

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, November 2, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of October 19, 2015. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Rowan seconded to approve the following resolution acknowledging donations:

**Resolution #15-11-02-
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie has received the following donations during the month(s) of November, for the following purposes:

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Todd Wadena Com Trust	\$400.00	Portable crosswalk sign – Police Dept
Dan’s Prize – Golf Outing	\$1,000.00	Donation – Fire Dept

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 October.

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 2nd day of November, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion carried.

Council discussed Pay Application No. 04 for the water treatment rehabilitation project in the amount of \$67,864.96 to Eagle Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to pay Application No. 04. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Green Thumb program. The program is part of the original Lady Bird Johnson project. This is a Federally Funded program to assist seniors 55 and older re-entering into the job market. Council looked at the information submitted by Carol Schneider and approved the city's participation with the program.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne to participate in the Green Thumb Program. Motion carried.

Council discussed the purchase of a new snow blower/lawn mower for the airport. We currently have a 616 Allis Deutz lawn tractor, 16 horsepower, 42 inch mower and a 42 inch snow blower. We are looking to replace that possibly with a grant from the airport. Bolton & Menk are looking into airport grant funds.

Councilor Rowan reported that the police department had 315 incidents for the month of October. Safety Pup and Chief Langer gave out 500 stickers at the Trunk and Treat. It was a successful and quiet Halloween.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated new firefighters were going through Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 training. Kreemer also stated the Halloween trunk or treat was very successful.

The liquor store is still working with the new card reader trying to get everything setup.

Council discussed parking spaces at the library. Administrator Thomes went to visit the department of motor vehicles and came to the conclusion that the city will put up 3 signs designated for the library so they have parking upfront. Administrator Thomes spoke with Dan Spieker about getting them installed as soon as possible.

Councilor Gripne stated that November 18th is the next EDA meeting. They are still discussing the Comp Plan and she would like everybody in attendance.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the airport is still discussing the 500 foot extension. Tourism has started to plan for next year's music in the park.

Administrator Thomes updated the council on the Broad Band Grant. We should hear the results of that grant by the end of November. Administrator Thomes will be helping with the school board elections on November 3rd. The city has accepted the application for a new cleaning person, Beth Rohr, at the old city hall. She will be cleaning the library and the rest of the building.

Councilor Towle stated he had talked to Pat Schultz and he is going to go back in the winter and continue cutting down trees in the back area of Mosquito Park. If anybody has questions regarding that, they need to contact Administrator Thomes.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor