

**City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday October 18th, 2021
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference**

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday October 18th, 2021, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, David Wright, Lilah Gripne, Dattrick Mitchell and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray, council member Bob Klick was absent.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for October 18th, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for October 4th, 2021**
- (c) Approve September Bills**
- (d) Approved Donation Resolution 21-10-18-01**

**Resolution #21-10-18-01
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
LP Lions	\$2,437.67	Park Signs

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 October.

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 18th, day of October 2021, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

Motion carried unanimously

(Public Comment)

Daiv Freeman addressed the council with questions related to the comprehensive plan. The questions lead to discussion on the relationship between the comprehensive plan and the city ordinances.

Dave Ruda addressed the council regarding the continued issue of vehicles lights from exiting the 2nd Ave apartments. Through discussion with Mr. Ruda, the city council directed Administrator Gray to look at adding a temporary barrier at the entrance and exit of the 2nd Ave Apartments to assist in directing traffic exiting the apartments.

Steve Hinson addressed the council regarding concerns about the accurate recording of city minutes and records. Mr. Hinson also expressed concerns about the city's handling of the ordinance enforcement against Mr. Freeman.

Amanda Hinson addressed the council regarding concerns on the city's handling of the ordinance enforcement against Mr. Freeman. Mrs. Hinson also shared her concerns with the continued empty and vacant buildings in the downtown area.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported the weekly activities of the public works department. The next tasks will be winterizing all parks and fields and preparing equipment for winter.

EDA: Council member Wright gave a report that the EDA met on October 6th and continued discussion about pursuing grant opportunities for building updates to assist business owners on Central Ave.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department will be interviewing two part time officers. Chief Breiter will be attending the Chiefs Conference on October 31st through November 2nd. The Fire Department was denied for a FEMA Grant that was applied for earlier this year.

Health & Wellness: Council member Gripne reported that COVID concerns continue to be a topic of discussion at the health and wellness meetings.

Park and Recreation: Mayor Dixon asked to have a Park Board meeting scheduled for next month to discuss plans for the parks in 2022.

Administration: Administrator Gray reported that the City had received its American Rescue Plans funds and has started to research into the use and implantation of these funds.

(Old Business)

Administrator Gray gave an update on the special meeting that took place on October 7th at Riverside Drive. During the special meeting the council heard concerns and questions from residents and business owners affected by the proposed project. Brad Thelen who was in attendance expressed his concerns to the council about the road project. After no further discussion, Administrator Gray stated that he and the City Engineer will be reviewing those concerns and questions and will report back to the council once the information has been gathered.

(New Business)

Mayor Dixon motioned council member Wright seconded to approve the proposal from Automatic Systems Inc in the amount of \$5,566.00 for yearly maintenance. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor