

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

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2017. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Randy Mechels, Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Council member Gripne added City Attorney Joe Krueger under appointments to the agenda.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to accept the addition to the agenda. Motion carried.

There was one correction in the city council minutes with the EDA meeting being held on December 21st not December 1st.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of December 4th and December bills. Motion carried.

Joe Krueger presented Resolution #17-12-18:03 “Notice of Order to Abate Nuisance”. City Attorney Joe Krueger discussed the Notice of Order to Abate Nuisance for Ron and Jody Schneider.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #17-12-18:03
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
615 LAKE STREET S, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347**

NOTICE OF ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE

To: Ronald and Jodelle Schneider and any lien holders of record

On August 17, October 20, November 11, December 6 and December 18, 2017, and other dates, your property in the City of Long Prairie, Todd County, located on 101 1st Street N, Minnesota, legally described as the south 85 feet of Lots, nine and ten, Block six, Tweed’s Second Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, was inspected for compliance pursuant to the City of Long Prairie Nuisance Ordinance Sections 11.101 – 11.108. A nuisance is defined as someone who maintains or permits a condition which unreasonable and noise, injures, or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort, or repose of the public or a considerable number of members of the public; or interferes with , obstructs, or renders dangerous for passage, any public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law or this ordinance to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.

There is located on your property a violation of section 11.103(18) which involves depositing of, permitting or failing to remove, garbage, trash, rubbish, bottles, cans, discarded machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies, and any other refuse on the property, including large quantities of organic debris and materials that accumulated by other than natural means, except neatly maintained compost piles. Specifically, the Council found that the following conditions exist:

1. A large accumulation of trash, rubbish, discarded machinery and other refuse.

Pictures of the property is enclosed for identification.

THEREFORE, by this resolution, the City of Long Prairie hereby **ORDERS THE ABATEMENT** of the nuisance by removal of all miscellaneous junk and garbage, within twenty (20) days after the date of service of this Order upon you. If the nuisance is not abated and the City enforces the Order, the City may sell any personal property, fixtures and/or salvage materials at a public auction after three (3) days posted notice.

FURTHERMORE, a Motion for Summary Enforcement of the Order will be made to the District Court of the county in which the nuisance property is situated unless the nuisance is abated within the specified time, or unless an Answer is filed within twenty (20) days from the date of service of this Order specifically denying such facts in this Order as are in dispute.

The foregoing resolution of Order to Abate Nuisance was duly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie on December 18, 2017.

Don Rasmussen, Mayor

Brenda Thomes, City Administrator

Council discussed the fee for a variance for Dorie Twist's dogs. The fee was set at \$50.

Council Hines motioned Towle seconded set a fee of \$50 for the variance application for the Twists. Motion carried.

Administrator Thomes will work with City Attorney Joe Krueger on looking forward on dealing with other companion dogs and making reasonable and adequate adjustments.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to set a public hearing for the variance application for the dogs for February 5, 2018. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk presented the council with a wrap up of the year. Pretty much everything is on standstill until spring. Assessments have been reviewed for the 2016 project and we will get them up to the county. There was a brief discussion about the projects that Bolton and Menk have before them:

- water meters
- improvement to the city on street lights
- signs
- the flashing signs for the fire department
- water treatment project
- the airport extension
- the main lift station
- the total nitrogen chloride limits for the water plant
- the generator

Councilor Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the following business license for 2018:

- American Legion General Corporate License
- Riverside Liquors Cigarette License
- Northern Star Coop Cigarette License
- Casey's Cigarette License
- Holiday Gas Station Cigarette License
- Irish's Place General Corp License
- Coborn's Cigarette License
- Family Dollar Cigarette License

Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution 17-12-18:01
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS CERTIFICATION TO
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR**

County Auditor
Todd County, Minnesota

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the attached lists embraces all unpaid assessments levied by the City Council of Long Prairie, Minnesota, on December 18, 2017, under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429, for the improvement of the City of Long Prairie, Minnesota, by the construction of various improvements, mowing and garbage. The assessments are payable over a period of years with interest. Please see attached Special Assessments Certifications. These assessments should extend on the property tax lists of Todd County each year as required under M.S.A. 429.

WITNESS my hand as such Clerk and the seal of City of Long Prairie this 18th day of December, 2017.

Brenda Thomes – City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen - Mayor

Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-12-18:02

DESIGNATE PRECINCT POLLING LOCATION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 204B.16, states that municipalities must designate precinct polling places for all elections by December 31st for the upcoming year, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie has the ability to change the polling location mid-year for an emergency or if the polling place becomes unavailable. If the location of a polling place has been changed, the City of Long Prairie will send to every affected household with at least one registered voter in the precinct a non-forwardable mailed notice stating the location of

the new polling place at least 25 days before the next election. The secretary of state shall prepare a sample of this notice. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Long Prairie City Council designates the boundaries of the voting precincts and polling place for 2018 as follows:

Precinct Name – City of Long Prairie

Polling Place Location – Long Prairie City Hall, 615 Lake Street S, Long Prairie, MN

Motion by: Council Gripne
Seconded by: Council Mechels
All in Favor: Council Towle, Gripne, Mechels, Hines and Mayor Rasmussen
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 18th day of December, 2017.

Don Rasmussen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes, City Administrator/Clerk

Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels motioned Towle seconded to approve \$3,400 for the Occupational Health and Safety Management Proposal. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels briefly talked about Net Neutrality with the fiber.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer gave a report on the Fire Department:

- the ground fill is up and working
- did not get the final bid yet for the signs
- the firetruck is still over in Alexandria

Police Chief Kevin Langer noted:

- Jacob Fasching is the new part-time officer

Councilor Hines noted the following for the Liquor Store:

- Everything is still going well
- January 1st they will have their preliminary audit review with Ryan Schmidt

Councilor Gripne noted the following for Planning & Zoning, & EDA:

- EDA meeting will be December 21st not December 1st as stated
- No Planning and Zoning meeting at this time

Mayor Rasmussen noted the following for Administration, Community Concern for Youth, Tourism and Airport:

- The airport extension is on hold until spring when the bidding will start
- Question about ice skating at Harmony Park - the ice is still not safe there

Councilor Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor