

City of Long Prairie
Wednesday March 2nd, 2022
Special City Council Meeting Held Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone and at City Hall, 6:08 p.m., on Wednesday March 2nd, 2022, Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Bob Klick, Lilah Gripne, David Wright, Datrik Mitchell, and City Administrator Ted Gray. Others present Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Officer Trevor Larson, Kent Louwagie, Pat Schultz, Brad Thelen, and Daiv Freeman

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for February 22nd, 2022**
- (b) Approve Minutes from February 7th, 2022**
- (c) Approve Bills for January-February 2022**

Motion carried unanimously.

(Public Comment)

Pat Schultz addressed the council regarding two items, the Long Prairie Packing noise test results and documents regarding the Riverside Drive Road project. Administrator Gray responded that the test results from the City's noise test and the MPCA's noise test had been received and there would be an update at the March 14th council meeting regarding the results. In regard to the requested documents, City Engineer Kent Louwagie will gather the documents requested by Mr. Schultz.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported public works has been busy plowing snow, performing equipment maintenance, and completing shop projects. In the next few weeks, they will continue plowing snow as needed and be working on equipment maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant.

Police Safety: Council member Wright reported the Fire Department will be escorting the wrestlers that made it the state tournament on Thursday, March 3rd at 10:45 a.m. The council reviewed potential equipment purchases for Fire Department. In the Police Department, Police Chief Duane Breiter announced his retirement for April 30th, 2022.

EDA: Council member Wright reported that the EDA has been working through discussion on a possible Day Care Center with Rick Utech at the Todd County EDA. Lauren Hebert resigned from the EDA board, due to his appointed to the Central MN Council Aging Board. Terri Jo Perry was voted to be the new chair of the EDA. The EDA is currently working through bylaw changes that will be presented for council approval at a later date.

Library: Council member Gripne reported that winter reading program has ended. The library is now starting a writing workshop, which will begin on March 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on March 29th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported that they are still working to reschedule the Community Concern for Youth Meeting. The TCCA meeting will be held on March 16th at the Senior Center. The Senior Center will be hosting a St. Patrick's day meal, please contact the Senior Center for more details.

(New Business)

Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to approve 2022 Seal Coating Roads as follows: 1st ST N, 2nd ST N, 3rd ST N, 4th ST N, 2nd Ave N, 3rd Ave N, & the City Hall Parking lot, and to proceed with requests for bids. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the snow removal ordinance and discussed the violations presented. Through discussion Administrator Gray will enforce the ordinance as written and look into a more efficient notification process to residents who do not have their sidewalks cleaned of snow and debris.

Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to approve to not express interest on the tax forfeited property's, parcel numbers 36-0021400 and 36-0023700. Motion carried; Council member Gripne abstained.

There being no further business, motion by Klick, seconded by Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Jodi Dixon, Mayor