

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday, July 20th, 2020
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday, July 20th, 2020. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Don Rasmussen, David Wright, Randy Mechels, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

Council member Mechels motioned Gripne seconded to approve the consent agenda items:

- (a) Approve Agenda for July 20th, 2020 with the addition of Dangerous Dog Incident and moving item (d) Approve Generator Maintenance For Wastewater Treatment Plant and City Lift station in the amount of \$9,320.00 from the consent agenda to New Business.**
- (b) Approve Minutes for July 6th, 2020**
- (c) Approve June-July Bills**
- (d) Approve DJV Municipal Consulting Independent Contractor Agreement**

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Rasmussen, Gripne, Mechels, Wright, Dixon. No: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed a dangerous dog incident that occurred on July 18th. Lisa Chapin was present and presented the incident to the council. She was walking her sons' dog when it was attacked by a dog owned by Amber Eischens. This had been the second incident involving the dog owned by Amber Eischens.

Council member Mechels motioned Wright seconded to deem the dog a dangerous dog and due to the two incidents that have been brought before the council, the dog must be destroyed or removed from the City of Long Prairie with in thirty days.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Gripne, Mechels, Wright, Rasmussen, Dixon. No: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

(Appointments)

Haley Piotrowski and Dan Huebsch who work for Todd and Wadena County presented on the Community Concern for Youth Program. They gave a program overview that discussed program activities and statistics. On the completion of presentation, the City Council expressed gratitude to Haley and Dan for their work and efforts in this program.

(New Business)

Council member Rasmussen motioned Dixon seconded to approve Generator Maintenance For Wastewater Treatment Plant and City Lift station in the amount of \$9,320.00

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Mechels Wright, Rasmussen, Gripne, Dixon. No: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Mechels motioned Wright seconded to approve the allocation of \$3,324.00 to be donated to The Hilltop Regional Kitchen in 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Wright, Rasmussen, Gripne, Mechels, Dixon. No: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Rasmussen motioned Mechels seconded to approve resolution 20-07-20-04 authorizing participation with the Community Concern for Youth Program with Todd & Wadena Community Corrections in the amount of \$2,855.00.

**RESOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP
20-07-20-04**

Resolution authorizing participation with the Community Concern for Youth Program with Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

BE IT RESOLVED by the Long Prairie City Council that Todd County act as sponsoring unit of government for the project entitled Community Concern for Youth to be conducted by Todd-Wadena Community Corrections during the period from 01/01/21 through 12/31/21. David Kircher, Chairperson, Todd County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and funding as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Long Prairie City Council.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Prairie City Council hereby agrees to contribute \$2,855.00 for the project entitled Todd-Wadena Community Concern for Youth during the period from 01/01/21 through 12/31/21, which is to be paid on 01/01/21.

It is understood that the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School Board contributes \$3,603.00, and the Grey Eagle City Council contributes \$336.00, for a total community contribution of \$6,794.00.

I hereby certify that the above resolutions were adopted by the Long Prairie City Council on _____.

Signed:

Witnessed:

(Signature)

(Signature)

Mayor

(Title) (Date)

Clerk-Administrator

(Title) (Date)

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Rasmussen, Gripne, Mechels, Wright, Dixon. No: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Mechels motioned Dixon seconded to approve resolution 20-07-20-03 placing the question of Sunday Liquor on the General Election Ballot on November 3rd, 2020.

**RESOLUTION 20-07-20-03
RESOLUTION PLACING THE QUESTION OF SUNDAY LIQUOR ON THE
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Long Prairie place the issue of Sunday liquor licensing on the November 3rd, 2020 General Election ballot

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie currently does not allow Sunday liquor licensing; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota statute allows the question of issuance to be placed on a General or Special Election ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie that the following language be placed on the ballot for November 3rd 2020 General Election.

“Shall the city council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?”

Yes _____ No _____

Dated this 20th day of July, 2020.

Jodi Dixon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ted Gray, City Administrator/Clerk

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Mechels. Wright, Rasmussen, Dixon. No: Gripne. Motion carried unanimously

The council appointed the hiring committee for the Utility Clerk Position. The committee will consist of Administrator Gray, Mayor Dixon, and Council Member Wright, with Council Member Rasmussen as a backup.

The council appointed the negotiation committee for Union Contracts. The committee will consist of Administrator Gray, Mayor Dixon, and Council Member Mechels, with Council Member Gripne as a backup.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mechels gave a report on Public Works department. The wastewater plant project is moving along, 2 of the 3 new aeration basins are now in service. The old aeration basins are out of service under are under construction. The Public Works

Department will be working on painting the downtown, middle school parking stalls, and crosswalks. The new F-450 truck was delivered the prior week.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department will be going through defensive tactics training this next week. Officer Lowe will be participating in taser training. Administrator Gray gave a report on the School Resource Officer proposal process. Administrator Gray and several officers will be presenting at Long Prairie Grey Eagle School Board meeting on July 27th.

The Fire Department had responded to 12 calls since July 1st. There will be a debriefing to discuss the incident that occurred at Lake Charlotte for anyone involved held on July 22nd. New Department members Koltres and Terwey are going through fire fighter training in Alexandria. The Fire Department will be holding a drive through chicken and corn feed on August 13th.

Planning & Zoning: Planning & Zoning will be having a meeting on August 3rd to review and variance request.

EDA: Council member Gripne gave a report on the EDA. The Long Prairie EDA is looking for two members, one needs to be a council member and the other an interested resident of the community.

Concern for Community: Mayor Dixon addressed the council on a community clean up project. The council discussed several items and groups that could be involved in assisting with this project.

Administrator Report: Administrator Gray gave a report. The 2021 Budget is continuing to be put together. The City of Long Prairie will be receiving \$254,273.00 from the CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Fund. Administrator Gray will be working with all departments on gather information on what we have currently spent on COVID-19 related expenses and other expenses we may still incur due to the virus.

Council member Mechels motioned and Dixon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor