

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday May 3rd, 2021
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday May 3rd, 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 Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Kent Louwagie, Officer Trevor Larson, Police Chief Duane Breiter, and Pat Schultz

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for May 3rd, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for April 19th, 2021**
- (c) Approve Resolution #21-05-03-01 – Donations**

Resolution #21-05-03-01
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie has received the following donations during the month(s) of May for the following purposes:

Donor	Amount	Purpose
American Legion	\$1000.00	Park upgrade
Todd-Wadena Electric	\$500.00	Park upgrade
Long Prairie Rotary	\$800.00	Park upgrade
Community Growth Fund	\$10,000.00	Park upgrade
Louis & Patty LeTourneau	\$50.00	Park upgrade
John King & Ruth Wingeier	\$25.00	Park upgrade
MN National Bank	\$100.00	Park upgrade
Earl & Rebbacca Juskowiak	\$50.00	Park upgrade
Gemma & Cindy Hepworth	\$15.00	Park upgrade

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA THAT: The City Council of the City of Long Prairie acknowledges and accepts the donations received the month of May.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The City Council of the City of Long Prairie expresses its thanks and appreciation for the donations to all Donor(s) listed.

Adopted this 3rd day of May 2021, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

Motion carried unanimously.

(Old Business)

Mayor Dixon opened the discussion on the potential park fee updates. Mayor Dixon asked Administrator Gray on several issues related to Rosen Fields being used by the Long Prairie Baseball Association and the banners that are hung up at the fields. Administrator Gray explained that there should be an agreement to allow for the use of these fields with the baseball association. Administrator Gray was checking on sample agreements with the League of Minnesota Cities and other associations in the area. Council member Wright suggested to see what agreement the Hockey Association has with the county building. Through discussion, the council raised several questions, who monitors the fields, which teams would take priority on use of the fields, would the city need to provide an employee for weekend work. At this time the council did set a fee for the use of Rosen Fields but will review the fees as Administrator Gray completes the annual budget for the city.

(New Business)

Council member Wright motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the new Police Chief Task List. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Klick seconded to the Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club for June 19th, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to approve a Donation to Community Corrections/Sentence to Serve in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed a letter from Nick Sullivan with the New Classics Motor Club. The club is requesting to hold an event on Saturday July 31st, in the City's Industrial Park. There were some concerns raised by the council and the request was tabled to the May 17th meeting.

(Public Comments)

Pat Schultz addressed the council regarding concerns towards the 2021 Road Project. Pat explained that he has an estimated assessment of around \$19,000.00 for his property and that this assessment was based on a policy from 1981. Pat stated that he is paying percentage wise more of the project than Long Prairie Packing. Kent Louwagie from Bolton & Menk had attended the meeting virtually and was able to show how Pat's property was assessed and gave an overview of the assessment policy. Pat asked the council to consider reevaluating the policy. Administrator Gray stated that he will gather additional information on the assessment policy and have update for the council at the May 17th meeting.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell gave a report on the Public Works Department. The daily water and wastewater rounds and samples are going fine. This week Fergus Pump will be hauling out sludge and land applying it on city sites. Public Works has been working at the parks and on the playground equipment. They removed some of the concrete that was pushed up at the Lions Park equipment and removed some graffiti from one of the shelters. The next few weeks we will be working on flushing hydrants, patching holes, and mowing.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department had 293 incidents in April. There will be additional discussions with the Long Prairie Grey Eagle Schools on the topic of an SRO Position. The city still has grant funds available for this program. The Fire Department had 19 calls in April, Chief Laumeyer would like to thank the families and employers of the volunteer fire fighters for their continued support. Truck 146 is in for repairs to fix a wiring issue that occurred at one of the calls. The Fire Department will be participating in the Browerville Days Parade on June 26th.

Library: Council member Gripne gave a report on the Library. The Library will be putting out the story boards again this year at Harmony Park.

Mayor Dixon gave a report on the community. There will be a prayer parade this year, date, and time to be announced. The Senior Center will be having a garage sale on May 21st.

**Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.
Motion unanimously carried.**

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor