

**City of Long Prairie  
Council meeting  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes. Council member Randy Mechels was absent.

There were three additions to the agenda:

- St Mary's of Mt Carmel raffle tickets
- Cody and Sarah Nelson project
- 2018 Long Prairie Fire Department Chief nomination

**Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the additions to the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Hines motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of January 2<sup>nd</sup> and the January bills. Motion carried.**

Dan Laumeyer of the Long Prairie Fire Department noted that Wednesday, February 7, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. will be the Township Annual Meeting. The fire department is bringing a recommendation forward to the Council to approve Chief Jim Kreemer as Fire Chief for another year for the City of Long Prairie.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the nomination of Jim Kreemer as Fire Chief for another year. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve a Temporary On-sale Liquor License for the American Legion Post 12. Motion carried.**

There were two quotes for a water flow meter in the fire hall:

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| • Ferguson Waterworks | \$2,990.00 |
| • Flexim              | \$3,810.00 |

**Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the quote from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$2,990.00 Motion carried.**

Enclosed please find the yearly preventative maintenance services agreement from Ziegler. The inspection for the Caterpillar is a 67-Point Inspection plus oil change with filter and the Volvo-Michigan has a 67-Point inspection plus oil change with filter.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the maintenance agreement from Ziegler for the two generators. Motion carried.**

Each year the city normally reviews the liability coverage. The city reviews the liability coverage established by MN Statutes, Section 466.04 the city normally waives the monetary limits.

**Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statutes, Section 466.04 to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve a raffle permit for St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School. Motion carried.**

There was a proposal submitted to City of Long Prairie by Cody and Sarah Nelson regarding a potential duplex development in Long Prairie. The Nelson's are requesting a TIF for this project. At this point, the city is in consideration of the TIF.

Administrator Thomes noted the following for public works:

- The Public Works Dept were working on getting the plows ready for snowplowing in case of snow

Chief Kevin Langer noted the following for the police department:

- Handed out activity report for the police department - ordinance violations are on the increase but everything else was pretty much the same

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted the following for the fire department:

- The Township meeting will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Unit 140 pumper is still over in Alexandria – still working on trying to resolve the issues with that

Councilor Hines noted the following for the Liquor Store:

- The part-time employees will be bringing to the council at a point of looking for a wage increase

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

- EDA will be meeting at CentraCare on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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

- City will be getting ready to do the 500 foot extension at the Todd Field Airport

**Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.**

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Brenda Thomes  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Don Rasmussen  
Mayor