

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 9, 2025**  
**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 Wednesday April 9, 2025. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Council members JoAnn Schroeder, Clint Krueger, Gabrier Perez, Lilah Gripne and City Administrator/Clerk Candace Bruder present. Also, present Chief of Police Ryan Hanson, Officers Trevor Larson, City Engineer Kent Louwagie, Public Works Director Chad Bosl and Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer. Members of the public present: Danniela Chavez, Julien E. Olivier, Arisleidy Ortega, Jean Ortego Cantalico, Youmairy Ciprian Nunez, Jose Heriberto Leonardo Paulirio, Junior Ortega, Edwin Paulino Ortega, Jose Igasias Paulino.

**Council member Krueger motioned, and it was seconded by Gripne to approve the consent calendar:**

- a. Approve Agenda for April 9, 2025**
- b. Approve Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2025**
- c. Approve Donation Resolution No. 25-04-9-13 for March 2025**

**Resolution #25-04-09-13**  
**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS**

**WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie has received the following donations during the month(s) of March 2025 for the following purposes:**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>American Legion Post 12</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>Prairie Days</b>
<b>Central Specialties, Inc.</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>
<b>Central Bi Products</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>Fire Works at Lake Charlotte</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 March 2025.**

**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 9th day of April 2025 by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.**

**ATTEST:**

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

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**James Kreemer**  
**Mayor**

**Public Comment:** None

### **Council Reports**

Public Works: Council member Krueger informed the council that the Public Works has been busy plowing snow, sweeping streets, patching holes, and equipment maintenance. Due to the upcoming construction at the high school track and football field the soccer goals will be moved to Soldiers Field and the city will also have a set of goals at the West Side ballfield during the construction period. As the weather permits, work will start on parks and ball fields. The construction on the main lift station project has started, samples have been taken from the dewatering process. They have not detected any contamination. This project will continue for the next few months and progress is positive.

Planning & Zoning: Next meeting will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Police Department and Fire Department: Mayor Jim Kreemer provided an update that over the past two weeks of 03/26/25 through 04/09/25 the LPPD had 206 calls with an average of 14.71 per day. This includes: 9 with suspicious activity, 78 traffic related, 2 damage to property, 8 medicals, 3 disturbance-domestic-assaults, 1 civil, 1 fire-related, 11 juvenile-related, 4 theft, 49 assists, and ordinance specific are: 3 animal-related, 5 noise related, 9 garbage related, and 23 vehicle issue complaint(s). No outside training or department activities for this reporting period. Fire Department report from Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, reported that the fire department was at the career fair at the high school along with some officers. They will be having a tornado drill on Thursday for severe weather awareness week. The annual township fire contract meeting was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and it was well attended. The fire chief thanked Jim, Lilia and Candace for attending and providing clarifications to townships on calculations and contracts. They had a grass fire burning demonstration for the two new fire department recruits. Dan will be attending the seminar at Sourcewell on Grant Writing in the following week. Discussion that the fire department has low number of firemen in town during the day to help, but some Browerville Fire Department staff work in town and would be able to assist during the day. The consensus is that if the need is there they can assist and would be paid as the fireman are paid, only the hourly wage no retirement benefits. The mayor is requesting that the fire chief obtain paperwork from Browerville, giving permission for them to assist the Long Prairie Fire Department and there is no conflict of interest.

Liquor Store / Parks & Rec: Council member Schroeder informed the council that everything is looking good in the liquor store with the new updates. THC Beverages are now on sale and four kinds are available. Pam is looking into advertising these new products and making sure she has the correct wording for the ads. Tourism had a meeting on the past Monday and was well attended. The fireworks event planning is coming along for July 5<sup>th</sup>, and they are looking into a DJ, food truck vendors, possible beer wagon from the Lions, and entertainment. There are a few events planned for the concert series, the first one will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> at The Christie House and the next one will be a joint effort with the County, at the Todd County Fair to have a DJ on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on giving a donation from the Liquor store for Prairie Days as they have done in the past few years.

**A motion was made by Council Member Krueger to approve a \$1,500 donation from the Liquor Store to Prairie Days for 2025, it was seconded by Council Member Perez; unanimously approved.**

EDA, Library/Health and Wellness: Council member Gripne informed the council that the EDA will not be meeting in April. The next meeting won't be until May. The library's emergency exit door has now been replaced. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-2:30, the Bell Choir Concert will take place. The Locally Growing campaign will be raising money for pickleball player equipment in the form of try out kits and play 2 learn kits. These kits will be available at the library for loan, like loan program for Frisbee Golf and the snowshoe program. In health and wellness, the Todd County Emergency Management is conducting a program for local Long Prairie families. There are smart choices for life kits, for families and they cost \$16. Also be aware of the sirens to warn of impending storms; people should know where the storm shelters are and when to take shelter.

Tourism and Community Concern: Council member Perez informed the council that he is teaching the seniors Spanish starting with letters and numbers. He attended the meeting for Tourism, and it was very informational, and they will be the second Monday of every month. Discussion on the insurance for the fireworks and the fire department's role in the event.

Administration: Noted that the Todd County Vet Clinic has made the difficult decision to rescind their offer, to purchase lots in the industrial park.

### **Old Business**

Discussion on the job description, which is now four pages long and the job advertisement that was discussed with the committee (that was formed for the position of City Clerk/Finance Officer). After the meeting the proposed data and wage were agreed upon, to submit to the city council for approval. If approved the ads would be immediately advertised in all applicable avenues.

**A motion was made by Council Member Gripne to approve adding the position and advertising for the City Clerk/Finance Officer Position in the Long Prairie Leader, Independent News Herald, League of MN Cities and the City Website, and to take applications until May 2<sup>nd</sup> (and that the whole council will be involved in the interview process), it was seconded by Council Member Schroeder; unanimously approved with a roll call.**

### **New Business**

**Motion was made by Mayor Kreemer to take David Strom off his 6-month probation period, and he has been satisfactory, he has earned 40 hours of vacation after the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Additionally, he has earned permanent employment status and will earn vacation at the applicable rate, it was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Schroeder to take Brandon Karolus off his 6-month probation period, and he has been satisfactory, and he has earned 40 hours of vacation after the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Additionally, he has earned permanent employment status and will**

**earn vacation at the applicable rate, it was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved.**

Discussion on the stormwater infrastructure resiliency study that was completed through a grant for future needs of the city. It shows the potentially high flooding areas and that a 100-year flood will produce 4.5 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Some areas were discussed that have been issues in the past, and it was recommended to add more inlets and upsizing pipes to assist with these issues in the future. It was also discussed that in the future to add a bypass area system where it is deemed necessary. The goal of this grant was to address all future storm water project needs for the future. This information will be submitted for reimbursement of the grant. This information will be very helpful for future street improvement projects.

**A motion was made by Council Member Schroeder to approve the Stormwater Infrastructure Resiliency Study and to incorporate these recommendations into the City of Long Prairies future street improvement projects, it was seconded by Council Member Krueger; unanimously approved.**

It was noted that this payment application request represents 29.7 % of the completion of the Main Lift Station project to C & L Excavating. The mayor noted he was at the site and that it is coming along nicely.

**Motion was made by Council Member Gripne to Approve Pay Application No. 3 for the Long Prairie Main Lift Station Improvement Project in the amount of \$223,789.39 to C&L Excavating, it was seconded by Mayor Kreemer; unanimously approved.**

The newly proposed restaurant/bar the: 7 House Bar and Grill had most of the workers there who happen to be seven siblings, that is how they created the name, and they will be operating the business. They will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and will open from 8am until 10pm Monday-Wednesday and then on Thursday-Sunday they will be open from 8am-2am. Discussion on allowing the 2am license to this business and setting a similar trial basis, that a fee will need to be paid to the state to allow this upon city approval. The building will be the old Red Lounge building, and they are renting the facility at this time hoping to purchase it in the future. If approved, the city will only have 1 liquor license left to issue. The police chief noted that the background check came back with no issues.

**Motion was made by Mayor Kreemer to Approve 7 House Bar and Grill for a Full Liquor License, Sunday Sale of Liquor, Cigarette License, General Corporation License (Pool Table) and the trial for a year to be open for a 2am License, it was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved.**

**There being no further business, Council member Gripne motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Krueger; unanimously approved - meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**

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Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

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James Kreemer, Mayor