

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday February 1st, 2021
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday February 1st, 2021. Mayor Jodi Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Lilah Gripne, Bob Klick, Dattrick Mitchell, David Wright, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Others present Dan Laumeyer, Jeremy Sovich, Kent Louwagie, and Officer Trevor Larson.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for February 1st, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for January 19th, 2021**

Motion carried unanimously.

(New Business)

Mayor Dixon called for a Public Hearing for the Amendment to Sunday Liquor Sales at 7:00 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 7:05 p.m.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve Ordinance 21-02-01-02 An amendment to the City of Long Prairie City Code Chapter 13, Alcohol and Tobacco.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-02-01-02

An amendment to the City of Long Prairie City Code Chapter 13, Alcohol and Tobacco.

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

Chapter 13.201 is amended by adding subdivision (9) as follows:

13.201. Types of Licenses. The Council is authorized to issue, subject to the requirements of this ordinance, up to the number permitted by law, the following licenses:

(9) *Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses:* Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses may be issued only to a restaurant, club, bowling center, or hotel which has a seating capacity of at least 30 persons, which holds an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, and which serves liquor only in conjunction with the service of food. The maximum fee for this license, which shall be established by the Council under the provisions of Section 13.202 of this ordinance, shall not exceed \$200, or the maximum amount provided by Minn. Stat. § 340A.504, subd. 3(c) as it may be amended from time to time.

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 February 2021.

APPROVED BY:

Jodi Dixon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Council member Gripne motioned Dixon seconded to Approve Pay Request #18 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$113,792.90 payable to Rice Lake Construction Group. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to approve the annual support agreement with XS Consulting Services at rate of \$1,325.00 a month. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Gripne motioned Mitchell seconded to approve Invoices B238521 & B241151 for professional services rendered by Braun Intertec for CSAH 56 and CSAH 38 Improvement Project in the amounts of \$3,952.50 & \$6,262.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to approve the purchase of the 2021 Land Pride Mower for \$9,039.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to Approve the 3.2% Liquor License for Novedads Bronco. Yes: Wright, Klick, Dixon; No: Gripne, Mitchell; Motion carried 3 to 2.

The council discussed the advertisement for SW Industrial Park. Through discussion concerns were raised about the exposure of this advertisement and that we should be using our new website for advertising. However, this advertisement could assist in the exposure of our new website.

Mayor Dixon motioned council member Wright seconded to approve the advertisement for SW Industrial Park in the IQ (Initiative Foundation Magazine) in the amount of \$1,575.00. (\$700 for each edition, Spring & Fall plus \$175 for the ad design). Yes: Dixon, Wright; No: Klick, Mitchell, Gripne. Motion failed 3 to 2.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell gave a report on the Public Works Department. The department will be working on repairing and repainting some picnic tables at the parks and ball fields. They will be doing some cleaning and painting at well house 7. Public Works director Bosl and Administrator Gray will be working on the potential roads for seal coating this summer.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Fire & Police Departments. Firemen Jeremy Sovich is working on a FEMA Grant to purchase additional turn out gear, cascade system, and an extraction tool. The Police Department responded to 321 incidents in January. All officers have received their second COVID-19 shots with out any issues.

EDA: Council member Wright gave a report on the EDA. Wright mentioned that the Advertisement with Initiative Foundation that was discussed at length at the EDA meeting with similar concerns.

Mayor Dixon gave a report. The Senior Center is now serving meals on Thursdays. On February 20th Mayor Dixon is planning a Winter Festival that will showcase the City's Parks. There will be various activities with more details to come.

Administrator Gray gave a report to the council. The zoom room at City Hall is in the process of being installed. Administrator Gray will be providing the council with city email accounts for ease of access to the zoom room and for other city materials. The Public Works Employee applications have been reviewed and a schedule for interviewing will be by the end the week. Mayor Dixon, Council Member Mitchell, Public Works Director Bosl, and Administrator Gray will complete the interview process.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor