

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Long Prairie City Council met in session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 6th, 2019. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Bob Byers, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. (Absent: David Blanchard & Randy Mechels)

**Council member Byers motioned Gripne seconded to approve minutes from April 15<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

(Appointments)

Jeremy Weber discussed issues with the foundation of the Hart Mall. The North West Corner is very weak and is starting to separate from the building. Jeremy has been working on trying to have a contractor/engineer come out and look at the building. The issue could possibly be due to an issue with the cities storm drain next to the Hart Mall. Ted Gray will contact Bolton and Menk for guidance on this issue. Jodi Dixon will contact Lu to have a back up plan created for Prairie Days

Teresa Sorenson, Senior Center President and members of the Senior Center Betty and Linda presented to the Council their improvements to the Senior Center. The cost of the kitchen remodel was \$1,550.00 and it was asked by Teresa to have the city assist with half of the project cost (city is owner of the building). Once project is complete, they will re-present for council approval.

(Old Business)

**Council member Byers motioned Gripne seconded to table a decision regarding the water rate increase until the next meeting.**

(New Business)

**Council member Byers motioned Gripne seconded to approve the recommendation to use Astech Corp to complete the Seal Coating of the City Streets with a Bid of \$67,802.80 with a 5% Bid Bond**

**Council member Byers motioned Mayor Jodi seconded the recommendation to rent the Cimline 230M2 DH Melter Rental at a rate of \$5,495.00/month and purchase the Maxwell Nuvo 3405 with Polyskin Packaging Sealant at a price of \$14,076.50 delivered price.**

**Council Member Byers motioned and Gripne seconded to allow the \$45,000.00 to be used this year, 2019 instead of 2020, to purchase a John Deere 1580 Lawn Tractor and a John Deere Z950R Z Trak Lawn Tractor.**

**Council Member Gripne motioned and Byers seconded the removal of Dave Venekamp and Don Rasmussen from all financial accounts.**

**Council Member Gripne motioned and Byers the purchase of an Emergency Shower and Eye Wash Station for the fire hall. Purchase price and labor to install is \$3,700.00.**

There was discussion regarding the roof issues at City Hall. Ted Gray will start collecting quotes to repair the roof.

There was discussion regarding the Mobile Food Unit ordinance. Sue Roe and Shari Pung attended and were a part of the discussion. Joe Krueger has created an ordinance regarding the Mobile Food Unit ordinance, and it will be presented for Council review at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Downtown Lighting Project. There were 2 quotes provided from ARC Electric and Mlazar Associates for the lights and light poles (no labor included). The Council would like to gather additional estimates of cost that included the materials and labor. Also, it was suggested that we reach out to Bolton & Menk for Electrical Contractors.

There was continued discussion regarding the rental ordinance. Ted Gray will be reaching out to Joe Krueger to see if he has the original ordinance that was approved.

A statement was read by City Administrator Ted Gray regarding Brenda Thomes and a complaint that has been filed to the MN Department of Human Rights against the city of Long Prairie. This item has been sent to the League of MN Cities who will be handling it.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Nothing was discussed

Public Safety: The police force converted to 2 new iPhones for the force to use on duty. The police in several public events.

Library: The Library is looking for a Library Assistant (11 hours a week).

Liquor Store: Liquor Store is happy with the new lights. They will also be conducting a study on the benefits for Sunday Liquor.

Planning & Zoning: Nothing at this time for Planning and Zoning. EDA meeting on the May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Mayor Jodi motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn at 9:31 PM. Motion unanimously carried.**

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Ted Gray  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Jodi Dixon  
Mayor