

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Monday April 15th, 2024
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 April 15th, 2024. Mayor David Wright called the meeting to order with Council members Jim Kreemer, JoAnn Schroeder, Clint Krueger, and Lilah Gripne present. Others present were City Engineer Kent Louwagie and Public Works Director Chad Bosl.

Council member Gripne motioned Kreemer seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended:

- (a) Approve Agenda for April 15th, 2024.**
- (b) Approve Bills from March-April 12th, 2024.**
- (c) Approve Special Meeting Minutes for April 10th, 2024.**

(Public Comment)

Greg Graves addressed the council with concerns about the Lions Pickleball court. Given the cost estimates so far he doesn't see it happening this year. The Lions will continue with the fundraising efforts. If the city will continue to allow that as a future improvement. Mayor David Wright did note that the council can't approve the pickleball court tonight for a future consideration, but he doesn't expect any opposition to fundraising. The park board would need to be involved along with Public Works. Council member Jim Kreemer noted there was some concern about the location/ballfield. Greg discussed quotes regarding fencing, nets, and painting quote all coming in between \$90,000 to \$115,000. He also would be interested in installing lighting for use after dark. Mayor David Wright discussed further that the city would need to involve the park board and review the use of the ballfields too. Greg asked if a park board meeting could be arranged and Joann let him know that the next meeting is Monday, May 6th at 5:00 pm prior to the council meeting held at City Hall. The park board met recently but prior had not met since the year of 2022.

(Council Reports)

Public Works: Council Member Krueger presented the council public works report. The daily water/wastewater rounds and samples are going fine; Public Works has been busy plowing snow and working on equipment maintenance. Anticipated that the next few weeks we will be plowing snow as needed, sweeping streets, patching potholes. Ramping up to get parks and ball fields ready as the weather permits.

Public Safety: Mayor Wright reported on Public Safety. Fire Department had 16 calls this month thus far.

EDA: No report

Planning & Zoning: Council member Kreemer provided there is an upcoming meeting.

Parks & Recreation: Joann Schroeder let us know they did not have a quorum at a recent parks meeting. The Riverside park also received a grant in the amount of \$141,000 from LCCMR.

Health & Library: No update.

Tourism: Lu spoke about potentially requesting a \$1,500.00 donation from the liquor store – JoAnn discussed that she will discuss this with Pam in the interim. The theme for the Prairie Days Parade is farm and country.

(Old Business)

No Old Business to report.

(New Business)

The city council reviewed the special meeting request to meet with Ehlers & David Drown & associates next Wednesday April 24th, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Mayor David Wright motioned seconded by Council member Kruger to approve special meeting with Ehlers & David Drown & Associates. Motion Passed.

Kent Louwagie presented clock repair quotes from \$1775.00 to \$2,250.00. Per his own research he had estimated that it would cost roughly \$4,000 for the total repairs. Chad at public works would perform the work as a completely new clock is \$7,500.00. The light next to the clock might be corrected at the base. Mayor David Wright likes the clock downtown and stated that part of who we are, thinks the city should invest in the upkeep of the clock. Joann wanted to clarify the funds for this – David let her know that the monies would come from city funds – not chamber and not public works.

Council member Schroeder motioned seconded by Clint to accept the total of \$4,056.00 to repair the clock and have public works perform the repair. Motion Passed.

Prairie Days requested the same parade route as the previous year, 2023. To line up on CentraCare Drive. Go west on Central, Northwest on 1st, South, East on 1st, North and then end on Central. It was noted that the route worked well last year.

Mayor Wright motioned seconded by Gripne to approve the parade route for Prairie Days. Motion Passed.

Cinco De Mayo celebration let us know they are not requesting a liquor license. Julio leasing the former Burger King and is named “Go Tacos” The band will be performing outside at the location of 205 Lake Street N, Long Prairie, MN 56347 again noted as Go tacos from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Council Member Kreemer motioned to allow the farmers market at the water tower hill from June until the end of the season, Council Member Gripen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wright motioned to approve advertising a job posting for the beach supervisor, Council member Kreemer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Council reviewed the three membership applications for the Tourism committee and did not have any additional comments or concerns.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to add all three applicants to the tourism committee and Council member Gripne seconded. Council Approved unanimously.

Council Member Gripne motioned to approve the Mobile Food Unit application for Taqueria El Guerritio LLC, motion was seconded by Mayor David Wright. Motion passed.

Council Member Gripne motioned to acknowledge the Long Prairie Baseball Association Raffle, Mayor David Wright seconded the motion, no action needed.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO
\$2,623,500 GENERAL OBLIGATION REVENUE NOTE, SERIES
2024A

Issuer: City of Long Prairie, Minnesota

Governing Body: City Council

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held April 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Long Prairie City Hall.

Members present:

Members absent:

Documents Attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04-15-09 RESOLUTION
RELATING TO \$2,623,500 GENERAL OBLIGATION
REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2024A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
SALE, FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THE
SECURITY THEREFOR

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public

corporation issuing the obligations referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said obligations; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this ____ day of April, 2024.

Interim City Administrator/ Clerk

Mayor David Wright motioned to approve the PFA resolution for the MPFA loan for City Lift Station Project, seconded by Council Member Gripne. Motion passed.

Kent Louwagie reviewed all of the numbers. Council member Gripne motioned to approve the Grant Agreement to Update Airport Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Krueger. Motion passed.

Mayor David Wright motioned to approve a set date for a public hearing to vacate the East/West Alley of the American Lutheran Church Alley, motion was seconded by Council Member Gripne. Motion Approved.

The City Council reviewed the three potential candidates for the City Clerk/Administrator position. Both Ted and Joe are checking through the references, Council Member Kreemer mentioned that it would be ideal to get the list down to two candidates.

Council member Schroeder motioned seconded by Gripne to approve a special meeting to be held on April 24th, 2025 at 6:00 pm to further discuss the potential candidates. Motion was approved.

There being no further business, motioned by Kreemer seconded by Mayor David Wright to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Ted Gray, Interim City Administrator/Clerk

David Wright, Mayor