

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday October 19th,2020
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday October 19th, 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, Don Rasmussen, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Randy Mechels was absent.

Council member Rasmussen motioned Gripne seconded to approve the consent agenda items with the additions:

- (a) **Approve Agenda for October 19th, 2020**
 - (b) **Approve Minutes for October 5th, 2020**
 - (c) **Approve September bills**
- Additions:**
- (d) **Approve the Conditional Use Permit per the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for 220 1st Ave S to allow for 2 additional apartments, following city and state code and secure ample off-street parking for renters.**
 - (e) **Approve invoice for ARC Electric to Install EV Car Charging Station for \$1,431.00 (Funds are covered under a grant received by the City of Long Prairie)**

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

(Appointments)

Pat Schultz addressed the council regarding property lines near and around Riverside and Westside Park. Pat started the presentation by handing out several documents related to the property lines. Pat has lived in the area at 17 Riverside Dr for 18 years and has concerns about the survey and descriptions of the property lines. The maps he provided show similar property lines and descriptions. The survey that was completed takes additional land from Pat's property and gives it to the City, roughly 6.5 acres of land. Pat would like to keep the area he has been paying taxes on and is requesting from the council to allow for the property taken in the survey to be granted back to him and confirm that the lines surrounding the parks are cleaned up. By cleaning up this area, Pat's hope is that it would also clean up the legal descriptions. Council member Wright asked what points and marks were used to complete the survey? Pat responded that points based on the road, Riverside Dr. and the river were taken from the legal description. Council member Rasmussen asked if anything was going to be built on the acres in question? Pat responded that nothing could be built on those acres due to flood zone and wetlands. Council member Gripne made a recommendation that Administrator Gray contact our City Attorney for discussion and explanation on the possibility of this request.

(New Business)

Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve Braun Intertec Invoice for \$734.00 for Soil Observation and Testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

The council reviewed the application for Dallas Nelson to be added to the Long Prairie EDA.

The item was tabled by Dixon and seconded by Wright until November 2nd, to gather additional information from Dallas Nelson.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Wright, Rasmussen, Gripne, Dixon

Council member Dixon motioned Wright seconded to approve Ron Twardowski Trucking snow removal truck rental for Fall 2020 thru May 30, 2021.

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

Council member Dixon motioned Wright seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit per the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for 220 1st Ave S to allow for 2 additional apartments, following city and state code, secure ample off-street parking for renters, and allow for modification for handicap accessible apartments upon request.

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

The council discussed the EV Car Charging Station Grant. The council would like to approve ARC Electric Invoice to install the system and have Administrator Gray continue research on the Credit Card Payment system.

Council member Wright motioned Dixon seconded to approve invoice for ARC Electric to Install EV Car Charging Station for \$1,431.00.

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

(Council Reports)

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department on October 24th will be National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. They will be assisting with the downtown Trick and Treating on October 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. On October 31st they will be participating in the annual Truck and Treat at the Baptist Church from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, they received 100 Gatorade Squirt Bottles to hand out to kids. The department received several donations from American Heritage Bank and Zinter Brothers. The Police Department would like to thank the community for all the cards, treats, and donations they have received.

The Fire Department will be participating at the Trunk and Treat at the Baptist Church parking lot on October 31st, 2020.

Liquor Store: Council member Rasmussen gave a report on the Liquor Store. The Liquor store would like the council to review the store hours and make changes for the winter months. The liquor store will have a request presented to the council at the next meeting.

Health & Wellness: Council member Gripne gave a report on the Long Prairie Wellness Network meeting. The members of the wellness network discussed various issues related to Covid-19, daycare, and suicide prevention.

Community Concerns: Mayor Dixon gave a report about on community concerns. Concerns were raised regarding Covid-19 increases in our community and the affect it will have on upcoming events. Mayor Dixon received information from Todd County Public Health and the best way to stay safe is to wear your mask, stay away from large gatherings in doors, and keep you distance when ever possible.

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

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor