

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, November 3, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2014. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle, Bob Klick, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Councilor Rowan was absent.

Councilor Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of October 20, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Jody Bebault, Linda Bleess, and Joe Bleess were present for the council meeting. They attended the meeting to discuss with the council the odor that was coming from Daybreak. They wanted to know what the city was doing about the problem. There was a backup at Elizabeth Westerman's property, 431 Todd Street North.

The city, to eliminate the problem, has jetted the lines in February and September. The city has also done a smoke test to see if there were any lines that weren't capped off that should have been capped off. The only property that had any problems was Elizabeth Westerman's property.

Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to send a letter to Daybreak regarding sewer line smell and that they explain to city hall what they have been doing for this past summer. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called to order a public hearing at 7:12 to renew a currency exchange licensee application for Martin Montanez dba Novedades Bronco.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the currency exchange license renewal for Martin Montanez dba Novedades Bronco. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Klick motioned Towle seconded for council to set a special council meeting to canvas the elections on November 13th at 9:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Klick motioned Towle seconded to accept the Innovation Funding Grant from NJPA in the amount of \$51,000 for the Jacob Brower Trail. Roll call: Yes; Gripne, Rasmussen, Klick, and Towle. Motion unanimously carried.

Council stated there are four properties that the city building inspector and the police chief have inspected. Council reviewed the properties and will table the building code violations until the next council meeting.

Councilor Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve two raffle applications by Centra Care Health for 12/06/14 and 01/02/15. Motion unanimously carried.

Council Towle stated the police department had 353 incidents for October. There is a new radio system that has been installed in the Tahoe. The total cost of the radio was \$4,000. The department received \$2,500 from an Agstar Grant, \$1,000 from another grant, and got a \$500 rebate. The police department has a new part time employee, James Uhlman. There was one DUI arrest over the Halloween weekend.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the fire department participated in the Trunk and Treat spending \$100 for candy. Fire fighters attended to the crash on T.H. 27 relating to the death of the foreign exchange student.

Connie Nelson presented her story “The Stolen Years” at the Library with 20 people in attendance.

Council noted October 21, 2015 was the Manufacturers’ Breakfast for the EDA.

Councilor Gripne stated the Park Board and Planning and Zoning are each looking for a member.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Tourism was supposed to meet on November 3, 2014, but the meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for next month. Tourism is looking for more community members. Rasmussen also stated that when he and City Administrator/Clerk Thomes went to the airport to meet with the FAA, they are looking for a 10 year plan instead of a 5 year plan from the city for our CIP. Rasmussen stated the city is looking to send 24 people to the Blandin Foundation leadership training. A meeting was held at city hall and had 70 nominees for the retreat. The foundation will pick 24 of those nominees for the retreat.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.**

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor