

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference**

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, Officer Doug Rakow, Germania Santos Taveras, and Christopher De La Cruz Santos.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with the additions of Resolution 21-05-17-02 and Resolution 21-05-17-03.**
- (b) Approve Minutes for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**
- (c) Approve April – May Bills**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(New Business)

**Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve quote in the amount of \$3,320.00 from AAA Striping Service to paint 9th Street NE. Motion carried unanimously.**

The council reviewed the Sunday liquor license request for the Red Lounge. Germania Santos Taveras and her son Christopher De La Cruz Santos were in attendance to discuss and answer questions regarding their request for Sunday liquor. After the discussion and questions the council was not in favor of approving the Sunday Liquor license for the Red Lounge and tabled the item until the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council member Klick presented to the council a recommendation to add Jim Kreemer to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Dixon asked if he needed to provide a resume to be appointed. Administrator Gray reviewed the city code book and stated that the council can make appointments to various boards and committees without a resume.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to add Jim Kreemer to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Yes Votes: Klick, Gripne, Mitchell, Wright. No Votes: Dixon. Motion Carried 4 to 1.**

Council member Wright asked if there was a way to create an application process to assist the council with these appointments. Administrator Gray would review this request and report back to the council.

The council reviewed a memo presented by City Engineer, Kent Louwagie. Kent explained how the assessments for the 2021 Road Project were calculated and provided examples of how those calculations correlate with the project areas. The assessments for this project were calculated based on previous projects the city has completed. It was noted that both the city ordinance and the local improvement guide contain language allowing the City Council to adjust the assessments. But no matter what method the city uses to establish the amount of the assessment,

the real measure of the benefit is the market value increase based on the improvements. The council continued to discuss the timeline of this project and the delays related to the plans review. Kent explained the project is very large and the delays are not uncommon. The goal is still to keep moving forward with the project, but there maybe future discussions about the timelines of construction.

**Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to approve Resolution 21-05-17-02 approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Long Prairie on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-17-02  
RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS  
AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY  
ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State’s criminal justice data communications network for which the City is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provide the City with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems, and tools over the five-year life of the agreement and obligates the City to pay the costs for the network connection.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Long Prairie, Minnesota as follows:**

- 1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the City of Long Prairie on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department, are hereby approved.**
- 2. That the Chief of Police, Duane Breiter, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Police Department. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City’s connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.**
- 3. That the City Attorney, Joseph A. Krueger, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Prosecuting Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City’s connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.**
- 4. That Jodi Dixon, the Mayor for the City of Long Prairie, and Ted Gray, the City Administrator, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.**

**Passed and Adopted by the Council on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2021.**

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE**

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**By: Jodi Dixon**  
**Its Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**By: Ted Gray**  
**Its City Administrator**

**Mayor Dixon motioned Mitchell seconded to approve Resolution 21-05-17-03 Authorizing the sale of real property located in the SW Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-17-03  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SW  
INDUSTRIAL PARK**

**WHEREAS, The City of Long Prairie (hereinafter “City”) desires to sell certain real property located in the SW Industrial Park to Peter W. Nelson and Linda M. Nelson, said property being described as:**

**Lot 6, Block 1, SW Industrial Park, Todd County, MN**

**WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Minn. Stat. Section 471.64 to sell the real property; and**

**WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized 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 \$16,765.00. Seller and Buyer shall pay for their own closing costs pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.**
- 2. The Mayor and City Clerk 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.**

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE**

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**Jodi Dixon, Mayor**

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**Ted Gray, City Clerk**

**(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, Fergus Pump is done hauling and land applying sludge, they hauled and applied 685,000 gallons. We have been working on**

flushing hydrants, patching holes, and spraying for weeds. Last Friday ARC electrical replaced 4 street light poles downtown. As of now all street light poles downtown are up and we have 2 extra new poles left for spares.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. Police Chief Breiter will be participating in a “Lets meet, eat, and speak. . .together” program on May 25<sup>th</sup>, put on by the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce and Adult Based Education. The 2016 Police Squad is in the shop for maintenance. The Fire Department would like to recognize and thank Chuck Blankenship for his efforts in assisting the family for the fire that occurred on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Library: Council member Gripne gave a report on the Library. The Library story board for May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19 will be the “The Little Red Hen”.

Mayor Dixon gave a report on the community. The Senior Center will be having a garage sale on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Long Prairie Plumbing and Heating had been in and installed the new AC and Air Exchange systems at the Senior Center. They were waiting on an electrician to complete the project after the garage sale.

**Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion unanimously carried.**

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Ted Gray  
City Administrator/Clerk

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Jodi Dixon  
Mayor