

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday, August 19th, 2019

The Long Prairie City Council met in session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 19th, 2019. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members, Randy Mechels, Lilah Gripne, David Blanchard, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

Council member Mechels motioned Blanchard seconded to approve the council minutes from August 5th, 2019.

Council member Mechels motioned Blanchard seconded to approve the August bills.

(Appointments)

Teresa Sorenson and Lorna Hunter presented to the council on some issues with an Architect that had hired for repairs for the Christie House. In December of 2017 members of the Christie House sought out an Architect to do research on issues with the Christie House roof. An Architect is needed to gain estimates of costs for repairs to the Christie House and for a grant application. At this time communication has failed between members of the Christie House and the Architect. Currently \$2,500.00 has been spent on the project. Members of the Christie House are asking the City for advice regarding the matter. City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray will discuss the issue with the City Attorney and report back to the council.

Rich Hest and Katherine Mackedanz presented on the Hilltop Kitchen and the asked for support continued support from the city for the kitchen. The Hilltop Kitchen is looking for \$1.00-person support from the city of Long Prairie (\$3,324.00 for 2020).

(New Business)

Council member Blanchard motioned Mechels seconded to approve the donation of \$3,224.00 to the Hilltop Reginal Kitchen for 2020 support.

Council member Mechels motioned and Blanchard seconded to approve the HACH Service Renewal Contract of \$9,441.00.

Discussion was had regarding the sale of the old water meters from our water meter project. The council would like Ted Gray to reach out to our engineers for advisement regarding the sale of the water meters.

A proposal from Golden Shovel was presented to the Council regarding the possibility of updating the city's website. The discussion for website lead to several questions. What is the purpose/goal of the website, how much work would this add to the city staff, is it compatible with social media and mobile devises? The council has directed Ted Gray to gather more information regarding upgrading the website and is to report back to the council.

The council discussed the open council position. There 5 interested parties in filling council member Bob Byers seat, Don Rasmussen, Dattrick Mitchell, Devin Hines, Renee Kreemer, and David Wright. There was discussion regarding experienced and inexperienced members of this

list. Both Don Rasmussen and Devin Hines had been on the City Council in the past. **Council member Gripne motioned and Mechels seconded to appoint Don Rasmussen as to fill the remaining term of Bob Byers, with the term ending on January 1st, 2021.**

The council discussed a dog bite that occurred at the property located at 310 3rd Street SW. The property is owned by Jeremy Miller and there was a business at this address called JaKed Fabrication and Metal Works LLC. It appears that this business has been dissolved since 2016 according to the Minnesota Secretary of State business name search. There was a conditional use permit approved in June of 2015. If this is not a business any more than the property is in violation of their conditional use permit. Ted Gray will send out Dangerous Dog notice and a Notice stating the violation of the conditional use permit.

(Reports)

Public Works: Wastewater plant construction is on schedule and they will be pouring concrete for one of the catch basins on Wednesday. The airport is closed and will be completed this week.

Public Safety Fire: Jim Kreemer gave a report that still need on fire fighter, also the Demo Derby at the Bike and Trike Rally went well. Jim asked a question about the repairs to the Hart Mall in regards to safety for the down town area. The city is aware of the issues and is currently working through with the owner of the Hart Mall on these repairs.

Public Safety Police: Kevin Langer gave a report that the Bike and Trike Rally went well with out any incidents. The Park Board meeting prior to the Council Meeting went well, Lacey Richner and Eric Hinnenkamp presented on the Beach Supervisor role.

Liquor Store: The Liquor is looked to upgrade their point of sale to allow for a handheld devise to gather inventory.

Health & Community Wellness: The city of Long Prairie received a \$5,000.00-dollar grant to be used to upgrade or research childcare options in the city.

EDA: The Business Appreciation Breakfast will be held at the Country Club on October 8th, more details to come.

Council member Mechels motioned and Blanchard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm/

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor