

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
5:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Devin Hines, James Ruiz and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Council member Lilah Gripne was not in attendance.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes of January 4th and the January bills. Motion carried.

Councilor Ruiz motioned Towle seconded to approve Jim Kreemer to be the Fire Chief for the Long Prairie Fire Department. Motion carried.

Council discussed the conditional use permit for Henry Street Properties. Administrator Thomes reviewed all the staff findings of fact.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve the conditional use permit for Henry Street Properties for the property located at 33 Riverside Drive. The CUP is recommended by the city planning commission to be approved along with all the staff findings of facts 1 through 10. Motion carried.

Council discussed Ordinance No. 16-01-19:04 an ordinance regulating the possession, sales and consumption of tobacco and tobacco related devices and products within the city of Long Prairie. It originally was discussed back in March of 2015. The planning commission asked for a couple changes to the ordinance. It came before a public hearing in January of 2016. The planning commission passed its recommendation to approve Ordinance No. 16-01-19:04

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve Ordinance No. 16-01-19:04. Motion carried.

Councilor Hines motioned Towle seconded to approve Resolution #16-01-19-01 acknowledging donations from Central Bi Products in the amount of \$2,000 to the Long Prairie Police Department. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve a raffle on February 6th for St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel. Motion carried.

Council Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve Resolution #16-01-19-02 establishing procedures relating to the compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the internal revenue code. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve Resolution #16-01-19-03 a resolution to include board members under the city's workers' compensation coverage. Motion carried.

Administrator Thomes received a request from Eric and Samantha Adams in regards to the Small Cities Development Program. They would like to transfer the loan to a potential new purchaser, or they would like to refinance their current mortgage and would like the city to take a look at a subordination agreement.

Council reviewed the letter from Eric and Samantha Adams dated December 2, 2015.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to deny both the request for a transfer and the request to do a subordination agreement. Council did say they may look at this request again if sellers would find a potential purchaser that would meet all the qualifications and guidelines of the Small Cities Development Program. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve Resolution #16-01-19-05 a resolution for investment of city funds. Motion carried.

Councilor Hines noted that public works is finishing up repairs and maintenance on the equipment including snowplows and should be done by the end of the week. We should be finished with the rehab of all four cells at the water treatment plant and replacement of all the media in each of the cells. All four cells should be back online by the 25th of January.

Councilor Towle discussed the new cameras that will be placed at the liquor store. The inventory has been completed at the liquor store and sent off to Auditor Dennis Bacon.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that EDA will be on Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

Administrator Thomes noted there was a tourism meeting and they discussed having Tourism look into some different winter activities. There will be a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. after the city council meeting to discuss the 500 foot extension at the Round Prairie Township.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor