

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday April 6, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 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 Gripne motioned Rowan seconded to approve the council minutes of March 16, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the lease for the Department of Safety Driver and Vehicle Services for the next 3 years. Motion unanimously carried.

Kent Louwagie from Bolton & Menk presented the final bids for the water treatment improvement project. The tabulation showed Eagle Construction had the lowest bid with a base bid of \$99,947; an alternate bid of \$37,388; for a total of \$137,335.

The alternate amount is to replace each cell at the water treatment plant. The plant currently has four (4) cells. We will only know the total cost after we start the project.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to award the project to Eagle Construction for the base of \$137,335 with the potential alternate of \$37,388 for each addition cell that needs to be redone. Roll call: Yes; Gripne, Rowan, Towle, Hines, Rasmussen. Motion unanimously carried.

The council discussed video protection at the Riverside Liquor Store. Two bids were submitted from Video Protection Services, Inc.:

- Estimate #2042 - New camera, service call, and installation \$855.30
- Estimate #2043 - Extending the hard drive \$398.94

There was a request for a wireless receiver panic button. Two will be added to the request.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to go with the new video camera in the amount of \$855.30; the extended hard drive in the amount of \$398.94; and two wireless panic buttons for the liquor store. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to appoint Jon Kringen to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Rowan seconded to appoint James Ruiz to the Park Board Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Hines stated it was pretty quiet in the public works area. They are patching potholes, flushing hydrants and working at the Frisbee Park. The City has hired a new public works employee, Ryan Twardowski.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated they had a grass fire over the weekend and Wednesday night they will have training. They are going to do a small practice burn at Trevor Zastrow's property on County Road 12. The Fire Department also took the ladder truck to Brandon for a funeral. There were 45 different Fire Department trucks in attendance.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated on April 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 there is a Child Protection dinner. Tornado Awareness Week is April 13th – 17th. There will be drills April 16th with the tornado sirens will be going off at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. The week of April 13th – 18th there will be an increase in enforcement. April 25th will be the Todd County take back for all the unused medication from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Long Prairie City Hall. August 4th is Community Safety Day. For the month of March there were 337 incidents. The electronic radar sign is now located on County Road 27. The police department is working with the Hands of Hope and will hold a Sex Trafficking class. April 18th there will be a refresher training. Last Thursday night, Officer Duane Breiter was assaulted at Centra Care Hospital while on duty. Officer Breiter was assisting the county in restraining an individual and he was kicked in the face. May 2nd, Browerville and Long Prairie Fire will be doing a practice burn at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Towle stated the Rosen softball fields will be having some work done. The stumps are being removed at the Frisbee Park so they can start setting up the course.

Gripne stated there was no Planning and Zoning meeting and EDA is still working on updating the Comp Plan. The old meat market will be demolished and the lot cleared to have it ready for sale by MN National Bank.

Mayor Rasmussen stated Community Concern for Youth is going to have their spring meeting soon. Tourism still in need more members and will be advertising to fill 3 vacant positions.

Administrator Thomes stated there is a League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control meeting that she will be attending long with Kevin Langer and Dan Spieker. In the upcoming weeks, Civics System will be coming and installing the new software for our accounting system. We will be having a meeting with Long Prairie Packing and Dan's Prize in the upcoming weeks to discuss water and sewer improvements.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor