

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday, May 20th, 2019

The Long Prairie City Council met in session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 20th, 2019. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Bob Byers, Lilah Gripne, David Blanchard, Randy Mechels, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

Council member Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve minutes from May 6th, 2019.

Council Member Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the payment of May Bills

(Old Business)

Council Member Byers motioned Gripne seconded to approve the recommendation from the Water Rate Study report to increase the base rate by \$5.20 (New Rate of \$18.20) and a new user rate of \$0.0025123 per gallon.

Yes Votes: Blanchard, Byers, Dixon, Mechels, Gripne

No Votes: 0

For the second recommendation from the Water Rate Study to set a yearly increase on the water rates to match the percentage increase of the cost of living was tabled and will be discussed at a later date once we the council has reviewed the Sewer Rate Study.

(New Business)

Council member Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the recommendation to use Herdering Inc to apply Magnesium Chloride to the gravel roads located on 1st Ave SW and 1st St S.

The approval of \$65,000.00 to be used from the Revolving Loan Fund was tabled

Council Member Gripne motioned and Byers to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Todd County Ag Society/Todd County Fair for the dates of June 27th-June 30th, 2019

Council Member Gripne motioned and Blanchard seconded to approve the Gambling Permit for the Todd Co. Council on Aging to Conduct Excluded Bingo on June 29th, 2019 at the Todd County Fair.

Council Member Blanchard motioned, and Byers seconded to approve the Gambling Permit for the Staples Fire Department to sell pull tabs at the Todd County Fair.

There was discussion regarding the Mobile Food Unit Ordinance that was provided to the Council. There were questions regarding what the fees would be a day for a Mobile Food Unit to be in town. The discussion led to \$20.00 a day or \$300.00 a year for a Mobile Food Unit to be present in town. Any Mobile Food Unit that participates at the Todd County Fair, Prairie Days,

and any other town festival would be exempt from paying a fee. Ted Gray will be re writing the ordinance to reflect these items.

The Rental Ordinance was discussed in detail. Questions were raised regarding State Inspection, HUD Inspections or MN Housing Inspections and if Rental Property Owners would be required to have another inspection. The Time frame for a rental inspection would be every 2 years. There would need to be a Rental Permit/Rental Registration filled out yearly (which would include a fee). Prior to Rental Inspection, adequate notice would be given to Rental Property Owner, fee would be assessed if they did not participate. Rental Property Owner would responsible for contacting and completing Rental Inspection. Ordinance would need to be written in both English and Spanish. Section 15.215 needs to be omitted from the Ordinance presented and a Fee Schedule needs to be created. Ted Gray will be completing these tasks.

Council Member Gripne motioned and Byers seconded the approving the addition of a Summer Intern to be paid by Sourcewell.

Mayor Jodi Dixon read a statement regarding a CNN Story that took place in Long Prairie March 6th, 2019

Council Member Mechels motioned and Byers seconded the approval of \$775.00 to be used to assist the Senior Centers kitchen upgrade.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: The Crack Filling Project has been started. There was a sewer line issues on Central & 9th Street. The city looks into options to replace this line. With the Hart Mall issues Prairie Days will be moved to a Plan B Location.

Public Safety: The pumper truck has been fixed. 67 fire calls so far this year. Still looking for 2 new members to join the fire department.

Library: Summer reading program has started at the Library

Community: Senior Center Kitchen upgrade is almost complete. The frisbee golf tournament did take place in the rain last Saturday May 18th.

Council Membe Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor