

**City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 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. Randy Mechels was absent.

Councilor Mechels motioned Hines seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 1. Memorandum of Understanding for the Health Care Savings Plan**
- 2. Memorandum of Understanding for CentraCare and the City of Long Prairie for prescription drugs**
- 3. Councilor Gripne added to set a public hearing for the rental ordinance that will be on April 16th**
- 4. Administrator Thomes to work with NJPA on rental inspector**
- 5. Council also wants a committee to work on the sidewalk ordinance**

Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the council minutes of February 20, 2018. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to table CentraCare Health until the next city council meeting. CentraCare Health was not in attendance. Motion carried.

Council discussed the updated CentraCare Health fee schedule for the fire department relating to physicals.

Councilor Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to approve the fee schedule for the Long Prairie Fire Department. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a forfeited parcel located in the city. At this time they have declined to consider purchasing that property.

Councilor Mechels motioned Towle seconded to decline the offer to purchase the property (Parcel #36-0053600) Tweed's Fourth Addition. Motion carried.

The city has obtained quotes for a new sweeper for the city. This will be demo model totaling \$217,988.00. The city will get \$7,500.00 for the 1997 Pelican that we currently own. The final total is \$210,488.00.

Councilor Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to purchase the demo street sweeper in the amount of \$210,488.00 on a 5 year turn-key buyback program. The city is going to purchase the sweeper, and purchase the maintenance package "replacement parts, filters etc..." For the maintenance package, they will supply us with all of the parts and the city will do the maintenance and keep the records. Motion carried.

The reason for this change on the memorandum was due to the change of address for Centra Care Hospital new facility. Council would like to thank CentraCare for this opportunity. Motion carried.

Public Works employees Chad Bosl, Ryan Twardowski and Chris Haasser will be attending the annual Water and Wastewater Conference March 6th – 8th. Administrator Thomes has previously presented this to the council but there was no motion made on it. Chad will also be attending the MPCA Annual Wastewater Training Conference March 21st - 23rd.

Councilor Towle motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve the training for the public works employees. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Mechels to approve the No Parking at 1st Avenue SE in the 900 block from 9th Street SE to 921 1st Avenue SE. It will be on the south side of the street. On the north side of the street where there is currently no parking because of the helicopter pad, those signs will be taken down. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to accept the resignation of Dan Spieker. The council thanked him for his many years of service. He had 29 ½ years of service with the City of Long Prairie. The council really appreciated every single year of service that he had. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the following Memorandum of Agreement for the Police Department:

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
AND
MINNESOTA TEAMSTERS PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES’
UNION, LOCAL NO. 320**

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have a settled agreement with the employees of the Long Prairie Police Department.

WHEREAS, The City and the Union agree to the addition of language to the following Article XXX. Health Care Savings Plan (MSRS).

30.3 Upon termination/retirement the employees Sick Leave Severance (18.6) and any unused vacation time shall be deposited into the employees HCSP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Agreement will last from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE

TEAMSTERS LOCAL #320

City Administrator

Date

Business Agent

Date

Mayor

Date

Steward

Date

Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding between Long Prairie and CentraCare Health System – Long Prairie:

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
Long Prairie, MN
AND
CentraCare Health System – Long Prairie**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made this 20th day of September, 2010, by and between the undersigned representatives of the Long Prairie, Mn(“MNCITY”), and CentraCare Health System – Long Prairie (“MNHOSP”), located at 20 Ninth Street Southeast, Long Prairie Mn 56347, and operating division of CentraCare Health System, a Minnesota non-profit corporation.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, MNHOSP is a Minnesota Critical Access, not-for-profit hospital which provides health care services to the Medicare and Medicaid population in addition to supporting programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured or underinsured population in the region in and adjacent to Long Prairie, Minnesota;

WHEREAS, MNHOSP desires to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (the “340B Program”);

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the 340B Program, MNHOSP must enter into an agreement with a unit of local government pursuant to which MNHOSP commits to provide health_care services to low income individuals who are no entitled to Medicare or Medicaid benefits;

WHEREAS, MNHOSP desire to make such a formal commitment to the MNCITY; and

WHEREAS, the MNCITY agrees to accept such commitments on behalf of the citizens of Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby are acknowledged, it is mutually agree, and covenanted, under seal, by and between the parties to this Agreement, as follow:

1. **Commitment of MNHOSP to Provide Indigent Care.**

During the term of the MOU, MNHOSP agrees to continue its historical commitment to the provision of healthcare to indigent, uninsured and underinsured residents of Long Prairie, Minnesota and the surrounding communities. MNHOSP provides health care services and programs which are needed to meet the health care needs of a community, but which do not generate revenue. For example, MNHOSP provides support of 24-hour emergency rooms, a variety of education programs, and hosting nursing, medical and other students. MNHOSP also provides free care to patients earning at or below 275% of the

Federal Poverty Level and substantially discounted care to uninsured and underinsured patients. In 2009, MNHOSP provided approximately \$49,000 of free care and discounted care to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients. MNHOSP will continue to provide this care, and will ensure that all patients will receive necessary care, as required by law, in its Emergency Departments, regardless of ability to pay.

2. **Acceptance and Acknowledgements of the MNCITY.**

- (a) The MNCITY accepts the commitment of MNHOSP set forth above;
- (b) The MNCITY hereby acknowledges that the health_care services provided by MNHOSP hereunder are in the public interest and are being provided to individuals who are not entitled to benefits under Title VIII or eligible for assistance under any State plan pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act; and
- (c) The MNCITY acknowledges that MNHOSP is providing a significant volume of free and discounted health care services to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients.

4. **Term and Termination.**

The term of the MOU shall commence on the date first above written and shall continue until terminated by either party upon not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other.

5. **Notice.**

All notices required or permitted to be given under this MOU shall be deemed given when delivered by hand or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

Sent to the MNHOSP:
Dan Swenson Administrator/CEO
CentraCare Health System – Long Prairie
20 Ninth Street Southeast
Long Prairie MN, 56347

Sent to MNCITY
Don Rasmussen, Mayor
Long Prairie Minnesota
615 Lake Street Southeast
Long Prairie, MN 56347

Councilor Mechels motioned Hines seconded to have Towle, Gripne, Thomes, Kreemer and Langer work on the sidewalk ordinance. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels motioned Towle seconded to approve the Public Hearing of April 16th for the rental ordinance. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels noted the following

- The retirement of Dan Spieker and stated how much the city appreciated his years of service with the city

Police Chief Kevin Langer noted the following:

- 333 incident reports
- Ryan is working on a training class March 13th
- The police department went to the gas pipeline safety training last week February 28th
- Jacob finished his FTO training

Councilor Hines noted that everything is going good with the Library, Liquor Store and Parks.

Councilor Gripne noted the following:

- The next EDA meeting is March 22nd
- There are a few Planning and Zoning board members that are interested in going to the planning and zoning training
- Administrator Thomes and Council Gripne will be going to NJPA for their grant writing training

Mayor Rasmussen noted the following:

- The next Tourism meeting is March 7th

Administrator Thomes discussed with the council that she will be in Paynesville Wednesday, March 14th in the morning working with the Administrator of Paynesville in regards to their Economic Development. Administrator Thomes also talked about MCFOA Conference.

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

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor