

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

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday December 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, Don Rasmussen, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Randy Mechels was Absent. Others present in person Dattrick Mitchell, Bob Klick, and Dan Laumeyer, Others present by phone, Tammy Cebulla, Amanda Duerr, Kent Louwagie, and Joe Kreuger.

Council member Wright motioned Dixon seconded to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve Agenda for December 21st, 2020**
- (b) Approve Minutes for December 7th, 2020**
- (c) Approve Bills for November – December**

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

(Appointments)

Long Prairie Grey Eagle Elementary Principal Tammy Cebulla presented the City Council with a request to change 1st Street S from Highway 287 to 2nd Ave S into a permanent one-way street. Through discussion the council asked Administrator Gray to work with the school and Tammy to observe the area during busy times of the day and bring back a report on the observations.

The council reviewed the new franchise agreement and the franchise fee for Charter Communications. Council member Gripne questioned if the Franchise Fee would be removed from the customers' bills once this agreement is approved? Amanda Duerr from Charter stated it would be starting the first of the year.

Council member Wright motioned Dixon seconded to approve the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications.

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

(New Business)

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve the Variance for 220 Lake ST S per Recommendation from Planning & Zoning.

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

Council member Dixon motioned Gripne seconded to approve the assessments to be sent to Todd County for 2020 for unpaid water, sewer, snow removal, mowing, and garbage bills.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve the Union Contract for the Long Police Department for 2021 and 2022.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve the Union Contract for the Long Prairie Public Works Department for 2021 and 2022.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Wright seconded to approve the new wages and benefits for 2021 and 2022 for Non-Union City Employees.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Dixon seconded to approve the reimbursement of \$2,026.60 to Administrator Gray for accounting course and to move Administrator Gray into Step 2 of the Wage Schedule.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Wright seconded to approve the Gambling Permit for St Mary of Mt Carmel for a raffle to be held on February 28th, 2020.

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

Council member Gripne motioned Rasmussen seconded to approve Resolution 20-12-21-02 authorizing the sale of City Property located on 6th Ave S for \$825.00 to Rodney and Charlene Erickson.

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION NO. 20-12-21-02**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE**

WHEREAS, The City of Long Prairie (hereinafter “City”) desires to sell certain real property located in the City of Long Prairie to Rodney Erickson and Charlene Erickson, said property being described as:

South 80 feet of the West 180 feet, except the North 47 feet of the South 80 feet of the West 180 feet of Lot 4, Block 5, Lee's Addition to Long Prairie, subject to easements of record.

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Minn. Stat. Section 412.211 to sell the real property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has accepted a Purchase Agreement for the sale of said real property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City:

1. The sale price for the property is approved at \$825.00. Seller and Buyer shall pay their respective closing costs pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the closing for the sale of said real property in accordance with the Purchase Agreement executed by the City and for the amount set forth herein.

ADOPTED by the City on this _____ day of December 2020.

CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE

Jody Dixon, Mayor

Ted Gray, City Administrator

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

Council member Gripne motioned Dixon seconded to approve the appointment of Dallas Nelson to the Long Prairie Economic Development Authority.

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

The City Council acknowledges the raffle for the Trinity Lutheran Church to raise funds to purchase playground equipment.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Administrator Gray gave an update on public works department. The department will continue to work on equipment maintenance, tree trimming, and removal of dead trees at city parks.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Fire Departments. The Fire Department will be cancelling this year's Township meeting due to COVID-19. There will be more information provided at later date. Council member Wright also commented on the project

to create an outdoor Ice Rink. Council member Wright and Luan Brunkhorst will be speaking with the Long Prairie Hockey Association regarding their interest in this project.

Library: Council member Gripne gave a report on the Library. The library will be switching to new hours starting on January 4th, 2021.

Community Concerns: Mayor Dixon stated the Senior Center served 120 people for their food drop on December 12th.

Administrator Gray presented the council with a memo regarding questions raised about Riverside and Westside Park. There will be continued research on these parks.

Council member Dixon motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor