

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

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

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

Engineers from Bolten & Menk discussed with the council the water treatment plant project along with several other items. Council approved this project back in March to go ahead and replace the media and cells of each location at the water treatment plant. There are a total of 4 cells. The 1st cell that we looked at, the floor was starting to break apart and we went ahead and replaced that. The floor was breaking apart due to the steel corroding and the tile floor would flex when the backwash occurred. Eventually, the steel broke and started to undermine the floor. Council approved the repair of the 1st cell in the amount of \$54,000. This new floor is a monolithic floor. There was additional discussion by Paul from Bolten & Menk about the other 3 cells.

The bid opening for the water meter project will be July 29, 2015 at city hall. MN DOT is looking at a 2018 project from 9th Street down to T.H. 71 and from T.H. 71 to the bridge. There was discussion on overlay and replacing the end caps on sidewalks to make it AD accessible. There was a brief discussion on the 2016 improvement project. They will be coming back in August.

Todd County Soil and Water issued a notice that they are okay with the Centra Care project as long as the Corp of Engineers approve the project as well. Currently, it is waiting with the Corp of Engineers. The period of waiting time is undetermined.

There was discussion about coming back in August with industrial facility plan for the wastewater treatment plant for the future plans modifications.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to replace each cell in the monolithic format in the amount of \$54,000 for each of the 4 cells. Roll call: Yes; all. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the 2nd portion of the snow plow truck for the public works. The council approved a portion of the new plow truck for 2016 at their last meeting.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded approve the rest of the snow plow truck for 2016 in the amount of \$82,549.95. Motion unanimously carried.

Council asked to add language in the discussion of the Armory. Council asked about removing the old generator at the Armory and the landscaping on the east side of the building. Administrator Thomes will revamp a return letter to Sergeant Heike and Mayor Rasmussen will sign the letter.

Councilor Towle motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded proceed with the purchase of the VX 520 card reader in the amount of \$895.00, plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling, to

replace the current card reader at Todd Field Airport for the gas pump. Motion unanimously carried.

Council discussed the National Night Out from 5-7 pm, August 4, 2015. This is the 32nd annual National Night Out. This will provide an opportunity for the Long Prairie citizens to join forces with other communities and promote cooperative law enforcement-community crime prevention. There will be a food truck, Mayor and Council will be serving root beer floats, the air helicopter may be in attendance, and Mayor Rasmussen will read a proclamation for National Night Out 2015.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the card defender for the Riverside Liquor store in the amount of \$2,272.16 with a reoccurring charge of \$20.00 for the terminal service agreement. Roll call: Yes; all. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilor Hines noted that public works have been dealing with issues with the well at the treatment plant and also have been working very hard at the Frisbee Park.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer stated there was a fireman that had resigned and one new firefighter, Jason Sellnow, will potentially be on the roster once he completes his physical and background checks. The department responded to a chimney fire at the old creamery and a grass fire.

Police Chief Kevin stated there were 7 alcohol compliance checks and everybody passed.

Councilor Towle stated other than the card defender, he didn't know of any other things going on.

Councilor Gripne stated Justin Bearsly will be at the August 19th EDA meeting to assist with the Comp Plan. There was a new election of Officer's at the last EDA meeting: Brian Haugen – President, Dennis Bacon – Vice President, and Sue Stine – Secretary.

Mayor Rasmussen stated tourism is going very well. They are working on the 500 foot extension at the airport which will be paid 95% State and 5% County and City.

Administrator Thomes stated that for cities under 5,000, legislation has passed some additional funds and we have received \$21,000 for street beautification. We also have met with CTC and Cooperative Network Services and started the broadband engineer's proposal. That project is underway.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor