

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, October 3, 2016

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 3, 2016. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Devin Hines, James Ruiz, Lilah Gripne, Tony Towle and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to add Resolution No. 16-10-03-02 and Resolution No. 16-10-03-03 to the agenda. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of September 19, 2016. Motion carried.

Dave Neiman addressed the council and discussed the amendment to the Wellhead Protection Plan. The City of Long Prairie was a pilot plan that started over 20 years ago. The city has been doing a great job with their Wellhead Protection starting back in 1996. Since that point, our wellhead area has decreased by about 88,000 acres. Every 10 years we do a revision to the Wellhead Protection Plan. Dave Neiman presented an award to the City of Long Prairie for their fabulous job of keeping up with out wellhead area. There was a picture of Mayor Rasmussen, Dan Spieker and Administrator Thomes accepting the award. Marilyn Bayerl presented her Phase 2 Wellhead Protection Plan Amendment and the estimated cost for part 2 timeline and work schedule is \$7,302 for project year January 2017 – 2018.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve Marilyn Bayerl Phase 2 of the Wellhead Protection Plan Amendment. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the following resolution relating to a tax abatement; granting abatement for broadband bond:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-10-03:01

RESOLUTION RELATING TO A TAX ABATEMENT;
GRANTING THE ABATEMENT

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation referred to hereinabove, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to the topic of this resolution; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer on October __, 2016.

City Administrator/Clerk

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember _____:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO A TAX ABATEMENT;
GRANTING THE ABATEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Authorization and Recitals.

1.01. The City, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, as amended (the "Act"), is authorized to grant an abatement of the property taxes imposed by the City on a parcel of property, if certain conditions are met, through the adoption of a resolution specifying the terms of the abatement.

1.02. The City proposes to assist in financing the infrastructure necessary to provide a new high-speed internet FTTH Broadband Communications Network in the City for lease to Consolidated Telecommunications Company (the "Project").

1.03. Pursuant to the Act, on the date hereof, this Council conducted a public hearing on the desirability of granting an abatement of property taxes on certain properties expected to be benefited by the proposed Project, which properties are identified on Exhibit A hereto (the "Properties"). Notice of the public hearing was duly published as required by law in the Long Prairie Leader, the official newspaper of the City, on September 21, 2016, which date is no fewer than ten and no more than 30 days prior to the date hereof.

Section 2. Findings. On the basis of the information compiled by the City and elicited at the public hearing referred to in Section 1.03, it is hereby found, determined and declared:

2.01. The Project is in the public interest because it will provide or help acquire and construct public facilities.

2.02. The City expects that the benefits of the proposed abatement are not less than the costs of the proposed abatement. The public benefits that the City expects to result from the abatement are the provision of improved internet access for the benefit of residents of the City.

2.03. The Properties are not located in a tax increment financing district.

2.04. The granting of the proposed abatement will not cause the aggregate amount of abatements granted by the City under the Act in any year to exceed the greater of (i) ten percent (10.00%) of the City's net tax capacity for the taxes payable year to which the abatement applies, or (ii) \$200,000.

2.05. It is in the best interests of the City to grant the tax abatement authorized in this Resolution.

2.06. Under Section 469.1813, Subdivision 9 of the Act, it is not necessary for the City to obtain the consent of any owner of any of the Properties to grant an abatement.

Section 3. Granting of Tax Abatement.

3.01. A property tax abatement (the “Abatement”) is hereby granted in respect of property taxes levied by the City on the Properties for twenty (20) years, subject to satisfaction of the conditions for such duration described in Section 469.1813, subdivision 6(b). The Abatement will reduce all of the taxes for each of the Properties, and the total amount of the Abatement will not exceed \$4,000,000.

3.02. The City shall retain the Abatement and apply it to payment of all or a portion of the costs of acquiring or constructing the Project or to the payment of bonds of the City issued to finance costs of acquiring or constructing the Project.

3.03. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the City Council in accordance with the Act.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2016.

Don Rasmussen, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brenda Thomes, City Administrator /Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Properties with the following parcel identification numbers:

36-0004700	36-0005900	36-0004600	36-0006000
36-0003903	18-0015600	36-0113600	36-0105300
36-0000100	36-0006402	36-0006800	20-0027300
36-0001400	36-0001301	36-0115500	36-0005700

Todd Hagen discussed the pre-sale report for the city. Todd went over what the bond payments will be and presented the resolution providing for the sale of the \$3,995,000 Taxable General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2016C.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the following resolution providing for the sale of taxable general obligation tax abatement bonds:

This resolution may be viewed at city hall.

Motion carried.

Council discussed a dog bite in the leg of a child. The dog is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clint Krueger. Council has determined this to be a dangerous dog and will send a letter out to the property owner. Mr. Krueger did submit a letter to the city saying that he didn't feel that his dog was dangerous but he was not in attendance for the meeting. Council has ruled it to be a dangerous dog at this point. Council will review if the Krueger's make contact with the city.

Councilor Gripne motioned Ruiz seconded to deem the dog a dangerous dog. Motion

carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to accept the following resolution acknowledging donations:

**Resolution #16-10-03-02
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Female customer @ Holiday Gas	\$3.00	Long Prairie Police Dept

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 September.

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 3rd day of October, 2016, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

City Administrator Thomes has received the revised insurance for Otterstetter's dog. Council was pleased that Otterstetter's are complying with the insurance binder, keeping the dog on the leash, having the muzzle, and also having to post it.

Council discussed the Transient Merchant permit for Valentin Ciriaco.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve the Transient Merchant Permit. Motion carried.

Council discussed the purchase of the old opera house by Miguel Navarrete. Council said they really felt pleased about the email that Miguel sent. They did state they have no objection to anything as long as he follows city ordinance, works with our city building inspector and stays in compliance with the process.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve Pay Request No. 3 from Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$958,602.83. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie updated the council on where the project was going and they should be finishing up on Fairview. They are starting to put curb and gutter on 8th Street. They are starting across the

road on T.H. 27 going down to 7th and 2nd in that area. As long as the weather holds out, they will keep on moving forward.

Centra Care project has pretty much all the water and sewer lines in and are starting to build the base of the road. They will be working on that for the next 2 weeks.

MPCA will be here this coming week on Tuesday to discuss our end users. The city is trying to wrap up for the winter.

Jim Kreemer stated that starting October 9th will be Fire Prevention Week. They will be having an open house on Sunday October 9th from 1:00 to 4:00.

There were 371 ICR's .

The Christy house is looking at getting a furnace so they will have the place heated all winter long.

Councilor Towle stated everything is going well at the liquor store.

The Manufacturers' Breakfast is going to be Tuesday, October 11th.

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

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor