

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday December 20th, 2021
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday December 20th, 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 Deputy Clerk Deb Laumeyer. Others present Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Police, Officer Trevor Larson, Kent Louwagie, Daiv Freeman, Terry Lanoue and Matt Lanoue.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for December 20th, 2021**
- (b) Approve Minutes for December 6th, 2021**
- (c) Approve November-December bills**

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported the weekly activities of the public works department. The daily/wastewater rounds, and samples are going fine. Public works has been busy plowing snow, equipment maintenance, and some shop projects. In the next few weeks, we will continue to plow snow as needed and we will also be working on annual maintenance and oil changes on pumps, motors, and gear boxes at the wastewater treatment plant.

Police Safety: Council member Wright gave a report on the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department has purchased two refurbished computers. Officer Hanson and Office Wise showed their presence at the school due to a Tik Tok report of students making threats against schools across the country.

The February 3, 2022, meeting for the Townships has been postponed due to Covid. The City will send out the fire contracts to each Township along with payment.

EDA: Council member Wright gave a report on the EDA activities. They reviewed full/empty buildings on Main Street and an online class was taken by Bob, Lu and Terry Jo.

Liquor Store: Council member Klick stated there was nothing new for the Liquor Store.

Library: Council member Gripne reported that there was no Health Meeting. New hours are out for the Library, and they will not impose a late fee for late returns for 2022.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported that there were 100 kids to see Santa at the Senior Center and they made \$355.00 on cookies and \$189.00 on pies.

Administration: Deputy Clerk Laumeyer reported the hours for the Holiday Season. Thursday December 23rd – 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday December 24th Offices closed all day – Christmas. Thursday December 30 – 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday December 31 Offices closed all day – New Years

Terry Lanoue from Long Prairie Sanitation stated that at the October Board of Commissioners meeting, they voted to raise the tipping fee charged to the haulers by \$13.00 per ton. That is a 11.3 percent increase. Long Prairie Sanitation is requesting a \$1.50 increase per cart for residential customers. Commercial rate increase will see a 6-8 percent increase.

Motion by Klick, seconded by Gripne to approve Long Prairie Sanitation increase. Motion carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Mitchell to approve the business licenses for 2022 except for The Red Lounge. Wright requested that a letter be sent to the owners of The Red Lounge regarding the Council's decision to deny their licensee's and to have them attend the January 3, 2022, meeting. They are staying open way passed the normal hours of business for the establishment and they are still serving individuals after 1:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Resolution #: 21-12-20-04

Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution passed by the council May 18, 2020, the city engineer (BOLTON & MENK, INC) has prepared plans and specifications for the 2021 Improvement Project, hereinafter referred to as the CSAH 56 and SCAH 38 Improvements, the improvement of the following streets:

- **CSAH 56 (Riverside Drive): From the south intersection of TH 71 to the north intersection of TH 71**
- **1st Ave SW: From 5th Street SW to TH 71**
- **CSAH 38 (2nd Ave SW): From 6th Street SW to TH 71**
- **3rd Avenue SW: From 6th Street SW to TH 71**
- **1st Street SW: From 1st Avenue SW to 3rd Avenue SW**
- **2nd Street SW: From 1st Avenue SW to 3rd Avenue SW**
- **3rd Street SW: From 1st Avenue SW to 4th Avenue SW**
- **4th Street SW: From 1st Avenue SW to 3rd Ave SW**
- **5th Street SW: From 1st Avenue SW to 4th Avenue SW**
- **6th Street SW: From 2nd Avenue SW to 4th Avenue SW**

By reconstruction, the streets, and utilities, and has presented such plans and specifications to the council for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RELOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LONG PRAIRIE MINNESOTA:

- 1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved.**
- 2. The city clerk shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper (and online on QwestCDN) an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for 21 days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the clerk until 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2022, at which time they will be publicly**

opened in the council chambers of the city hall by the city administrator and engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the council at a future city council meeting after the assessment hearing has been conducted. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during the consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the clerk and accompanied by cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the clerk for five percent of the amount of such bid.

Deb Laumeyer, Deputy Clerk

Jodi Dixon, Mayor

Motion by Klick, seconded by Dixon to approve Resolution #: 21-12-20-04. Motion carried.

Motion by Gripne, seconded by Klick to approve the 2021 delinquent water and/or sewer bills to be certified to the county in 2022. Motion passed

Motion by Gripne, seconded by Dixon to approve the 2021 delinquent bill for snow removal to be certified to the county in 2022. Motion passed.

Motion by Klick, seconded by Dixon to approve the 2021 delinquent bill for mowing to be certified to the county in 2022. Motion passed.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Klick to approve the 2021 delinquent garbage (refuse) bills to be certified to the county in 2022. Motion passed.

There being no further business, motion by Klick, seconded by Gripne to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Deb Laumeyer, Deputy Clerk

Jodi Dixon, Mayor