

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Tuesday January 18th, 2022
City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Tuesday January 18th, 2022, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Bob Klick, Lilah Gripne, Dattrick Mitchell, and City Administrator Ted Gray. Council member David Wright was absent. Others present Fire Chief Dan Laumeier, Police Chief Duane Breiter, Officer Trevor Larson, Kent Louwagie, Daiv Freeman, and Otis Ostendorf.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for January 18th, 2022**
- (b) Approve Minutes from January 3rd, 2022**
- (c) Approve Bills for December 2021-January 2022**
- (d) Approve Donation Resolution 22-01-18-02**

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #22-01-18-02

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS

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

Donor	Amount
Hockey Rink Donations	Amount
Ron & Nancy Leasman	\$100.00
Cash Donations	\$712.00
Long Prairie Hockey Association	\$2,500.00
Freie's Septic Service	\$200.00
American Family Insurance	\$50.00
Daloris Gjerstad	\$50.00
Midway Storage Jeff Koehn	\$100.00
Richard & Rosemary Robinson	\$50.00
Kelly & Ryan Hanson	\$250.00
Lonnie Hetland	\$20.00
David & Lisa Wright	\$100.00
June Elmes	\$100.00
Vera Toenyan	\$20.00
Mike & Aimee Wagner	\$100.00
Mr. & Ms. Richard Wagner	\$100.00
Ruth Wingeier & John King	\$100.00
Total	\$4,552.00

Harmony Park Donations

Kali Christensen	\$50.00
Linda Mentele	\$50.00
Kristin & Donald Wilson	\$50.00
Teresa Sorenson	\$20.00
Hormel Financial Services	\$250.00
Melisa Brever	\$50.00
Gary & Bobbi Schroeder	\$100.00
Earl & Rebecca Juskowiak	\$50.00
Gemma & Cindy Hepworth	\$15.00
Louis & Patricia LeTourneau	\$50.00
Ruth Wingeier & John King	\$25.00
MN National Agency	\$100.00
Community Growth Fund	10,000.00
Reta Dahlen	\$50.00
Todd Wadena Electric	\$500.00
Long Prairie Rotary	\$800.00
American Legion	\$1,000.00
Total	\$13,160.00

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 December.

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 January 2022, by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

Jodi Dixon
Mayor

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported on the Public Works Department. The department had a busy month of pushing snow and cleaning snow around fire hydrants. All the Christmas decorations had been taken down. They will be assisting in the flooding of the ice hockey rink at Soldier's Field.

Police Safety: Chief Breiter gave a report for the Police Department. The department responded to 284 calls in November and 321 in December. The department is working with Watch Guard to complete the implantation of the body worn cameras. Chief Breiter stated his recommendation to approve the completion of Ethan Wise's probationary period.

Chief Laumeyer and Fire Department President Otis Ostendorf gave a report on the Fire Department. Chief Laumeyer would like to thank the residents and sentence to serve who helped clean out the snow around fire hydrants. The annual truck maintenance is being completed during the week of January 18th. EMR refresher courses will be held at City Hall January 28th through January 30th. The yearly call report was presented to the City Council for review. Chief Laumeyer asked the council to approve the Fire Departments participation in the upcoming Snow Derby sponsored by the Todd County Ag Society. Fire Department President Otis Ostendorf reported to the council on the departments annual meeting. The Fire Department officers will remain the same, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, First Assistant Chief Kyle Bodle, and Second Assistant Chief Chris Haasser.

Mayor Dixon motioned Klick seconded to approve the Fire Departments participation in the upcoming Snow Derby on Saturday January 22nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the Fire Department Officers, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, First Assistant Chief Kyle Bodle, and Second Assistant Chief Chris Haasser. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor Store: The council reviewed the December Liquor Store financial report.

Airport: Council member Klick reported on the Airport Commission meeting that was held on January 12th. The commission discussed potential airport projects that will be added to the airport master plan.

Library: Council member Gripne reported that winter reading program is in progress and will end on February 28th. The library is currently offering book bags for book clubs.

Wellness: Council member who reported that CentraCare will not be completing testing of individuals who are without symptoms unless required for travel or medical. Surgical masks will be required at all CentraCare Campuses.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported that tourism will be supporting a Barn Quilts program in which the city will receive up to 4 barn quilts which will be placed at the Chamber of Commerce / Library, Harmony Park, Lake Charlotte Park, and Westside Park.

Administration: Administrator Gray reported on the noise and vibration concerns from the Long Prairie Packing and the ongoing testing. The Bjerga Feed / Old Creamery was taken down without incident and would like to express gratitude to Wettstein Concrete and Juan Chavez for working through the appropriate steps to complete this demolition safely. The 2021 Road Project bid opening will be on January 26th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

(New Business)

Mayor Dixon motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the completion of employee probationary period for Police Officer Ethan Wise. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to acknowledge the Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra Valentines Raffle Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Pay Equity Report Compliance Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed and discussed the temporary liquor license for Rhodes Midway Gas Bar & Grill for January 22nd for the Snow Derby which was sponsored by the Todd County Ag Society.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the Temporary Liquor License for Rhodes Midway Gas Bar & Grill for January 22nd Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed resolution 22-01-18-03 Updating and Establishing the Fee Schedule for 2022. Through discussion the council would like additional research and information on some of the fees that were being increased.

Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to table the resolution until the requested information can be provided. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Jodi Dixon, Mayor