

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, August 15, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2016. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Devin Hines, James Ruiz, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

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

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes of August 1, 2016 and the August bills. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk updated the council on the street projects. They are finishing up on Fairview and getting ready to put the base and wear coat back down. They are looking at getting three crews for 8th Street and putting the storm sewer, sewer, and water lines in. The project is moving right on schedule.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the following resolution acknowledging donations from the Browerville Sportsmen's Club to the Long Prairie Fire Department:

**Resolution #16-08-15:01
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Browerville Sportsmen's Club	\$500.00	LP Fire Department Donation

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 August.

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 18th day of August, 2016, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve the American Legion Temporary Liquor License. Motion carried.

Council discussed two separate situations of potentially dangerous dogs within the city.

Property owner, Wade Dixon, located at 306 6th Street NE, has the proper enclosure for his dog according to city ordinance; has a \$300,000 surety bond /liability insurance for his dog; posts warning symbols; obtains license and rabies vaccination; and has the dog chained when he is not in the proper enclosure. Council will table this for 90 days and revisit at that time. Unfortunately, the dog is not in the best of shape and council will take a wait and see approach. The Dixon's are fulfilling all the requirements for a dangerous dog at this time.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to table deeming the Dixon dog a potentially dangerous dog. Motion carried.

The owner of a potentially dangerous dog, Deb Otterstetter, located at 520 Lake Street South, will need to put out the proper signage; obtain license and rabies vaccination; and check on liability insurance of up to \$300,000. They will contact the city administrator at that time.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded for Otterstetter's to post signage of a potentially dangerous dog; to obtain license and rabies vaccination; and check on liability insurance. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the renewal of the service agreement with Hach from 10/23/16 to 10/22/17. Motion carried.

CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
Resolution #16-08-15:03

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC
HEARING ON A VACATION OF A UTILITY
EASEMENT

The City Council of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §412.851, the City Council desires to consider the vacation of a ten foot utility easement located between Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, in Whispering Prairie subdivision, which is legally described as:

A 10.00 foot wide Vacation of a Utility Easement as delineated and dedicated on the recorded plat of WHISPERING PRAIRIE, on file in the office of the County Recorder, Todd County, Minnesota, being described as the North 5.00 feet of Lot 4, Block 1 and the South 5.00 feet of Lot 5, Block 1 of said plat of WHISPERING PRAIRIE, which lies easterly of the West 40.00 feet of said Lots 4 and 5 and lies westerly of the Easterly 10.00 feet of said Lots 4 and 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA:

1. The City Council shall consider the vacation of the above-described utility easement and a public hearing shall be held on such proposed vacation on September 06, 2016, before the City Council at City Hall located at 615 Lake Street South at 7:05 p.m.
2. The City Administrator/Clerk is hereby directed to give published, posted and mailed notice of such hearing as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie on this 15th day of August, 2016.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve Resolution #16-08-15:03 and set the Public Hearing to vacate utility/drainage easement on the Fritzlar property. The public hearing will be set for September 6th at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Councilor Hines noted that public works is working on the 6th Street water service line trying to restore the breakage in the line. They had to put down Class 5 because the pothole had collapsed. Power was lost at the wastewater treatment plant and they needed to use the backup generator.

Councilor Towle noted the park board talked about having a concrete sidewalk poured on the women's side of the bathroom and should be completed in the next week or two.

August 22, 2016, 4:00 p.m., there will be a planning and zoning meeting for the variance regarding the deck. EDA meeting will be on August 25, 2016, at the wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that we had our CIP meeting at the airport. Everything went well with that and we will be good now for another two years.

The city has submitted our grant application for economic development.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn at 8:05. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor