

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday April 20, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2015. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Art Rowan, Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines, Tony Towle, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of April 6, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Sev Blenkush, Ambassador to the League of MN Cities, introduced himself to the council and reminded them that they can call him or call the League of MN Cities if they need anything.

Council toured the Long Prairie (new) armory on April 15th and were impressed with all the space. Council indicated that they would like to continue pursuing the armory. The next step is to receive the appraisal of the armory. The council will continue discussion at the next council meeting after they have received the appraisal from the Corp. The appraisal will not come in until the end of May or the first part of June.

Councilor Hines motioned Towle seconded to continue with pursuing the option to purchase the armory. Motion unanimously carried.

There was a request by our city engineers to have the council present a motion to proceed with environmental assessment at Todd Field

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to proceed with the environmental assessment at Todd Field for the extension of a 500 ft. runway. Motion unanimously carried.

There was a request by Marilyn Bayerl for the city to start looking at updates to the Wellhead Protection Plan. This is required every ten years to ensure that their plans reflects the current conditions within a DWSMA area. The City of Long Prairie's update needs to be completed by July of 2018. The request is if the city wants to start the process early to ensure adequate time to address changes and meet state/local review time requirements.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to go forward with starting the Wellhead Protection Plan early. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve an application for a raffle at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church and School. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 15-04-20-01
PERA POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and

skills to protecting the property and personal safety of other; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Long Prairie hereby declares that the position titled Police Officer, currently held by Brian Lashinski, meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime'
4. Said position gives this employee full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the above-named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD

I, Brenda Thomes, City Administrator/Clerk of the City of Long Prairie, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 20th day of April, 2015; the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 5 members voted in favor of this resolution and that 5 members were present and voting.

Signed: _____

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Date: _____

Motion unanimously carried.

Council reviewed the citizen complaint form that will be placed out on our city's website. Council thought it was a nice update to put out on the website if residents have any complaints of any sort. Administrator Thomes will go forward with that.

Councilor Hines stated public works is working on filling potholes, flushing hydrants, and have started hauling sludge from the wastewater treatment plant. Public works was also working with the tornado sirens.

Councilor Rowan asked Chief Langer what was going on in the city.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated they were working on the tornado sirens. We were having problems with the batteries not holding a charge. Chief Langer will bring back some options to the next council meeting on how to resolve that problem. Batteries at the south and north ends

had batteries that failed. Each siren has six batteries.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated they have a vendor that they have been working with for spray foam application. It comes in five gallon pails and currently we store the bulk foam pails at the fire station, so the city and other local fire departments get a discounted rate. Kreemer stated the Long Prairie Fire Department received a plaque from the Green Valley Fire that happened May 14, 2013. There were 53 fire departments involved in that fire.

Councilor Towle stated they have started to work on finalizing the lanes for the Frisbee golf course. This spring, we will work on setting the baskets and putting the tee boxes in.

Councilor Gripne stated they are still working on the comp plan.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the airport is continuing to work on the 500 ft. extension. Mayor Rasmussen will be attending a meeting in Fergus Falls on May 5th along with the Administrator Thomes to look at the regional trail system.

Todd County Highway department has submitted a Cooperative Construction Agreement for the construction of County Road #86. This will be a part of the 2016 road project.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement for the reconstruction of County Road #86 in the City of Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor