

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday, July 1st, 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, Bob Byers and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

Council member Byers motioned Blanchard seconded to approve minutes from June 17th, 2019.

(Appointments)

The City Attorney, Joseph Krueger presented to the council on the Bjerga Feeds building. Krueger laid out the details of how the city of Long Prairie deemed the Bjerga building to be hazardous. The City filed in court to assess the property or get a mandatory judgement against the owner of the business and other assets. The court ruled in the favor of the City of Long Prairie to obtain the mandatory judgement. If the council chooses to demolish the building, this judgement would be placed against the owner of Bjerga feeds and other assets owned by Bjerga feeds. The amount of the demolition would roughly be \$47,000.00. This does not mean that their would-be repayment. If the council chooses, the property will be tax forfeited in June of 2020, at that time Todd County will retrain ownership. There were concerns by the council on the likeliness of being repaid if we applied the judgement. There is some additional research with the MPCA and possible grants to be completed by Ted Gray and presented at the next council meeting.

Art Rowan, former council member and mayor stopped by to thank the city for posting no parking signs on 4th Street S.

Schlenner Wenner & Co. presented to the council the audit findings from April. From the audit came one new recommendation, which is to consider increasing the capitalization policy to at least \$5,000.00.

(Additions to the Agenda)

Council Member Gripne motioned and Blanchard seconded to increase the city's capitalization policy to \$5,000.00 per the recommendation from this year's audit.

(New Business)

Council member Gripne motioned Blanchard seconded to approve the Pay Request No. 2 of \$102,611.30 to Core & Main for the Water Meter Project.

The Council discussed the issue of a Dangerous Dog which was owned by Amber Eischens. The council discussed the previous dangerous behavior of the dog and reviewed the incident report provided by the Police Department. At this time the council did not deem this a Dangerous Dog but needed Amber to register all dogs that she owns with the City.

Council member Gripne motioned and Blanchard seconded to approve Resolution 19-07-01-01 to increase the city's water rates.

Council member Byers motioned and Gripne seconded to approve the repairs of for Fire Engine 140 of \$4,507.40 for damage to door.

Council member Byers motioned and Gripne seconded to approve the Repairs for Fire Engine 140 of \$8,082.13 for damage to phone system

Council Member Blanchard motioned and Gripne seconded to the Approve the Oath of Commissioner Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Long Prairie MN for Russell D. Jacobsen

(Council Reports)

Public Works: The Public Works department has been cleaning up tree's in the boulevards that have been covering up signs or obstructing vehicles. The Wastewater Treatment Facility and airport extension construction projects are underway.

Public Safety

Fire Department: Jim Kreemer addressed the council, thanking them for approving the repairs to Fire Engine 140. Jim would like to welcome Omar Zamora, the newest addition the fire fighter team. The Fire department participated at the Todd County Fair for the Truck/Tractor Pull and Demolition Derby. There were some safety issues at the Demolition Derby that will need to be addressed before next years fair.

Police Department: The policy department handled 352 Incidents in June. The new squad will be here this week and the 2016 squad will be in the shop for transmission repairs. The Police had no incidents at the Todd County Fair.

Liquor Store: The Liquor store is looking into purchasing a new computer for the second check out line.

Council Member Blanchard motioned Byers seconded to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor