

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday October 21st, 2019

The Long Prairie City Council met in session at City Hall, 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 21st, 2019. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present: Council members in attendance where, Lilah Gripne, Don Rasmussen, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

Council member Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the council minutes from October 7th, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

(Appointments)

Deb Bruder and Tammy Jones addressed the council regarding issues and concerns. Deb Bruder has concerns with the apartment complex located next to her home. She provided the council with photos of a gravel wash out that is occurring from the entrance to the apartments into her yard. Deb Bruder had additional photos of other items on the property that is of concern. There was mention of parties and trash around the parking lot and some that had blown into her yard. Mayor Dixon mentioned if there are issues during the evening hours to please notify the police. In regards to the concerns Administrator Gray would reach out the owner, Jon Timmerman for discussion on these issues. Tammy Jones discussed an issue regarding a fence on her property line. Administrator Gray had been aware of this issue but had made a mistake interpreting the ordinance regarding fencing. Administrator Gray will relook at the fences and make sure both parties are aware of the ordinances. Tammy also asked about snow removal and if there was a list of people that could be contacted to remove snow from sidewalks. Resident, Tony Borgheiinck mentioned if they could change the plow route on 2nd Ave he would appreciate it, currently a majority of the snow is pushed into the yards of the residents instead of being pushed towards the expo building along that street.

(New Business)

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Mobile Food Unit Ordinance. There was discussion from several residents and questions arose regarding the fee's and a question on the Schwans Ice Cream trucks that can sell items from their vehicles. The approval of the ordinance as tabled until additional research was completed.

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to Approve payment to Braun Intertec of \$5,066.00 for construction material testing at Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion unanimously carried.

The item to Approve Mobile Food Unit Permit for Marlin J. LaDan – FnAs Rolling Café, was tabled due to an error on the permit request.

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve the reduction of the repayment for Gary Polak, based on the years remaining per the policies adopted by both city councils of Long Prairie and Browerville. The payment would be reduced by 10% per year prorated based on the date of sale. Motion unanimously carried.

There was discussion on the property located at 15 3rd St N. Presented to the council were documents from Rich Holt, the city building inspector from June of 2016. Resident Steve Brunswig addressed the council regarding the building, there are visible issues of the property, the property has not been kept up and is showing signs of structural failure. Council member Gripne explained that there are issues with the lot itself, the lot size would not be enough to rebuild another structure. Also, there may be contamination to the site due to underground tank leaks. Mayor Dixon had mentioned it looked like some had be living the basement level, Administrator Gray will have someone to take a look to make sure that no one is in the building.

Council member Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the purchase of new Christmas/Holiday Decorations for Highway 71 and Commerce Road pending that the brackets on the poles will hold the new decorations. Motion unanimously carried.

There was discussion on dates for an Ordinance Work Session. The council decide to have it on Friday November 1st at 8:00-9:00 am.

(New Business Additions)

Council member Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to accept the resignation letter provided by David Blanchard. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rasmussen motioned and Gripne seconded to approve the Central Gambling License for December 7th, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

The Council recognizes the raffle fundraiser being held by the Chamber Orchestra.

(Council Reports)

Public Safety Police: Doug Radkow, has accepted the fulltime police officer position. His first day will be October 28th.

Public Safety Fire: Fire Chief Jim Kreemer gave a report about fire prevention week. Chief Kreemer explained an issue with a recent garage fire, which is under investigation.

EDA: The Business Appreciation Breakfast went well, we had 46 people attend.

Community Concerns for Youth: Mayor Dixon attended an event on Community Concerns for youth and which she was able to discuss issues with various State Representatives.

Council member Gripne motioned and Rasmussen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor