

City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, October 16, 2017

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2017. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Randy Mechels, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Councilor Devin Hines was not in attendance.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of October 2nd, the October bills and the agenda as is. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk updated the council on the following projects:

- 2nd Avenue - is near completion finishing up on driveways and seeding
- Over by Dan's Prize - they have a driveway to complete yet and seeding. They are still working on the dewatering before they can make the final connection along 1st Street South. They have added some more dewatering lines hoping that by mid next week they can finish that connection

Administrator Thomes presented a proposal for OPG3 desk scanners. This is to assist with the input of historical data. This will be connected to both of the deputy clerk's computers up front. The request is for one scanners for each of the clerks.

Councilor Towle motioned Mechels seconded to approve the purchase of OPG3 desk scanners for Laserfiche. Motion carried.

Administrator Thomes presented quotes for insurance after we settled the Union Contract. As we settled the Union Contract, we used our current insurance plan. Our committee told the union reps that we would also look at alternative options. Enclosed were two different alternative options. Our current plan and two alternative options. We are going to table this and bring it back to the next city council meeting. These were options in addition to what we currently have. There was a lot of discussion from staff as well as to what option to go with. They will go back and do some research and let Administrator Thomes know.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Mechels seconded to table this and bring it back to the next city council meeting. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution #17-10-16:03
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

| Donor | Amount | Purpose |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Duane & Pat Lorsung | \$50.00 | Police – equipment fund |
| LP Lions Club | \$500.00 | American Legion Riders |

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 September.

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 16th day of October, 2017, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Councilor Towle noted that there were 346 incidents and Police Chief Langer wanted to note Officer Lowe arrived on scene at Ace Hardware and there was a gentleman that needed CPR. Lowe obtained the oxygen defibrillator shocked, the victim and continued CPR until the ambulance arrived. The ambulance hooked up the Lucas. The gentleman was transported to Long Prairie Hospital and then airlifted to St. Cloud. The victim's wife reported to Chief Langer that the gentleman is still alive but still has a long road to recovery. It was just a commendation for Rodger Lowe for a save which was fantastic.

Fire Chief Kreemer has been talking about signs over the fire department doors. He submitted a potential draft drawing of a sign from Rose City vinyl graphics. At this point, the quote was a little high so he is going to go out and get some additional quotes and bring back to the city.

Park and Rec discussed a final wrap up for Lake Charlotte Park, Frisbee Park and talked a little bit about Mosquito Park. They are just more or less picking up, lawn mowing, and talked about projects for next year. We need to look at Westside Park and get the soccer field in shape. We also need to take a look at Harmony Park to see if there's something that we can do over there.

Everything is going well at the library.

Everything has been going very well over at the liquor store as well.

Councilor Gripne noted that there was a Manufacturers' Breakfast for the EDA.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that next year is gonna be a bunch of Blue Grass bands that Tourism is looking at having for concerts in the park.

The Long Prairie Airport Commission sponsored a Lion's Pancake Fly In/Drive In breakfast which went very well. There was about 150 people in attendance. For a 1st year, that was pretty good.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor