

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
5:00 P.M., Monday, April 11, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2016. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Council members Devin Hines and James Ruiz were not in attendance.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of March 21st. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called to order a public hearing on ordinance #16-04-11:03. This is an ordinance granting CenterPoint Energy a nonexclusive franchise to construct, operate, repair and maintain facilities and equipment for the transportation, distribution, manufacture and sale of gas energy for public and private use and to use the public ways and grounds of the City of Long Prairie, County, Minnesota, for such purpose: and, prescribing certain terms and conditions thereof.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve ordinance #16-04-11:03 titled “CenterPoint Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance”. Motion carried.

Council discussed McDonald’s large vehicle parking for their business. Council is still working on some different angles with McDonald’s. McDonald’s is looking at the parking lot across the street on 71 and also looking at the property directly to the east of them. We will bring back more information at the next council meeting.

Council approved a position for a new fulltime officer. Administrator Thomes, Police Chief Langer, Sergeant Breiter, and Council member Ruiz conducted interviews on four part-time officers for the position of one fulltime officer starting April 12, 2016. Two of the interviews were conducted on March 21st and the other two were done on March 24th. The committee chose Brittney Just who has been with the Long Prairie Police Department since October 31, 2012. Since her time here, she has shown her skills as a dependable and ethical officer for the city.

Councilor Towle motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve the appointment of the fulltime police officer to Brittney Just. Motion carried.

Council discussed the city’s insurance rotation between three different insurance agencies for our worker’s comp. Council tabled this for discussion in two weeks.

Council discussed resolution #16-04-11:01 a resolution ordering preparation of report on improvement for the CentraCare project.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve resolution #16-4-11:01 titled “Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement”. Motion carried.

Council discussed the construction plans for the 2016 Improvement Project.

Councilor Towle motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve resolution #16-04-11:02 titled “Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids”. Motion carried.

Council discussed a resolution for CentraCare approving the issuance of bonds by the City of St. Cloud on behalf of CentraCare Health System.

Councilor Towle motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve resolution #16-04-11:03 titled “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA, ON BEHALF OF CENTRACARE HEALTH SYSTEM UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 469.152 TO 469.165 AND CHAPTER 462C; APPROVAL OF A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAM”. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve final Pay Application No. 08 for the water treatment facility in the amount of \$15,422.35. Motion carried.

Council discussed the developer’s agreement by CentraCare. CentraCare is still working on getting the final construction start dates and completion dates for the developer’s agreement. One side has been completed. They will be ready to sign the developers agreement which they figured will be taken care of by the end of the week. They will also be submitting the plans for the assisted living so our building inspector can start reviewing plans for the project.

Councilor Towle motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve resolution #16-04-11:04 titled “Approval of Master Subscriber Agreement with State of Minnesota Office of State Court Administration”. Motion carried.

Police Chief Kevin Langer noted that they had 410 incidents. They turned in 361 pounds of drugs from our take back program. This week is severe weather week and we will be doing alarm tests at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.

Council Gripne noted Planning and Zoning will have a meeting May 2nd to hear the CentraCare project. EDA will be having a meeting next Thursday.

Mayor Rasmussen noted there will be another airport meeting on April 20th to discuss the 500 foot extension. Mayor Rasmussen also noted that he visited earlier this week with Colin Peterson to talk about the complete 1,000 foot extension vs 500 foot. Colin Peterson did note that he would take a look into this issue.

The next city council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2016.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor