tim King wrote and received a grant for \$10,000 which included funds for the mural, the community gardens, paint light poles on Main Street, and the fall festival. Jim Daily is the artist that will be doing the painting.

**Council member Rowan seconded by Gripne to approve the sign permit for Tim King to go forward with the mural. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed the approval of Jane Kleinschmidt as election judge. The city pays for the evening meal, mileage to training, and \$9 per hour for election judges.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve Jane Kleinschmidt as election judge. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed the renewal of VFW Post 1140 on sale liquor license. This liquor license runs from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

**Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to renew the VFW Post 1140 on sale liquor license. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed resolution 14-08-04-16 a resolution acknowledging donations to the fire department in the amount of \$140.

**Resolution #14-08-04-16**  
**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Linda Kielty & Donna Koester (garage sale)	\$140.00	Fire Dept Donation (from garage sale)

**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 July.

**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 4th day of August, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor

Council discussed the approval of satisfaction of mortgage regarding Patricia Mace. There was a Housing Redevelopment Authority project that was completed February of 2012 and the property owner is now deceased; therefore, funds will be coming back to the city in the amount of \$21,000.00.

**Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the satisfaction of mortgage. Motion unanimously carried.**

Council discussed the trees in the boulevard area along State Hwy 71 in the area between Long Prairie Oil and Southside Auto. Motorists are having problems identifying signs in that area and council members went out to take a look at that area. There is a request to have the trees removed if they are blocking the area of the directional signs and the location sign to Little Falls. Council would direct back to MnDOT to remove trees or have them relocated somewhere else in the city.

Council discussed a request to ask public works to go out and paint the curbs yellow in the area of McDonald's before the grand opening.

Council member Rowan stated that public works is looking for bids on street repairs. Hopefully, public works will get the bids in sometime in the next week or two to bring back to council. City staff has been trimming trees along the boulevard area.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated that the fire department responded to a lift assist. On August 17, 2014, there will be a waffle breakfast here at the fire department and the funds will go the Prairie Fest.

Council member Klick stated that everything is going very well at the liquor store and the quarterly report came in looking good.

Council member Gripne and City Administrator Thomes went to Long Prairie Township and got the resolutions for the annexation completed.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the airport looks great and they are finishing the striping.

Mayor Rasmussen and Police Chief Kevin Langer will be attending the next meeting for Community Concern for Youth on August 19<sup>th</sup> in Staples at 12:00 p.m.

The next Park Board Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2014.

The next Council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Monday August 18, 2014.

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

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor