

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Devin Hines, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Randy Mechels and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Gripne motioned and Towle seconded to approve the addition of Brian Lashinski to the agenda under new business. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes of January 3rd and approve claims for January. Motion carried.

Council discussed the memo by Bolton & Menk regarding the research on the existing County Road 38 and County Road 5. Bolton & Menk want to set up a meeting with public works and city administrator to go over the potential future projects for 2019 on County Road 38 and 2021 for County Road 5. Council was very much in favor of looking at this future project on fixing the sewer and water under both roads.

Lu Brunkhorst addressed the council and wanted to know if council would approve the waiver of any fees for water usage for the Ride Across MN or MS Tram which will be July 19th.

Councilor Mechels motioned Hines seconded to approve the city's donation of water and no charge for the MS Tram that will be coming to town on July 19th. Motion carried.

Council has received additional requests from Americans United for separation of Church and State for documentation of the work that was done relating to the separation of Church and State. Any documentation relating to this needs to be submitted to their organization. Council approved the documentation that was enclosed.

Police Chief Kevin Langer presented an activity report for ICR's during the year 2016. Council was very impressed with all the calls and thanked Kevin and his department for all their hard work. There was also a letter from Kevin to move Brian Lashinski off of his probation to full time status.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the move of Brian Lashinski to full time status. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels stated he will be out pretty much the month of February and will not be attending council meetings.

Councilor Towle asked Fire Chief Jim Kreemer for a report on the department. Jim noted that they nominated him as Fire Chief again. Joe Elmes will be retiring. Dan Laumeyer and Chris Haasser will be assistant chiefs. They will be having the township meeting coming up in February with a meal provided. Council is invited to this township meeting.

Councilor Hines noted the liquor store is looking to the ADA for the requirements for the counter at the liquor store.

Councilor Gripne noted EDA will have their annual EDA meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that Tourism will be filling in a couple new bands for the Music in the Park this summer. There will be an airport meeting on the 18th.

Police Chief Kevin Langer stated Central Minnesota Alarms did install the new cameras and council was very pleased with that.

Councilor Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn at 7:40. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor