

City of Long Prairie
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 11th, 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 June 11th, 2025. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Council Members JoAnn Schroeder, Clint Krueger, Gabriel Perez, Lilah Gripne present. Also, present Chief of Police Ryan Hanson, Officer Trevor Larson and City Engineer Kent Louwagie. Members of the public present: Nancy Leasman, Naomi Walrath, Linda Kielty, Janice Koester, Greg Graves, Elaine John, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer and Danniela Chavez.

Council Member Schroeder motioned, and it was seconded by Council Member Gripne to approve the consent calendar:

- a. Approve Agenda for June 11th, 2025**
- b. Approve Meeting Minutes for May 28th, 2025**
- c. Approve Donation Resolution No. 25-6-11-17 for May 2025**
- d. Approve Gambling Permit for St. Mary of Mount Carmel for September 7th, 2025**

Resolution #25-06-11-17

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DONATIONS

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

| <u>Donor</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
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| MMBA – LIQUOR STORE WON | \$600.00 | PARK IMPROVEMENT |

BRIAN BECK 2 AIRCRAFT HEADSETS, 1 AIRCRAFT RADIO FOR AIRPORT

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 in the month of May 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 11th day of June 2025 by the City Council of the City of Long Prairie.

ATTEST:

Candace Bruder
City Administrator/Clerk

James Kreemer
Mayor

Council Reports

Public Works: Council member Krueger informed the council that Public Works have been mowing, trimming, patching holes, and were getting ready for Prairie Days. They are also locating utilities for the 287 projects. The main lift station project is going well. They're working on the electrical part of the project, the building has been placed that will house the controls for the pumps, some of the concrete work has also been done. The restrooms at Lake Charlotte Park have been repainted, the raft is out, and the concession stand area is open. The next few weeks they will continue mowing, crack filling in the seal coat area, and the daily water and wastewater rounds/samples.

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Kreemer informed the council that the next Planning and Zoning meeting will be on June 24th, 2025.

Administration: It was noted that a grant was applied for through Sourcewell for an additional \$2,000 in Boost Funds to help assist with some of the updates out at the beach and was awarded to the City of Long Prairie.

Police Department and Fire Department: Mayor Jim Kreemer provided an update that over the past two weeks of 05/28/25 through 06/11/25 the LPPD had 212 calls with an average of 15.14 per day. This includes: 9 with suspicious activity, 41 traffic related, 7 medicals, 6 disturbance-domestic-assaults, 2 civil, 2 juvenile-related, 1 Theft, 60 assists, and ordinance specific are: 4 animal-related, 10 noise related, 30 yard related and 40 vehicle issue complaint(s). The chief noted that Prairie Days was held this past weekend with no unordinary events occurring and was a great success. Chief Hanson and Officer Jeremy Puff assisted with the send-off for the track individuals heading to State yesterday. Melissa, Jeremy and Lateshia attended and successfully completed street survival tactics training last week in Bloomington. Deanna attended and successfully completed NIBRS/Criminal Code Training last week at the BCA in St. Paul. No other specific department activities or training are coming up this month.

Liquor Store / Parks & Rec: Council member Schroeder informed the council that all the City Parks were very busy with school out and Prairie Days this past weekend. The Liquor Store is hoping to have the drop safe ordered before the end of the month.

EDA, Library/Health and Wellness: Council member Gripne informed the council that the next EDA meeting is scheduled for July 16th. In health and wellness no meeting due to vacations. The library summer reading challenge started on June 9th and continues through August 9th, this is an early learner program for ages 0-3 or a kid's reading program for age 4 to grade 6. The Jolly Pops will give a concert on Tuesday June 24th at 11am. The program combines music, movement and fun learning. The Happy Dads and their puppet friends as they sing about an alligator dancing, popsicles, trains and dinosaurs and everything in between. This program is for preschool and school age kids and their families.

Tourism and Community Concern: Council member Perez informed the council that Saturday was a beautiful day. The next event is the fireworks on July 5th. Then the next event is July 26th

the Latino Festival, and they will be requesting more donations. Also, the senior center is here looking for a donation.

Engineer Road Project Report: City Engineer Kent Louwagie informed the council that the fog sealing is complete at no cost to the city. They are also in the process of addressing the poor turf in the project area. Riverside Park is still in progress and almost complete with phase one and the steps of the next phase are in discussion. The main lift station project is coming along nicely and there haven't been any groundwater issues. The underground piping is complete and the controls building, and generator have been set. The installation of the controls and electrical is underway. The startup on the new lift station is anticipated in June. Demolition of the old lift station and building and site work are planned for July. The trunk highway 287 will close for repairs for the next few weeks and expect news releases from social media via MnDOT.

New Business

Greg Graves from the Long Prairie Lions informed the council about the requests for improvements at Lake Charlotte Park. The request is for lights at the pickleball courts and to pave the parking lot to the east of the courts. They expect to have everything complete in the middle of the summer if passed. They have provided two quotes for each project.

A motion was made by Council Member Gripne to approve payment to Joe Riley Construction for \$36,170 to pave the parking lot to the East of the pickleball courts and to also approve payment to Arc Electric for \$18,904.60 to install lights at the pickleball courts, it was seconded by Council Member Krueger; unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mayor Kreemer to Approve an Invoice from Braun Intertec for Construction Testing for \$2,502.70, it was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Council Member Gripne to Approve Pay Application No. 5 for the Long Prairie Main Lift Station Improvement Project in the amount of \$405,412.50 to C&L Excavating, it was seconded by Council Member Krueger; unanimously approved.

Discussion on the Senior Center request for assistance and explanation on their current budget to the council. The current request is for \$2,000 a month to assist with the utility bills. There are grants that Jodi Dixon is applying for, but there is no word yet. Also, they should start to check into making the building more energy efficient.

Motion was made by Council Member Gripne to approve a one-time \$2,000 donation in 2025 to the Long Prairie Senior Center and investigate ideas to make the building more energy efficient, it was seconded by Council Member Schroeder; unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-6-11-18

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE ON BEHALF OF ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE MINNESOTA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE (ICAC)

WHEREAS, the City of Long Prairie on behalf of its Police Department desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to utilize applicable state and federal laws to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation on children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of Long Prairie, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the City of Long Prairie on behalf of its Police Department, are hereby approved. A Copy of the Joint Powers Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.
2. That the Police Chief, Ryan Hanson, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Police Department. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
3. That James Kreemer, the Mayor for the City of Long Prairie, and Candace Bruder, the City Administrator/Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.

Passed and Adopted by the Council on the 11th day of June 2025.

CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE

By: James Kreemer
Its Mayor

ATTEST: _____
By: Candace Bruder
Its City Administrator/Clerk

A motion was made by Mayor Kreemer to approve Resolution 25-6-11-18 Resolution Approving State MN Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Long Prairie on behalf of the Police Department regarding the MN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC); it was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Council Member Krueger to hire Amy Host as the 3rd beach supervisor at \$15 an Hour; it was seconded by Council Member Perez; unanimously approved.

Discussion on the interviews and four individuals that were interviewed for the new position. The selected individual was very intelligent and very knowledgeable. A background check was completed and passed. Her experience in finances and audits will be very useful.

A motion was made by Council Member Gripne to hire Callaway Neumann with a 6 month to a 1-year probation as the City Clerk/Finance Officer at Step 1 \$29.44 an hour starting on June 30th; it was seconded by Council Member Schroeder; unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Council Member Schroeder to take City Administrator/Clerk Candace Bruder off her 1-year probation as of June 10th, 2025; it was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved.

Discussion on how to address empty buildings in town and how to get them rented or sold. Look into an ordinance that shows the city how to address this issue. There was also discussion on bonding and how it works and Ehlers Financial is our consultant on these issues.

There being no further business, Council Member Krueger motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Perez; unanimously approved - meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

James Kreemer, Mayor