

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

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

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

Councilor Hines motioned Towle seconded to approve the council minutes of April 16, 2018. There was a revision to the minutes which was already changed. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie explained to the council the motion brought forward by the Airport Commission relating to the 500 foot extension at Todd Field.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to authorize the engineers to go forward with the advertisement of bids for the 500 foot runway extension project at Todd Field. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the \$8,000 that has already been done on County Road 38 and County Road 5; and the improvements for possibly 2020 to work with Todd County Engineer up to \$5,000 more on completing the agreement for City of Long Prairie and Todd County to work together on some road projects in either 2020 or 2022. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to post a position for a new public works employee and for that employee to have a D, C, or B wastewater and water license or a combination. Motion carried.

Councilor Hines motioned Towle seconded to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution #18-05-07-1
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
Stearns Electric	\$500.00	Senior Center
Gaylord & Mary Saetre	\$100.00	Equipment fund
I.S.D. #2753	\$500.00	Ped Crosswalk Signs

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 May.

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 7th day of May, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk
Motion carried.

Don Rasmussen
Mayor

Public works has requested to purchase a zero turn mower. The two bids show a Simplicity and a John Deere Tractor mower. One for \$8,500 and the other one for \$5,268. The request is to not do a trade in and to purchase a mower outright.

Councilor Towle motioned Mayor Rasmussen seconded to approve the mower from Long Prairie Machinery in the amount of \$5,268. Motion carried.

There was a request to purchase internet service at the Christie House Carriage House and Administrator Thomes needs to get some additional information before council will consider this action.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the Agua Gorda Cooperative Lease Agreement for 2018. Motion carried.

Administrator Thomes will bring back bids again for mosquito spraying for 2018 at Lake Charlotte Park and Frisbee Park.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to get bids for the water tower so the project could be in 2019. Administrator Thomes will work on getting bids. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen talked about looking at a couple streets that do not have water and sewer and looking at just doing a mill and overlay on a few streets. Mayor Rasmussen will work with Administrator Thomes and Public Works Director to get a couple bids together.

Administrator Thomes noted that Elite is in town starting to dig fiber again this summer.

Councilor Towle noted the following from Police Chief Kevin Langer:

- April's incidents were 398
- Police participated in school safety patrol appreciation and awards lunch at the American Legion on May 3rd
- Police had a booth setup for the Cinco de Mayo on May 4th
- May 14th – 19th will be National Police Week
- May 15th will be the National Peace Officer's Day
- They received a new flag from the American Legion for the Law Enforcement Memorial
- Long Prairie Lions and Rotary will be sponsoring the Peace Officers Appreciation Night at the high school on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. - supper will be provided along with law enforcement demonstrations including a Taser event
- Guest Speaker will be Judge Chris Davick
- Long Prairie Police Department will be bringing prescription drugs to Pope Douglas Solid Waste to incinerate on May 9th – DEA pays for disposal

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer not the following:

- There were a few grass fires and they used the grass rig for these fires
- Froggies will be installing the sign for the fire department
- Councilor Gripne noted that they looked very nice so far
- There are still issues with doing physicals and Jim is trying to work through the physicals as CentraCare has changed them again – he will keep us posted

Councilor Gripne noted the following for Planning and Zoning:

- There will be a P & Z meeting on May 14th
- EDA meeting on May 24th

Mayor Rasmussen noted the following:

- Thursday night in the Park starts and will be all Blue Grass
- Tourism will also be doing the Bald Eagle water show on June 17th

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to close off Lake Charlotte Park on June 17th during the water show and put no parking signs up between noon and 3:00 p.m.

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

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor