

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday December 6th, 2021
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday December 6th, 2021, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Dattrick Mitchell, Bob Klick, David Wright, Lilah Gripne, and City Administrator/Clerk Ted Gray. Others present Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Police, Officer Trevor Larson, Public Works Director Chad Bosl, Kent Louwagie, Daiv Freeman, Pat Schultz, Dave Ruda, Amanda Hinson, Steve Hinson, and Brad Theilen

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for December 6th, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for November 15th, 2021**
- (c) Approve Resolution 21-12-06-03 Donations**

Resolution #21-12-06-03
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS

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

Donor	Amount	Purpose
CMCU	\$100.00	Robbery Training

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 6th day of December 2021, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

Motion carried unanimously

(Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation)

Mayor Dixon opened the Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation at 7:01 p.m. and allowed for public comment. Amanda Hinson addressed the City Council regarding concerns the assessed value of her property, the amount of taxes she pays on this property compared to other areas outside of city limits, and the use of the funds within the city.

There was continued discussion regarding taxes and assessed values on other residential and commercial properties.

After no further discussion Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported the weekly activities of the public works department. All the Christmas decorations have been hung up. The first plowable snow came over the weekend, the department had a few minor breakdowns during the removal of the snow.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. Officer Hanson assisted Central MN Credit Union in robber training. Body Worn Cameras have been ordered. Officer Larson and Chief Breiter participated in the Bright Lights Parade. The Police Department hired a new part time officer Nathan Taarud. The Fire Departments year ends December 1st, they responded to 121 calls in 2021.

EDA: Council member Wright gave a report on the EDA activities. The EDA discussed several buildings and potential grants for those buildings and businesses.

Liquor Store: Council member Klick reported on some potential changes to the liquor store regarding employment shortages and job description changes.

Library: Council member Gripne reported that there will additions to the library hours starting January 1st. The library will no longer be assessing fines for overdue library books.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported that there will be a drive by Santa on Friday December 10th in front of the Senior Center.

Administration: Administrator Gray reported that they had received the equipment from MPCA to complete the noise study. This will be completed over the next few weeks. The City of Long Prairie will be working with CentraCare Health on potential police pilot program. There was a demolition permit applied for to remove the Bjerga Feed's building, there will be additional information to come as we work with contractor to close off certain portions of the streets near the building.

(Old Business)

The council reviewed questions and discussed concerns with the 2nd Ave Apartment entrance and exit, as well as the additional safety concerns regarding increase traffic in the area. Through discussion the council directed Administrator Gray to continue to work with the developer on entrance and exit barrier and change the angle to ensure traffic continues to exit on the right-hand side of the barriers.

Council member Gripne motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the installation of "Residential Traffic Only" signs to be placed on 2nd Ave N from 9th Street NE to Marquette Street NE. Motion unanimously carried.

(New Business)

City Engineer Kent Louwagie from Bolton & Menk presented to the council and updated timeline for the 2021 Road Project. Mr. Louwagie reviewed the timeline from start in 2020 to today and presented the next steps in the process. At the December 20th council meeting the city council will be presented a resolution to authorize to receive bids for the road project. By requesting bids, does not hold the council to approving the project but will assist in the review of the overall costs of the project. Once the bids are received the council will have 90 days to review and decided on the road. After the presentation the listened to additional concerns and questions regarding the project and this timeline.

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to approve Resolution 21-12-06-01 Designating a Polling Place for the Calendar Year of 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

**City of Long Prairie
Resolution 21-12-06-01
Resolution Designating a Polling Place for the Calendar Year of 2022**

WHEREAS, MN Statues require cities to annual designate a polling place by December 31 of each year for the following calendar year;

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Long Prairie City Hall located at 615 Lake St. S as the polling place for the City of Long Prairie;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council designates Long Prairie City Hall located at 615 Lake St. S as the polling place for the City of Long Prairie for the 2022 calendar year.

Adopted by the mayor and the council this 6th day of December 2021.

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve Resolution 21-12-06-02 Adopting the Final 2021 Tax Levy, Collectible in the Year 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #: 21-12-06-02
ADOPTING THE 2021 TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE
IN THE YEAR 2022**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie, County of Todd, Minnesota, that the following presents the final tax levy collectible in 2022 upon the taxable property in the City of Long Prairie for the following purposes:

Levy Purpose

General Fund	\$513,137
2010A G.O. Bond	\$130,974
2012A G.O. Bond	\$ 76,472
2016A G.O. Bond	\$116,430
2018B G.O. Bond	<u>\$158,550</u>
Total	\$995,563

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

The council reviewed the presented rate increase from Long Prairie Sanitation INC. After the discussion:

Council member Dixon motioned Wright seconded to deny the proposed rate increase. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Dixon motioned Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Ted Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor