

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

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday November 1st, 2021, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, David Wright, Lilah Gripne, Datrik Mitchell, Bob Klick, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Others present Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Kent Louwagie, Trevor Larson, Dave Ruda, Daiv Freeman, Brad Thielen, Steven Hinson, Amanda Hinson, Enos Swartzentruber, and Pat Schultz.

The council reviewed the consent agenda. Council member Gripne stated that there were two individuals that attended the October 18th, 2021, meeting that were not recorded and would need to be added to the minutes.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for November 1st, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for October 18th, 2021, with the name corrections.**
- (c) Approve Minutes for October 7th, 2021**
- (d) Approved Donation Resolution 21-11-01-01**

Resolution #21-11-01-01
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
American Legion Riders	\$3,136.00	American Flags

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 November.

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 1st, day of November 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)

Pat Schultz addressed the council regarding the October 18th council meeting. Mr. Schultz expressed concerns with inaccuracies within the written minutes from the October 18th meeting.

Steven Hinson addressed the council regarding the City's course of action taken against Daiv Freeman.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported the weekly activities of the public works department. Fergus Pumping will start hauling Biosolids at the end of the week from the wastewater plant to be applied in agricultural fields. The department will also start preparing Christmas decorations.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department had 288 calls in October. The Police Department interviewed two potential part-time officers. Both the Fire and Police Departments participated in the Trunk or Treat and served nearly 800 kids.

Liquor Store: Council member Klick reviewed with the council the monthly income for the liquor store.

Park and Recreation: There will be a park board meeting on Monday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Administration: Administrator Gray reported on various projects at the city and discussed some options that are being researched for the use of the American Rescue Plan funds

(Old Business)

Administrator Gray presented to the council a proposal to place concrete barriers at the entrance and exit of the 2nd Ave Apartments to help direct traffic exiting the property. The council was in favor of this proposal. By having the traffic exit directly to the North, this may help limit the light pollution from the head lights. Discussion was had about the implementation of this temporary barrier and a timeline to have a permanent barrier placed at the entrance and exit if this solution was feasible.

(New Business)

The council discussed a memo in regards to the audio recording of meetings. Due to the concerns raised at previous meetings about the accuracy of the meeting minutes, the City Council Meetings will be audio recorded through the Zoom application. The council was in favor of moving forward with the audio recordings of the council meetings. Questions were raised in regards to the audio recording of all meetings, such as Planning and Zoning, Park Board, and other city related meetings. Administrator Gray will research to see if this is a requirement and report back to the council.

The council allowed for an additional public comment from Pat Schultz in regards to the Long Prairie Packing noise and vibration concerns. In hearing the complaint, the council instructed

Administrator Gray to research into this issue by reviewing the city ordinances that were referenced by Mr. Schultz and to reach out to MPCA to discuss a noise and vibration test.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor