

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 3, 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 September 3, 2024. Mayor David Wright called the meeting to order with Council members Jim Kreemer, JoAnn Schroeder, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Candace Bruder present. Absent was Council member Clint Krueger. Also present was Chief of Police Ryan Hanson and City Engineer Kent Louwagie; members of the public present: Larry Schroeder, Trevor Larson, Chris Haasser and Matt Lanoue of Long Prairie Sanitation.

**Council member Kreemer motioned, and it was seconded by Schroeder to approve the consent calendar; unanimously approved:**

- a. Approve Agenda for September 3, 2024.**
- b. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2024.**
- c. Approve Donation Resolution.**

**Resolution #24-09-03-24**

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

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

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>National Night Out Free Will</b>	<b>\$771.76</b>	<b>NNO</b>
<b>Long Prairie Lions Club</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>	<b>NNO</b>
<b>Long Prairie Lions Club</b>	<b>\$18000.00</b>	<b>Pickleball-Park</b>

**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 August.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, day of September 2024 by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Candace Bruder**  
**City Administrator/Clerk**

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**David Wright**  
**Mayor**

**Public Comment**

Chris Haasser, a 22-year veteran of the Fire Department, requested the council to borrow two fire trucks for his wedding on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to go from River of Life Church thru main street to the fire hall.

**Mayor Wright motioned, and it was seconded by Kreemer, to allow two fire trucks to use for Chris Haasser's wedding on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.**

### **Council Reports**

**Public Works:** Due to Council member Krueger's absence, City Administrator Candace Bruder read the Public Works Report. The daily water & wastewater rounds and samples are going fine, Public Works has been busy mowing, patching holes, painting parking stalls, crosswalks, School Crossings, and handicap stalls. The sealcoating is complete and all the painting around the courthouse and middle school is done. In the next few weeks, Public Works will be flushing and pumping hydrants, winterizing ball fields, and patching holes.

**Planning & Zoning:** Council member Kreemer provided a report on Planning and Zoning activities. There was reference to concerns with 720 1<sup>st</sup> Street and having to many vehicles. Discussion was had on the Cannabis Ordinance by January 1, 2025. Council member Kreemer provided an update on the rental ordinance.

**Public Safety:** Council member Kreemer provided an update on the Fire Department. The department will be participating in the Homecoming Parage on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The department had discussion regarding fundraising; the Fire Department will only do one main fundraiser a year, so as not to be a burden on the public with multiple fundraisers during a year. The Police Department had 248 calls for service over the last two weeks. Interviews have been done for the Administrative Secretary position on August 29<sup>th</sup>. A candidate was not selected and the next round of interviews is scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks & Rec:** Council member Schroeder discussed with the council the Rivers Side Park Grant. It was stated that the DNR received the requested information and are awaiting confirmation to proceed. Council member Schroeder provided that there may be one gentleman interested in being on the Park & Rec board.

**Admin, EDA, Tourism, Community Concerns:** Mayor Wright reported that Chris Amundsen, Tourism Commission requested a meeting with the Mayor and the City Administrator. EDA will be meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wright then addressed there are issues with some properties in town, they are all owned by one individual (Lake Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South, 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Todd Street), they are all in the same sort of disarray; building permits are over a year old – need to send letter to the property owner to get this finished up or fined for not getting these done on-time.

**Engineers Report:** City Engineer Kent Louwagie gave an update on the 2022 road project. Kent also gave an update on the Lift Station project. Due to ground water contamination concerns, during the dewatering process, treatment of contaminated ground water will need to occur. This is estimated at \$500,000 to \$1 million to complete this testing/monitoring.

### **New Business**

**Long Prairie Sanitation:** Matt Lanove of Long Prairie Sanitation requested a \$1.00 raise for small carts and \$1.50 raise for medium to large carts effective January 1, 2025.

**Mayor Wright motioned, and it was seconded by Gripne to approve the \$1.00 increase for the 35-40 gallon carts and \$1.50 increase for the 65-96 gallon carts. Motion unanimously approved.**

The council discussed the removal of the old utility payment box at the library and the purchase of a new utility payment box to be located at city hall.

**Council member Kreemer motioned, and it was seconded by Schroeder to approve the purchase of a new utility payment box and to relocate it to City Hall. Motion unanimously approved.**

The council reviewed the El Punto De Sabor liquor license: Mayor Wright thought it would be unfair to discuss this issue with the owners and/or representative being absent from this meeting.

**Mayor Wright motioned, and it was seconded Gripne to table this issue until the owners and/or their representative can attend the council meeting to discuss this issue. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Council member Gripne motioned, and it was second by Council member Schroeder to approve that Ian Sanchez has satisfactorily completed his probationary period at the liquor store. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Mayor Wright motioned, and it was second by Council member Kreemer to approve Higher Dimensions Peddler License for \$150. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Mayor Wright motioned and, it was second by Council member Gripne to approve Hach Service Partnership in the amount of \$17,461.00, ending in November of 2025. Motioned unanimously approved.**

Dr. Jeff Sauer owner of the Todd County Vet Clinic presented to the council a request to purchase two industrial lots. Due to surgery Dr. Sauer was unable to attend this meeting. The council reviewed this request. The request is to purchase Lots 4 & 5 of Block 2, to build a veterinarian facility for his business. The proposed price was \$37,500 for both lots. After discussion the council requested some additional information regarding the purchase price.

**Council member Kreemer motioned, and it was second by Council member Gripne, to table the decision on the sale of these until the next council meeting. Motion unanimously approved.**

**There being no further business, Mayor Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kreemer; unanimously approved - meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

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Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

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David Wright, Mayor