

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., January 19th, 2021
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Tuesday January 19th, 2021 Council Member David Wright, acting Mayor, called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Datrik Mitchell, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Mayor Dixon was absent. Others present Dan Laumeyer, Jeremy Sovich, Josh Meyer, Josh Spieker, Otis Ostendorf, Kyle Bodle, Officer Preston Oetterer.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve Agenda for January 19th, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for January 4th, 2021**
- (c) Approve Bills December 17th, 2020 – January 14th, 2021**

Motion carried unanimously.

(Appointments)

Kent Louwagie from Bolton and Menk presented to the council an update for the 2021 Road Improvement Project. Kent went through the original scope of the project and changes that have been made. A proposed watermain loop on Riverside Drive has been eliminated from the project, changed the scope of the project to include a new lift station on Riverside Drive and updated sizes to the box culverts that cross Venewitz Creek on 1st Ave SW, 2nd Ave SW, and 3rd Ave SW. Kent reviewed the overall costs of the project and possible funding for the project. The City of Long Prairie has applied for PFA funding, which may include opportunities to receive grants for this project. Kent completed the presentation with review of potential adjustments that may be made to the scope of the project, pending financial concerns that the City of Long Prairie may have.

(New Business)

Council member Wright called for a Public Hearing for the Amendment to the Utility Ordinance at 7:45 p.m. Administrator Gray explained the proposed changes to the council. There were no questions from the council or members of the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve Ordinance 21-01-19-01 amending Section 6.217. (7). “Any water or waste having a pH in excess of 9.5 without an executed Significant Industrial User agreement and in no instance in excess of 10.5.”.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-01-19-01

An amendment to the City of Long Prairie City Code Chapter 6.217, Utilities Ordinance.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE DOES ORDAIN:

Section 6.217. (7). of the Utilities Ordinances is amended as follows:

- (7) Any water or waste having a pH in excess of 9.5 without an executed Significant Industrial User agreement and in no instance in excess of 10.5.**

This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie this _____ day of _____, 2021.

APPROVED BY:

Jodi Dixon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to Approve Temporary Liquor License for the American Legion Post 12 for February 7th, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to approve Resolution 21-01-19-01 Authorizing MNDOT Grant Agreement for Airport Improvements in the amounts of \$18,422.60 from the State of MN, \$4,737.24 from the City of Long Prairie, and \$3,158.16 from Todd County. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 21-01-19-01
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT
INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION**

It is resolved by the City of Long Prairie as follows:

- 1. That the state of Minnesota Agreement No. 1045846, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Including Land Acquisition," for State Project No. A7701-34 at the Long Prairie Municipal Airport is accepted.**
- 2. That the _____ and _____ are
(Title) (Title)**

authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Long Prairie.

CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF _____**

I certify that the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

(Name of the Recipient)

at an authorized meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 20____
as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

Signature:

(Clerk or Equivalent)

CORPORATE SEAL

/OR/

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

Otis Ostendorf, President of the Long Prairie Fire Department presented to the council the 2021 Long Prairie Fire Department Officers and asked for approval of Dan Laumeyer for Fire Chief based on the recommendation by the Fire Department Hiring Committee.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve Dan Laumeyer for Fire Chief based on the recommendation by the Fire Department Hiring Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed and discussed a memo from the City Attorney regarding Anonymous Complaints that there filed against the Long Prairie Fire Department with the League of Minnesota Cities. At the League’s suggestion a preliminary investigation into these claims was completed by the City Attorney. As a result of the preliminary investigation, all the allegations have been either addressed, acknowledged, found to be inaccurate, or can be properly addressed through the implantation of additional polices. Otis Ostendorf, President of the Long Prairie Fire Department, commented on the memo, stating that these complaints do not accurately represent the Long Prairie Fire Department and how the complaint was made. With some of the issues presented within the compliant, they could have been handled internally with out having to go directly to the League of Minnesota Cities. Members from the City Council, Long Prairie Fire Department, and City Administrator/Clerk will work together to implement, and update polices related to this compliant.

The council reviewed the quarterly summary for the City of Long Prairie website

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell gave a report on the Public Works Department. The daily water, wastewater rounds, and samples are going fine. We will be working on equipment

maintenance, trimming more trees and shrubs at the parks and bike path. We will also be working on equipment maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant, and water plant, along with plowing snow as needed. The Public Works department sold two vehicles last Friday and netted \$14,703.25.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police Department. The Police Department has been working these past few weeks on enforcement of ordinance violations on parked cars and uncleaned sidewalks.

Liquor Store: Council member Klick gave a report on the year end summary for Riverside Liquor.

Library: Council member Gripne gave a report on the Library. There have been no issues with the new Library hours. Patrons are encouraged to use the drop box for book returns, so the books can be kept separate for sanitation purposes.

Administrator Gray gave a report to the council. Terracon will be in the area in February to do groundwater testing, there will be more details to come on the dates and times. The City has run into a few delays in regards to the CARES Funds and the items purchased, the City has been collecting documents as needed to explain these delays.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor