

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday June 1, 2015

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 1, 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 Rowan motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of May 18, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Council noted that the water treatment plant project has not started yet.

Council discussed the broadband proposal. The city currently has a \$15,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation and a \$6,000 grant from Todd County Economic Development. To complete our engineer's proposal, we need a total of \$45,000. The city is going to put in \$15,000. There will be another request to the Community Growth Fund for \$5,000 and the Initiative Foundation for \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Councilor Rowan motioned Towle seconded to approve the \$15,000 for the engineer's proposal for broadband project with the funds coming out of the liquor enterprise fund. Roll call: Yes; all. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the appointment of Judy Breiter to the Tourism Commission. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Rowan seconded to appoint Eric and Dawn Espe as supervisors at Lake Charlotte Park. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the Endowment Pledge to the Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$1,750. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the following resolution acknowledging donations to the National Child Safety Council:

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

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
American Legion	\$50.00	National Child Safety
LP Packing	\$150.00	National Child Safety
LP Plumbing	\$21.00	National Child Safety
CMCU	\$150.00	National Child Safety
Peters & Churchwell	\$75.00	National Child Safety
Sellnow Law Office	\$75.00	National Child Safety
Long Prairie Dental	\$75.00	National Child Safety
Countryside Plumbing	\$50.00	National Child Safety

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 May.

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 1st day of June, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve Resolution #15-06-01-01 to the National Child Safety Council. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the following resolution acknowledging donations to the Long Prairie Police Department:

**Resolution #15-06-01-02
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
R-Way	\$50.00	Crime Prevention – LP Police Dept
Breitenfeldt Insurance	\$75.00	Crime Prevention – LP Police Dept
LP Oil	\$75.00	Crime Prevention – LP Police Dept

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City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve Resolution #15-06-01-02 for donations to the Long Prairie Police Department. Motion unanimously carried.

City Administrator Thomes asked the council if they would recognize her years of service as a public employee for sick leave, longevity, vacation, and insurance purposes. Administrator Thomes will continue on the current step scale that was set up when she was hired. With this recognition, Administrator Thomes would be eligible at the next increase for vacation, sick leave, longevity, and also be participating in the health care savings plan.

Councilor Towle motioned Rowan seconded to approve the recognition of Administrator Thomes' years of service as a public employee since June of 2006. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed a request by Tim King to move the Farmer's Market back to the old city hall where they previously had been. They would like to have it on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Councilor Rowan motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve the request by Tim King to move the Farmer's Market back to the old city hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed a bid submitted by public works for an exhaust fan and intake louvers for the city's truck garage.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the exhaust fan and intake louvers for the truck garage at a cost of \$3,133. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Hines noted that the street department has been doing a lot of mowing, street repairs, along with the request for the exhaust fan at the truck garage.

Councilor Rowan asked Fire Chief Jim Kreemer if he had any items for discussion.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted the month of June will be very busy. They have fire department training, Prairie Fest, Demo Derby, etc. They also have 3 applications they will be discussing for new firefighters.

Council noted that Police Chief Kevin Langer is on vacation. We will be talking about tornado sirens and security cameras at city hall at the next meeting.

Councilor Towle noted the Park Board appointed the Espe's as supervisors at Lake Charlotte. Park Board discussed the Frisbee Park grand opening for the middle of July. The bike path leading to Lake Charlotte may have to be re-routed for the project. The softball fields are being worked on. The new Great River Regional Library administrator will be coming on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. to talk to all the community members.

Councilor Gripne noted here will be a Planning and Zoning meeting June 8th for a conditional use permit. The EDA is still working on putting the comp plan together.

Mayor Rasmussen noted Tourism has 2 new appointed members for the committee filling all positions on the board. Tourism discussed selling ice cream at the concerts in the park and 4-H possibly selling popcorn as well.

Administrator Thomes noted that the National Joint Powers had eliminated the Jacob Brower Trail due to items relating to resolutions not from all communities not enclosed in the grant application.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor