

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday December 19th, 2022
City Council Meeting Held in Person & Via-Teleconference

The Long Prairie City Council met in person and by phone at City Hall, 7:00 pm, on Monday December 19th, 2022, Acting Mayor David Wright called the meeting to order with the following present by phone or at City Hall: Council members, Bob Klick, Lilah Gripne, Datrik Mitchell and City Administrator Ted Gray. Mayor Jodi Dixon was absent. Others present Police Chief Ryan Hanson, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, Kent Louwagie, and Jim Kreemer.

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

- (a) Approve Agenda for December 19th, 2022, with addition of New Business item 5. Braun Intertek Invoice of \$810.50**
- (b) Approve Council Meeting Minutes from December 5th, 2022**
- (c) Approve November-December Bills**

Motion carried unanimously.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council Member Mitchell reported on the Public Works Department. The daily water and wastewaters round and samples are going fine. Public works has been busy plowing, blowing, and shoveling snow. In the next few weeks, they will continue to plow snow as needed, and also be working out at the airport removing snow around lights and buildings.

EDA: Council member Wright reported on the EDA activities. The next meeting for the EDA will be on Wednesday, December 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Public Safety: Council member Wright reported for the Fire and Police Departments. The Police Department had 250 ICRs over the last two weeks. Chief Hanson attended 4-Day leadership training at Camp Ripley. Officer Joseph Rivera Robles has started his training. Due to delays, the upgrade from the reporting system LETG to ProSuite will begin in January.

Liquor Store: Council member Klick reported on the Liquor Store. A statewide report came out showing that on average most municipal liquor stores show a profit increase of 3%.

Administration: Administrator Gray reported on upcoming reorganization meeting on Tuesday January 3rd. Administrator Gray expressed gratitude to council member's Bob Klick and Datrik Mitchell for their service on the council and welcomed Jim Kreemer and Clint Krueger to the City Council.

(New Business)

The council reviewed the final deferred assessments related to CSAH 38 and CSAH 56 road project.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the deferral of assessments related to hardships for parcels 36-0002400, 36-0053400, 36-0061800, 36-0049600, 36-0055000, 36-0061900, and 36-0051700. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve the deferral of assessments for the parcels currently not in city limits, 18-0017500, 18-0017300, 18-0017400, 18-0017600, 18-002000. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the assessments for delinquent, water, sewer, property clean up, mowing, snow removal, and sanitation bills.

Council member Gripne motioned Klick seconded to approve the assessment of the delinquent water and/or sewer bills in the amount of \$2,302.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Gripne seconded to approve the assessment of the delinquent property cleanup bills in the amount of \$568.34. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the assessment of the delinquent grass mowing bills in the amount of \$680.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the assessment of the delinquent snow removal bills in the amount of \$418.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to approve the assessment of the delinquent sanitation/refuse bills in the amount of \$15,390.18. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Klick motioned Mitchell seconded to approve the temporary liquor license for the Todd County Ag Society for January 21st, 2023, with a reserve date of January 28th, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Wright motioned Klick seconded to approve Resolution 22-12-05-42 PERA Police Officer Declaration. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION # 22-12-05-42
PERA POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of other; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Long Prairie hereby declares that the position titled Police Officer, currently held by Cody Vail, meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime
4. Said position gives this employee full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the above-named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD**

I, Theodore Gray, City Administrator/Clerk of the City of Long Prairie, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of December 2022; the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 4 members voted in favor of this resolution and that 4 members were present and voting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Theodore Gray
City Administrator/Clerk

The council reviewed a notice from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding the City of Long Prairie's insurance dividend reimbursement. The City of Long Prairie's dividend reimbursement was \$15,385.

Council member Klick motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Braun Intertec invoice for material testing in the amount of \$810.50. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion by Klick seconded by Gripne to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Ted Gray, City Administrator

David Wright, Acting Mayor