

City of Long Prairie  
Council meeting  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 21, 2017

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Devin Hines, Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Councilor Randy Mechels was absent.

Mayor Rasmussen called for any additions to the agenda and there three:

- The appointment for the EDA Commission
- A raffle permit
- The Long Prairie Fire Department's Relief Association investment policy revision

**Councilor Gripne motioned and Hines seconded to approve the additions to the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> and the February claims. Motion carried.**

Council discussed two new entrance plans to the Long Prairie City Hall as presented by Kent Louwagie. Council decided to go with the alternative #2.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the go ahead to contact Minnesota MnDOT to go with alternative #2 sketch plan for the new entrance to the Long Prairie City Hall with a sidewalk element added into it. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Rasmussen motioned Towle seconded to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion carried.**

Council discussed the revised bid for the 2017 Silverado 2500 truck. There is a vehicle sitting on the lot at Dan Welle's in Sauk Centre. The price difference is \$701 more than they approved from the last council meeting. Staff would like to consider the additional \$701 for this vehicle that's already sitting here on the lot that we could just go get.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado truck at Dan Welle's. Motion carried.**

The council tabled replacing the Bobcat Skid Steer Loader at this time. The city will need to go and take a look at revolving capital expenditure for public works and see where the street sweeper is going to be setup.

Council received bids for the 9 camera over at the incubator building. This was triggered due to our new tenant that has signed a lease with the city.

**Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the \$6,175 for the new camera security system at the incubator building. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the March 19<sup>th</sup> raffle for St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel. Motion carried.**

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

**Resolution #17-02-21-  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

| <b>Donor</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>      |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| LP Lions Club | \$445.00      | Park Fund - Benches |

**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 February.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor

**Motion carried.**

**Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to appoint Jon Kringen to the EDA. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve a raffle for Todd County Pheasants Forever Chapter #381 on April 1, 2017. Motion carried.**

The Long Prairie Relief Association revised their investment policy and asked the council to approve it along with the Long Prairie Fire Department Mutual funds.

**Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve these updates. Motion carried.**

Council discussed the 9 bad light poles in the downtown area. Public works has done some investigating on which poles are bad. The city will look at some solutions and bring back to the council.

The Lion's Polar Plunge is set for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer commented on the city hall entrance. Kreemer wants it to go on record that he thought it would be still best to just close off the entrance from Coborn's to city hall.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that, unfortunately, there is an easement there and we're not able to undo the easement since Coborn's would like to keep that in effect.

The city will put together a thank you for the Langford's for their years of service at Lake Charlotte Park.

Councilor Gripne stated EDA would like to set up the terms for all the commission members and wants to get that set in place. Gripne gave the breakdown of the revenues and expenses for the EDA and that everything is in compliance and ready to go for this year. There will be a planning and zoning meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> on a variance application.

Mayor Rasmussen noted there will be a meeting coming up for Community Concern for Youth in the month of March. They are still trying to get a couple new bands for Music in the Park.

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

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor