

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 3rd, 2019

The Long Prairie City Council met in session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 3rd, 2019. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Lilah Gripne, David Blanchard, Randy Mechels, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Council member Bob Byers was absent.

Council member Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to approve minutes from May 20th, 2019.

(Appointments)

Gail Thompson and Sue Farmer discussed/presented issues related to Harmony Park. The holding pond that Harmony Park surrounds is used mostly for storm water. The issues that were presented were the spraying of the grasses around the holding pond and if we had to spray it and were the chemicals being used correctly. They were requesting to have trees planted, natural grasses planted, and maybe leave a little more water in the pond. Council Member Mechels stated that he would contact the Public Works Director, Chad Bosl and talk through these issues and a report will be brought back to the council at the next meeting

(New Business)

Council member Gripne motioned Mechels seconded to approve the permit for solicitation for Tyus Klemish (Klemish Tree Services)

Council Member Blanchard motioned and Gripne seconded to approve to allow for the updating of the Emergency Operations Plan

There was discussion regarding the City of Long Prairie Clean up day. The dates to hold this event would be July 20-21, where members of community could place items such as tree branches, scrap metals, etc. on the curb to be picked up on Monday July 22nd by the Public Works department. On Saturday July 20th a member of the Public Works department would be present at the old Water Plant to receive electronics. Ted Gray would check in on prices regarding the disposal of TV's, freezers, fridges, and other electronics that contain hazardous waste.

Council Member Gripne motioned, and Mechels seconded to approve the Retirement Recognition Awards for the City of Long Prairie at a rate of \$200.00 for 20 years, \$250.00 for 25 years, and \$300.00 for 30 years of service.

There was discussion regarding options to use Dave Venekamp as a Consultant. With Mr. Venekamp's retirement the council is wanting more details regarding a consultant contract. Ted Gray will be looking into details regarding a contract with Mr. Venekamp to assist in answering questions the city may have regarding various issues. The contract will include rates for services provided.

Council Member Mechels motioned and Blanchard seconded the approval of the Mobile Food Unit Ordinance/Permit Application.

The Council reviewed and is aware of the Long Prairie Senior Center Fundraiser Raffle, no decision was needed on this item.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Airport Extension to begin on either the 2nd or 3rd week of June.

Public Safety

Fire Department: Jim Kreemer addressed the council regarding an incident. A tire blew out on the way back from a fire call on Saturday June 1st. The tires were not ready for replacement due to miles but do need to be replaced on all fire trucks due to age. Due to extra weight the tires do wear out at a faster rate. Jim will be working on schedule for replacing tires on the fire trucks.

Police Department: Both Parades went well. The department handled 417 calls in the May.

National night is on August 6th

Liquor Store: Pam provided a statement of sales for April for the Liquor store

EDA: Next EDA meeting will be Wednesday June 19th at 5:15.

Council Member Gripne motioned Blanchard seconded to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor