

City of Long Prairie  
Council meeting  
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 19, 2017

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines, Tony Towle, Randy Mechels and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the following additions to the agenda:**

- **Initiative Foundation Budget Request**
- **Thunder Lodge Temporary Liquor License**

**Motion carried.**

**Councilor Towle motioned Mechels seconded to approve the council minutes of June 5th and the June bills. Motion carried.**

Kent Louwagie of Bolton Menk noted that grading and curbing would be done on 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> sometime the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. We should be seeing the wear coat put on. RL noted it will be closer to Friday. There are additional streets that will not be started until the end of July. If there is some other possibility of them finishing other projects, they may come back earlier. Kent prepared a memo regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North curb replacement.

Public works requested an estimate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North. This is about 30 feet on the north side. The total estimate was roughly \$30,000 to \$35,000. At this time, there is just not enough funds budgeted to get this project done. We will have to budget for 2018. We may look later on this fall at just replacing the one section and patching it up until next year.

Council discussed whether or not the sidewalk program was still available. Councilor Gripne reminded the council that we needed to submit two proposals for sidewalks. Once the two proposals are submitted, we will take the low bid and go forward with the project.

Administrator Thomes submitted pictures of the Venewitz Bridge and council concluded that it does need to be repaired. We will bring back two proposals for the repair of that bridge and check if there is any grant funds out there for a bridge considered to be historic. Once we get these proposals, we will bring them back to council.

Administrator Thomes received a letter requesting that the council review the property that is considered a forfeited property to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of property taxes. Council reviewed the parcel 36-0057100 Tweed's Fourth Addition. Previous owner was Richard Anderson. The appraised value of land was \$12,500. Council did not feel that was too high.

**Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded approve the appraised value of land at \$12,500. Motion carried.**

This document is being sent back to the county with approval.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the 1–4 Day Temporary On-sale Liquor License for Todd County Agricultural Society July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> for the Todd County Fair. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Towle motioned Mechels seconded to approve the 1–4 Day Temporary On-sale Liquor License for VFW Post 1140 at the Todd County Fairgrounds August 17, 18, and 19, for the Bike and Trike Rally. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the 1-4 Day Temporary On-sale Liquor License for Thunder Lodge Sports Bar July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Long Prairie Drive-in Movie Theatre. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve a Gambling Permit for St Mary of Mount Carmel for a raffle and bingo for the Parish Festival on September 10, 2017. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Rasmussen motioned Mechels seconded to approve the donation of \$1,750 for the Initiative Foundation. Motion carried.**

Councilor Mechels spoke with Dan Spieker regarding public works. Everything is working in the areas. Mechels was able to talk to Joe Buttweiler from CTC and Joe said that everything is moving forward with the broadband. We are on schedule and looking at late August when they will be turning up the fiber. We are also going to be doing a picnic in the park or similar event the first part of August to get the residential community involved in the broadband process.

Councilor Towle noted last year the fire department had to pay the rental fee for a shelter at Lake Charlotte. Council felt it was not necessary for one branch of the city to have to pay to another branch. We need to go forward and not charge the Fire Department or the Police Department when they want to use the shelters at Lake Charlotte Park.

The Fire department had roughly 660 attendees at the pancake breakfast. Fire Chief Kreemer noted that everything went well.

Police Chief Langer noted that Prairie Days happened last weekend. Unfortunately, the parade was rescheduled to July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have to work with the Lions and have then reapply for the parade route again. Police Department discussed the ordinances and how many ICR's they've written so far this year. Administrator Thomes will be more detailed in getting sections of the ordinance to the council for the next council meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hines noted the Liquor Store is still working on the remodel of their counter. That should be done sometime in July. They had a Park Board meeting last night. The library has no issues at this time.

Councilor Gripne noted the annual EDA meeting is looking to be July 13<sup>th</sup> tentatively. The Planning and Zoning for the variance application will be July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that Tourism did put on the ski show this weekend during Prairie Days and thanks to Eric Streed and Judy Breiter for helping with the whole project.

Administrator Thomes noted the first bill from CTC for the construction of the fiber has been brought to the council's attention.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn at 7:59. Motion carried.**

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor