

**City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, April 2, 2018**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2018. Mayor Don Rasmussen called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Lilah Gripne, Devin Hines, Randy Mechels and City Administrator/Clerk Brenda Thomes.

Councilor Hines motioned Gripne seconded to approve the agenda as is. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the council minutes of March 19, 2018. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle mentioned about the brush piles over by Mosquito Park and he was hoping that we could get those brush piles burned. Administrator Thomes was going to work with Fire Chief Jim Kreemer to get them done.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve a quilt raffle by Prairie Quilters. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the currency exchange license for Novedades Bronco with one contingency. Martin Montanez needed to bring into compliance his outstanding property taxes for that property. Administrator Thomes will be sending a letter to the Department of Commerce asking that this gets brought into compliance before the city will approve his license. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution #18-04-02-01
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
Robert & Norma Fox	\$50.00	Police Department

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 April.

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 2nd day of April, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen and Council member Gripne discussed the minutes from the last EDA meeting and how EDA would like to look at defining the position for the EDA. Whether it's going to be a Coordinator position, whether it's going to be a full time/ part time position. At this point, EDA is looking at all options and also looking for a little bit of a larger budget from the city to accomplish all these items for the EDA. This was just a discussion by Council member Gripne and Mayor Rasmussen to the rest of the council.

Councilor Towle noted the following:

- Police Chief Kevin Langer submitted 355 incidents for March
- The Sheriff's office conducted a compliance check on 3/28/1/ for Tobacco License holders and everyone passed
- The personal safety class went well with 10 participants
- Towards Zero Deaths - enforcement will be on distracted driving from 4/9/18 to 4/22/18 – officers will be working overtime enforcement shifts
- The new radars were installed last week and are working great

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted the following:

- The sign is in for the fire department but it has not been installed at this time

Councilor Gripne noted the following:

- The next EDA meeting is Thursday, April 19th

Mayor Rasmussen noted the following:

- He was at the Community Concern for Youth meeting last week and they discussed the current breakdown of all the areas talking about statistics for each location
- There will be an airport meeting on April 11th
- Administrator Thomes will be working with CentraCare on a revised endorsement letter for the Wellness Center
- Also, working with CentraCare on the TIFF/Abatement process for the Wellness Center

Councilor Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor