

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 21st, 2020
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, September 21st, 2020. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Lilah Gripne, David Wright, Randy Mechels, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray.

Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve the consent agenda items with the addition of the Long Prairie Plumbing and Heating Proposal for the Senior Center, consent agenda items include:

- (a) Approve Agenda for September 21st, 2020**
- (b) Approve Minutes for September 8th, 2020**
- (c) Approve Bills for August**

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

(Old Business)

The reviewed the tabled item from the September 8th council meeting regarding the Dangerous Dog Incident from August 5th, 2020. Mayor Dixon discussed the new photos presented and the updated reports. Council member Wright asked the age of the dog, the owner Jessica Barroso responded that the dog was one- and one-half years old. Jessica discussed that they planned on building a fence for the dog to meet the proper enclosure guidelines referenced in the city ordinance. She also discussed the options for obedience school, Jessica was able to find classes for the dog in Osakis. Administrator Gray reminded the council of animal ordinance referencing the potentially dangerous and dangerous dog sections. With the owners of the dog willing to build the proper enclosure and their interest in obedience school, the council feels comfortable deeming the dog potentially dangerous.

Council member Gripne motioned Dixon seconded deem the dog from the incident reported on August 5th, 2020 potentially dangerous.

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

(New Business)

Tammy Cebulla, Elementary Principal at the Long Prairie-Eagle Elementary presented the council a proposed temporary one way street on 1st ST S from HWY 287 running North to 2nd Ave S. Due to the COVID-19 regulations parents are no longer allowed to walk their children into the building, causing serious concerns for students entering and exiting vehicles on 1st St S. Council member Wright asked about congestion and if the vehicles would be in a single file line headed North on 1st ST S? They would be single file and staff would be providing direction for drivers. The school would take care of all signs for the one way.

Council member Rasmussen motioned Dixon seconded to approve the temporary one-way street on 1st ST S from HWY 287 running North to 2nd Ave S and to be reviewed within one month for any changes or updates.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Dixon seconded to approve the estimate of cost from ARC Electric in the amount of \$19,935.66 to purchase 6 light poles and labor to install 3 of those light poles.

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

Council member Dixon motioned Wright seconded to approve the purchase of a John Deere Heavy-Duty Two-Stage Snow Blower in the amount of \$4,850.00 for the 2019 John Deere 1585 mower.

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

The City Council discussed the Long Prairie Plumbing and Heating Proposal for the Senior Center in the amount of \$4,925.04 to replace an air condition unit. The council would like information on the electrical costs that would be associated with this install before moving forward with the proposal.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Chad Bosl, Public Works director gave a report. The wastewater plant project is moving along. In the next few weeks, new flooring, painting, new pump startups, and topsoil will be put down for grass. The department will be working on winterizing bathrooms, flushing hydrants, and cleaning sewers the next few weeks.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department will be assisting with the food drive at the Todd County Fair Grounds on Wednesday September 23rd.

Airport: Council member Rasmussen discussed upcoming Master Plan and fuel pump projects.

Library: Council member Gripne gave a report on the Library. The Library is now open regular hours with a limit of a half hour per person to browse for books.

Administrator Report: Administrator Gray gave a report. Gray discussed the continued work on the CARES Act funds and will be providing the council with an updated at one of the October meetings.

Council member Gripne motioned and Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor