

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday May 16th, 2022
City Council Meeting Held in Person & Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday May 16th, 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, David Wright, and City Administrator Ted Gray. Others present Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Officer Trevor Larson, Officer Ryan Hanson, Office Doug Rakow, Officer Ethan Wise, Officer Rodger Lowe, Public Works Director Chad Bosl, Jenny Selchow, Kent Louwagie, Daiv Freeman, Pat Schultz, Amanda Hinson, Chad Meemken, and Jason Delage

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to resolution numbers:

- (a) Approve Agenda for May 16th, 2022**
- (b) Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes for April 27th, 2022**
- (c) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from May 2nd, 2022**
- (d) Approve April-May 2022 Bills**

Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Dixon called a public hearing for the Public Facility's Plan for the City Plan for the Main City Lift Station. Jenny Selchow from Bolton and Menk presented to the council and residents present on proposed design and project for the replacement of the Main City Lift Station. Several questions were raised regarding the location of the lift station, the volume and size of the pumps used, and estimated life expectancy. The lift station would be in the same location as the old one, and it would be a submersible lift station instead of the current design which poses hazards for staff. The pumps would be able to handle 1000 gallons a minute of wastewater, which is pumped to the city's wastewater treatment plant. The estimated life expectancy of the pumps would be 20 years.

After no further comments or questions, Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

The council reviewed four resolutions for consideration to adopt the wastewater treatment facility plan and to move forward with design of the new city lift station.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve Resolution 22-05-16-19 adopting the wastewater treatment facility plan for the proposed city lift station. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 22-05-16-19

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLAN

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Long Prairie City Council as follows:

- 1. The City Council does hereby approve the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan as presented by Bolton & Menk, Inc. as Consulting Engineers.**

2. The City Council hereby authorized and directed to submit the Main Lift Station Facility Plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for review and approval.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Bob Klick and was duly seconded by Datrick Mitchell and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Bob Klick, Datrick Mithcell, Lilah Gripne, David Wright, Jodi Dixon

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following abstained: None

And the following were absent: None

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE THE 16TH DAY FOR MAY 2022.

APPROVED

Jodi Dixon, Mayor

ATTEST

Ted Gray, City Administrator

(Public Comment)

Jason Delage presented to the City Council a project that his working on called Fixing Felines. This project involves the capturing of feral cats and be brought to the local vet for a wellness check as well as the potential to be spayed or neutered. Currently Mr. Delage has received cages and food as donations to assist in capturing the cats but is asking for city assistance in the vet's expenses incurred during this process. The council discussed several options on how funds could be used for this project. They also asked Mr. Delage for additional information regarding the expenses related to the wellness checks at the vet's office, as well as the establishment of a non-profit organization. The council thanked Mr. Delage for his work on this.

Pat Schultz ask for an update on any noise and vibration tests. An additional test had been taken, but the data has not been processed by MPCA.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council member Mitchell reported that public works has been busy with opening parks, sweeping, patching holes, and flushing hydrants. In the next few weeks, we will be flushing hydrants, mowing, and spraying parks and ball fields.

Park & Recreation: Council member Mitchell reported that the park board would be having a meeting on Monday May 23rd at City Hall.

EDA: Council member Wright reported that there will be an EDA meeting on Wednesday May 18th. They will be receiving updates on the Downtown Revitalization Grant, as well as updates on the Prairie Foods Building, Childcare Center, and updating the Long Prairie signs.

Public Safety: Council member Wright reported that the Police department had 158 ICRs in the last two weeks. The department will be participating in a Latino Listening Session to take place at the Chavez event center on Wednesday May 18th at 7:30 pm. The Fire Department will be completing several repair items on the fire trucks over the next few weeks.

Liquor Store: Council member Klick reported that the liquor store is back to having the appropriate number of staff to operate.

Planning & Zoning: Council member Gripne reported that Planning and Zoning will be meeting on Wednesday May 18th to reconvene to discuss the Conditional Use Permit for Rafeal De La Cruz who is requesting to add 5 apartments to the property at 250 Central Ave.

Community: Mayor Dixon reported the Senior Center will be having a Book and Plant sale on May 26th. Mayor Dixon stated that the Long Prairie Grey Eagle School's color run was well attended and wanted to thank the community for their support this activity. Mayor Dixon provided a concern related to the most recent storm and the preparedness of the city. Discussion was had regarding the city's concerns regarding the emergency management plan and infrastructure needed to operate the city during a weather-related emergency.

Administration: Administrator Gray gave update on the city's 2021 audit process and the upcoming deferment policy that will be presented at the June 6th Council meeting.

Road Project: City Engineer Kent Louwagie provided a brief update on the road project and encouraged the use of the text and email alerts that are available on the City's Website and at City Hall.

(New Business)

Administrator Gray addressed the city council regarding the Police Chief interview process. At this time the hiring committee could not present a recommendation for the council's consideration. Administrator Gray stated that there would be special meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 25th at 6:00 p.m. to review the recommendation from the hiring committee.

Council member Klick motioned Dixon seconded to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club for Prairie Days Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Wright seconded to approve the use of Water Plant Parking Lot for the Long Prairie Farmer's Market Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dixon motioned Gripne seconded to approve the donation of \$1,500.00 to the Prairie Day's Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion by Gripne seconded by Klick to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Ted Gray, City Administrator

Jodi Dixon, Mayor