

**City of Long Prairie
Council meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, September 17, 2018**

The Long Prairie City Council met in regular session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2018. Acting Mayor Lilah Gripne called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members Tony Towle, Devin Hines, Randy Mechels, and City Administrator Brenda Thomes. Mayor Don Rasmussen was not in attendance.

Councilor Hines motioned Mechels seconded to approve following addition to the agenda:

- St Mary of Mt. Carmel raffle

Motion carried.

Councilor Hines motioned Mechels seconded to approve the council minutes of September 6th and the September bills with an adjustment of removing the void. Motion carried.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to table the tax levy until the special meeting coming up next week. Mayor Rasmussen will be back in attendance. Motion carried.

Kent Louwagie of Bolton & Menk briefly discussed the grant for the airport. That will be coming out here in the next week. We are still waiting on the wastewater project with the EDA grant.

Councilor Towle stated that Sentence to Serve will not be able to assist the city in doing the streetlight project downtown.

Councilor Hines motioned Mechels seconded to approve the request for a raffle for St. Mary of Mt. Carmel. Motion carried.

Councilor Mechels noted the following:

- Councilor Mechels spoke with Joe Buttweiler regarding the fiber cut that happened about a week ago – there was just a wire cut and spliced outside of the Long Prairie area. He did not give out any names but there was an outage from about 8:00 to about 5:00 pm. That was consistent with what most other people have experienced with this fiber outage.
- CTC is working a redundant line which will be coming in from the Browerville area – this will be done sometime this fall yet.

Councilor Towle noted for Chief Kevin Langer:

- On 9/13 - Kevin conducted school safety patrol training for the elementary school
- On 9/22 - Salsa Fest will be held at the fairgrounds from 1-9
- On 9/24 – the police department will be having a staff meeting and will also be certified to administer Narcan drug
- On 9/26 - Kevin will be attending training at NJPA on the new police training mandates

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted the following:

- The Fire Dept may make some changes to their bylaws
- They are looking at adding one more firefighter

Devin Hines noted the following:

- Pam has resolved her problem with part-time help – one of the other part-timers will be picking up more hours

Councilor Gripne noted the following:

- EDA will be meeting will be on September 27th
- The Manufacturers' Breakfast will be on October 9th

Administrator Thomes noted the following:

- We will be re-letting the 2018A Bond again at the October 1st Council meeting
- Todd Hagen from Ehlers will be in attendance

Councilor Mechels motioned Towle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Lilah Gripne
Acting Mayor