

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, September 18, 2017

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 18, 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.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to accept Resolution 17-09-18:01 for the Preliminary Tax Levy for 2018 in the amount of \$702,775 which was a decrease from last year:

**RESOLUTION #17-09-18:01
ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY 2017 TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE
IN THE YEAR 2018**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie, County of Todd, Minnesota, that the following sums of money are proposed levied for the current year, collectible in 2018 upon the taxable property in the City of Long Prairie for the following purposes:

Levy Purpose	
General Fund	\$352,775
2010 G.O. Bond	170,000
2012A G.O. Bond	<u>180,000</u>
Total Levy	\$702,775

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Donald Rasmussen
Mayor

Roll call: Yes; all. Motion carried.

Council discussed the project and the work on 2nd Street is wrapping up. They are going to start dewatering over by Dan's Prize. Hopefully, they should start with that by the end of September. This will be a 3 week process.

Council discussed the following bids from RL Larson and Tri City:

- Tri City \$24,500 - minus \$1,500 should the city salvage the mailbox, move the signs, and stripe the parking lot
- RL Larson \$30,485

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the bid from Tri City in the amount of \$23,000. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve a Transient Merchant Permit for Taqueria El Guerrerito food truck. Motion carried.

There was a request by Hines to have Chanda with Doherty wants to rent a space at the Library September 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilor Hines motioned Gripne seconded to approve the request for \$75.00. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the donation of \$300 for Enviro-Fest. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels motioned Hines seconded to a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the American Legion Post 12. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the snow removal agreements with Twardowski Excavating Inc. and Cary Hudalla Trucking. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve Hach Renewal of Service for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

Council discussed working with MnDOT on the sidewalks and ped ramps. They should be wrapping that up the end of this week or 1st part of next week. Starting this Friday and Saturday, Tri-City will be milling and overlaying T.H. 71 using the detour along Riverside Drive. Starting on Monday, they will start on T.H. 27. They will use the detour CentraCare Drive and 287.

Councilor Towle gave a report from Chief Langer. There were 353 incidents for August. They would like to consider adding another part-time officer.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted that Keith Petrie did an outstanding job with helping the fire department repairing one of the fire trucks. Mayor Rasmussen will note that on the radio on Tuesday morning. Kevin Houdek was also awarded on Thursday the top rated announcer for high school sports from WCCO.

Councilor Gripne noted that next Monday will be Planning & Zoning. We will have 3 variances, a CUP, a preliminary plat, and a final plat. EDA will meet Wednesday at the assisted living.

Mayor Rasmussen noted October 14th will be the pancake fly in at the Todd Field Airport.

City Administrator Thomes noted that she would like to attend the Asset Management class that is available at National Joint Powers the 1st week of October. Council thought that was a good idea.

Councilor Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to adjourn at 7:50. Motion carried.

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City Administrator/Clerk

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Mayor