

**City of Long Prairie
Council Meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, December 1, 2014**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2014. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle, Bob Klick, Art Rowan, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Klick motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of November 3rd, November 13th, and the November bills. Motion unanimously carried.

Terry Lanoue of Long Prairie Sanitation addressed the council asking if he could change the garbage route from several days a week to one day a week. He would like a one day pickup service on Tuesday for residential service only. Commercial and recycling service will stay the same. Terry will also be putting a letter together to inform all residents of the garbage change which he is looking to do starting December 16th.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve the garbage changes in routes for residential service only starting December 16, 2014. All residential garbage will be picked up on Tuesday going forward. Motion unanimously carried.

Jon Kringen addressed the council regarding Soldier's Field. Jon stated the school is looking to possibly sell Soldier's Field and the city currently has a 99 year lease. The school is asking the council to rescind their 99 year lease.

Councilor Rowan suggested that if the council would consider rescinding the lease, we put something stating there would need to be some type of a park in that area of Soldier's Field for whatever developer or whoever would purchase that piece of property.

This was only discussion with no motions being made or passed at this time.

Council discussed a proposal of \$1,960 from Herzog Roofing to repair the hole in the roof at the liquor store.

Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to accept the proposal to patch the roof at the liquor store to get through the winter. Next spring, we will rebid the cost to repair the roof. The proposal submitted by Herzog on November 13th will stand next spring. We will go out for additional proposals at that time.

Councilor Towle stated he would like to rent the brush puller for the bobcat next spring to get all the brush out of the Frisbee Park. City Administrator/Clerk Thomes will have Dan Spieker take a look at the brush puller.

Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve resolution #14-12-01-1 Adopting the 2014 Tax Levy, Collectible in the Year 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed sectioning off Mosquito Park into a couple different sections to see if there would be residents in the city that would like to come out and cut down wood and use it for their personal use at home. Administrator Thomes will put an ad in the paper to see if any residents would like to cut down any of the wood in Mosquito Park.

Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve resolution #14-12-01-2 PERA Police Officer Declaration for Bryan Lashinski . Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve resolution #14-12-01-3 PERA Police Officer Declaration for James Uhlman. Motion unanimously carried

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve resolution #14-12-01-4 Acknowledging Donations. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked the fire department, Administrator/Clerk Thomes, the business owners, and Renee Kreemer for such a wonderful event the day after Thanksgiving for the parade and fireworks.

Councilor Rowan stated the city's engineer submitted the application for a slight modification at the water treatment plant but we are still waiting for the approval from the Department of Health.

Councilor Towle stated the police department had 244 incidents for the month of November. The police department and the sheriff's department will be conducting use of force and Taser training on December 16th and 18th. They will be having two classes here at city hall. This is a mandatory class. The Santa Claus parade was well attended and there were no issues.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated the fire department had 84 calls for the year. Kreemer stated he will be submitting a report next month to the council. Pete Haugen is now back on duty for the department after his time off for his injury.

Councilor Klick stated the library will be holding their holiday music from 4:00 – 5:00 Christmas Eve Day.

Councilor Gripne stated there were no meetings for park board or planning and zoning. EDA is starting to work on updating the comp plan. Hart Trailer sold.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the lights at the airport are still being worked on. They are working on remediating the problem with the high beam on approach to the airfield.

Councilor Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor