

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, July 17, 2017

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 17, 2017. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines, and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Randy Mechels and Tony Towle were not in attendance.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to adopt the agenda as is. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes of July 5th and the July bills. Motion carried.

Council discussed a variance permit application by Manuel Meza to grant an extension to his garage by an additional 12". The difficulty was the existing garage was slightly inside the side and rear setbacks. The Long Prairie Planning and Zoning Commission went out to look at the property and discussed with Mr. Meza the findings of facts that they would set in place in order for him to continue to construct his addition on the garage. The recommendation from the planning commission was to approve the variance based on the findings of facts listed.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the variance request for Manuel Meza and to also make sure that the findings of facts are included in their approval of this permit application. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk gave a quick overview of the project that is going on right now. On 1st Street down behind the Alco building and Fleet Supply they are starting to dewater. The road will be closed from Monday through Thursday in order for them to get the dewatering set in place. By the library, they are going to be looking at tarring that section and we are waiting for the group to come back to start with the additions that we requested for the project.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council to go out and do root beer floats for National Night Out. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Century Link Easement Agreement relating to grant Century Link to go forward over by Riverside Drive to have them go a little bit out of the road right-of way into the city property to lay their fiber down. This is just basically just for record that this easement is between the City of Long Prairie and Century Link. If anytime in the future the fiber would need to be moved, Century Link would be responsible for moving their own fiber.

Councilor Gripne motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to go forward with approving the Century Link Easement Agreement. Motion carried.

The MS Tram will be coming to Long Prairie on July 19th. There is a request to have the city close off 9th Street NE for the 24 hour period. Some MS Tram volunteers will be setting up their campers along the East side of 9th Street NE and the riders will be coming down the West side of 9th Street NE as they come into town. In the past, during the Todd County Fair, that road has also been closed.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to go forward with closing 9th Street NE for the

MS Tram for that 24 hour period of time. Motion carried.

The Bike and Trike Rally has requested to also close 9th Street NE during the time period of the 18th and 19th of August; reopening again on the 20th.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to go forward with closing the road for that event as well. Motion carried.

There is a Temporary On-sale Liquor License from Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota. They would like to sell alcohol during the Salsa Fest that will be coming up this fall September 16th.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Hines seconded to go forward with approving the application for Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota. Motion carried.

Council discussed the main lift station and working with WW Goetsch to get the quotes for getting the main lift station back up and functioning.

Police Chief Kevin Langer noted there were braches and trees down on T.H. 71 and T.H. 27 due to the storm.

Councilor Hines noted everything was going fine over at the library. The liquor is waiting for the new counters to come in. We are looking at Menards and getting some new carpeting and have somebody local lay the new carpeting down on the floor. We are looking for the quarterly reports. We did not see them at this time yet. Hines noted the Park Board met and discussed the beach supervisors and we need to get them to monitor closely what the activity is going on out at the beach. There is a lot of goose droppings out there still.

Councilor Gripne noted that there will be another planning and zoning meeting on July 24th and the next EDA and annual meeting will be July 20th. The EDA meeting will start at 5:15.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that we were going forward with everything. The extension out at the runway and the land acquisitions were being signed.

Administrator Thomes noted that the MS Tram was starting on Wednesday.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to adjourn at 7:55. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor