

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 27, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2016. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, James Ruiz, Tony Towle and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Councilor Devin Hines was absent.

Additions to the agenda include:

- Tim Mackey invoice

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the additions to the agenda. Motion carried.

Administrator Thomes updated the council regarding the request the city council put in to the Long Prairie Lions to assist with the new roof at the Lake Charlotte Park shelter and the benches. The Long Prairie Lions wanted to put a new walkway for the bathroom at the Lake Charlotte Park. The Lions will be having their meeting in the next week and will get back to Administrator Thomes.

Council Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the conditional use permit for CentraCare Hospital to construct the new CentraCare Hospital. There was a recommendation brought forward by Planning and Zoning to approve the CentraCare Hospital along with the Findings of Facts that were adhered to. There were 8 Findings of Facts and 1 Performance Standard. Motion carried.

Jason Skiftun submitted the financial report for the Christie Home Historical Society along with 2 requests. Council tabled these request until the minutes and the financial report is signed by the treasurer of the Christie Home Historical Society.

Councilor Gripne noted that they would like to see the financials signed before they make a motion. Once this is signed, Administrator Thomes will bring it back to the council.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to table until the financials are signed. Motion carried.

Cornealous King submitted a request for a driveway to access his property located on 1st Street South. Council will table this request as Councilor Gripne wanted to make sure there was no outstanding ordinances that would show the council not to approve the driveway extension. This will be tabled until the next council meeting. Administrator Thomes will review the ordinance.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to table the request for the driveway access by Cornealous King. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Ruiz seconded to accept the following resolution:

Motion carried.

Long Prairie Packing submitted a request to the city for a Job Creation Grant request. Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the following resolution:

CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-06-27:07

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF A JOB CREATION FUND APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH LONG PRAIRIE PACKING

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota (the "City"), desires to assist Long Prairie Packing, a American Foods Group, which is proposing add an addition onto their facility in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie understands that Long Prairie Packing, through and with the support of the City, intends to submit to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development an application for an award and/or rebate from the Job Creation Fund Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie held a city council meeting on June 27, 2016, to consider this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, after due consideration, the Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota, hereby express their approval of the project proposed by Long Prairie Packing and its application for an award and/or rebate from the Job Creation Fund Program.

Sworn and Executed Under My Hand this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Motion Carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the final bill for Tim Mackey at the Frisbee Park. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted that the 2005 pumper truck is still having issues and will be looked at. There were about 600 people for the waffle breakfast. It was a very nice occasion. Prairie Days went very well and there were no issues; however, right when the parade was beginning, there was a little bit of an accident on T.H. 27. About 320 people attended the Health

Fair and it was a very nice turnout. Kreemer made a request for the council to consider repairing the 2 remaining tornado sirens versus us continuing to put money away for the generator. Kreemer stated it would be in the city's best interest to go forward and make the repairs to the other 2 tornado sirens.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to affirm Jim Kreemer's request to update the other 2 tornado sirens and use the money from what we have been putting away for the generator. Motion carried.

Administrator Thomes will update the general ledger showing that.

Police Chief Kevin Langer noted that with the resignation of Brittney Just and Josh Nice both going to the Sheriff's office, we still have an opening for the 6th fulltime officer. The position was offered to Brian Lashinski and he has accepted. He is very excited about becoming a fulltime Long Prairie officer. There were 320 ICR's for the month.

Councilor Ruiz motioned Towle seconded to accept the new hire of Brian Lashinski. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne mentioned again about how CentraCare had put forward their CUP and that the assisted living and the hospital will get underway with their construction plans. EDA is working on the final for the Comp Plan. It will be coming through the EDA board on the 3rd Thursday of July and then will be brought forward to the council.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that Tourism is working on several different items. Community Concern for Youth will be coming to the council and speaking at the last council meeting in July.

Administrator Thomes noted that the Laserfiche will be held off until next year. Right now we will be looking at doing an upgrade to our servers. They are actually 6 years old and, at that time, we will do the upgrade to the servers and then bring on the Laserfiche.

Kent Louwagie from Bolton & Menk gave the council an update on the 2016 project. There is a pre-construction meeting set for Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the open house for the 2016 project and how the project is going to run for the rest of the year.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor