

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday June 15, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Devin Hines, Art Rowan, Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Towle motioned Rowan seconded to approve the council minutes of June 1, 2015 and the June bills. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called to order a public hearing on a conditional use permit for Jaked Fabrication & Metal Works, LLC. Rasmussen gave an overview of what the conditional use permit was all about and Jaked Fabrication & Metal Work are the property owners. They are applying for a conditional use permit to build mud trucks, repair vehicles, metal fabrication such as trailer repair. This property is located in the R-1 zoning district. Residents in attendance for the public hearing were as follows: Rich Barhorst, Brenda Baker, Jeremy Miller, Kurt Oostra, Bob Kunz, Elaine Kunz, Elaine Kingston, Jim Kingston, Karen Werner, Gary Werner, Tom Differt, Helen Differt, Lisa Schurmann, Kent Louwagie, Becky Meis, Gerald Meis, Sarah Meis, Arlen Muenzhuber, Lyle Danielson, Jim Kreemer, Manette Tomford, Brian Tomford, Kevin Langer, Brandon Puck, Earl Thom. There was a lot of discussion for and against the application.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to approve the conditional use permit per the Planning Commission's recommendation. Their recommendation was to approve the conditional use permit based on the findings of facts listed and the staff's finding of facts consisting of: parking and loading, screening of parking area, hours of operation, and performance standards. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed a noise dispute between property owner Brandon Puck and his neighbor. There are two emails from assistant prosecuting attorney Franz Vancura of Brown and Kruger regarding the issue between Brandon Puck and Omar. There was a brief discussion regarding the noise of the basketball playing before 10:00 a.m. Council has tabled this discussion to the next city council meeting. Council has asked Administrator Thomes to talk to the city attorney and bring back her findings to the next council meeting.

Brenda Baker addressed the council concerning the keeping of three dogs. The dogs range in age from 18 years old, 15 years old, and another 15 years old. Brenda explained to the council she has depression and her three daughters have passed away and she has a dog from each of the daughters. Brenda stated it would cause undue hardship and depression if she had to part with these dogs. Brenda Baker also had a letter from her doctor requesting her to keep all three dogs.

Council tabled this matter and requested Administrator Thomes to review these items and review the ordinance.

Council reviewed two bids for re-roofing at Riverside Liquor from Herzog Roofing and Buttweiler's.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to accept the bid from Buttweiler's in the amount of \$13,870 plus the additional \$970 for insulation. Motion unanimously carried.

Council reviewed bids from Tri-City Paving and Mark Lee Asphalt and Paving for patching three items: 2nd Avenue SW, 8th Street SE, and Todd Street North

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve Tri-City’s proposal for the three locations. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license for the Bike and Trike Rally to be held at the Industrial Park. Motion unanimously carried.

At the May 18th city council meeting, the council approved the award contingent that city staff would meet with Dakota Supply Group and review their meters. At a meeting on Thursday, June 4th, a significant amount of discussion was done relating to the supplier and the proposed AMR meters. During that discussion, there was a discrepancy between the quantities of meters included in the bid and the actual quantities of meters intended to be replaced. After the meeting, we reviewed the quantities and reached the conclusion that the bid did not contain sufficient quantities to replace all the existing water meters. Apparently, we inadvertently omitted about 400 meters. We are looking to re-bid the whole process.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to reject the bids and go forward and re-bid the water meter improvement project. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towel seconded to approve the following Resolution #15-06-15-01 approving the grant from Todd Wadena Electrical Co-op for GO Cashing.

**Resolution #15-06-15-01
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GRANT**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Todd Wadena Electrical Co-op	\$500.00	GO Cashing – Treasure Hunt

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 Operational Round Up Grant received the month of June.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the City Council of the City of Long Prairie expresses its thanks and appreciation for the grant(s) to all Donor(s) listed.

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve Resolution #15-06-15-01 to the GO Cashing – Treasure Hunt. Motion unanimously carried

Councilor Hines noted that the street department has been working hard to stay caught up on mowing and helping with the Frisbee Park project. They are looking at trying to do an open house in July around the week of the 20th.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated they have extra help during Prairie Fest. For the month of May there were 351 ICR's and for the month of June there were 349 ICR's. Langer discussed replacing the tornado sirens and asked if we would start with replacing the southwest corner tornado siren converting from battery to AC.

Councilor Gripne motioned and Rowan seconded to replace tornado sirens with direct hookup to power starting with the southwest corner. This will be put in the budget starting next year. Motion unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted that the waffle breakfast will be on Sunday, June 21st. Looking at the rental facility in Little Falls for additional tables since the armory no longer is available to rent tables. STS comes back and forth from Wadena and they'll probably look and see if they can get the tables from Wadena but they are not sure. The department is still looking at applications for firefighters. They have not made any decisions at this time. They are still in need of firefighters.

The Long Prairie Lions will be discussing doing an open house at the airport this fall and will be looking at some of the pilots considering airplane rides.

Councilor Gripne stated there was a planning and zoning meeting on Tuesday and discussed the conditional use permit for Jaked Fabrication. The EDA meeting will be on Thursday

Administrator Thomes is working on grant applications for Broad Band and Trails.

Councilor Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor