

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 25th, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer and City Attorney Joe Krueger. Members of the public present: Daniella Chavez, Nolan Wolkow.

**Council Member Schroeder motioned, and it was seconded by Council Member Gripne to approve the consent calendar and to add two agenda items; Item No. 4 is to approve One-Day Temporary Liquor License for Mi Pueblito Market for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Latino Festival and Item No. 5 is to approve a One-Day Temporary Liquor License for Viva Bar, LLC for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Latino Festival:**

- a. Approve Agenda for June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- b. Approve Meeting Minutes for June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- c. Approve Bills May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025-June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Council Reports**

**Public Works:** Council member Krueger informed the council that Public Works have been mowing, trimming, patching holes, crack fillings and locating utilities for the Hwy 287 project. The main lift station project is going well. They're working on the electrical equipment and planning on running a test startup this week. The next few weeks they will continue mowing, crack filling in the seal coat area, and the daily water and wastewater rounds/samples. No updates on the airport project currently but a meeting is scheduled on August 11<sup>th</sup> for this. It was noted that where the work is being done on fourth and fourth, it seemed rather flooded in the area due to the storm drains currently being torn up and covered as part of the project.

**Planning & Zoning:** Mayor Kreemer informed the council that the Planning and Zoning meeting was held last night on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The agenda for the meeting had a few items. A representative from Region Five zoomed into the meeting as well to provide input on the comprehensive plan. The recommendation from planning and zoning committee after the meeting is to approve attaching the plan to the previous comprehensive plan as an addendum. It was noted that the previous comprehensive plan was done very well, but the new plan provides some needed updates. The current plan is approved until 2035. There will be more to come on this topic in the upcoming meetings. Another topic of discussion was a new fence permit for residents so that they have a better understanding of what the specifications are as far as requirements and locations. Those applications are now available for anyone who wants to come in and build a fence and fee is required.

**Police Department and Fire Department:** Mayor Kreemer provided an update that over the past two weeks of 06/11/25 to 6/24/2025 the LPPD had 191 calls with an average of 14.5 calls per day. This includes: 8 with suspicious activity, 50 traffic related, 7 medicals, 8 disturbance-domestic-assaults, 4 civil, 1 Theft, 7 assists, and ordinance specific are: 4 animal-related, 3 noise

related, 9 yard related and 40 vehicle issue complaint(s). The vehicle issue complaints are mostly comprised of vehicles parked in yards. The chief notes from on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> that Chief Hanson, Officer Larson and Sheriff Allen spoke at an event at a Latin Church discussing immigrant concerns. Additionally, he has received three applications for the part-time police officer posting. Chief Hanson and Officer Larson will both be on vacation the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025-July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Fire Chief Laumeyer informed the council that Angie and Kim both passed their EMR courses and tests, so they are both certified ERM. On Saturday the fire department was on standby due to the storms that were located near the Bemidji area. They did not call on LP Fire as they were able to find other resources. Currently they are working with Daybreak Foods and OSHA on an issue that they were cited on. The Fire Department is all set for the Todd County Fair this weekend along with the Swanville Carnival. Also, within the past few hours the chief was contacted by the Willmar Fire Chief looking to get sandbags down to them as there are a lot of streams forming and such, he had broken his ankle and just returned today. He was looking to get help with the water issues that they are having; they have been looking for counties beyond the effected area. No update yet on the ISO review.

Liquor Store / Parks & Rec: Council Member Schroeder said that it has been busy at the liquor store. The drop safe has been ordered but has not yet been installed. Parks & Rec has a lot going on with the plans out at Lake Charlotte for the fifth of July – fireworks, baseball game, basketball shooting contest and pickleball contest. Lake Charlotte has had some improvements made and it is noted as being incredibly nice. The pickleball court seems to be very busy and getting used.

EDA, Library/Health and Wellness: Council Member Gripne informed the council that she had no updates to report on at this time. They had meetings cancelled due to vacations and the library had no new programs.

Tourism and Community Concern: Council Member Perez informed the council that he is looking to connect more with the members of the tourism committee. Lake Charlotte has its big events happening Saturday and Sunday and it was noted that concessions have been opened. On Saturdays it is very busy at Lake Charlotte and basketball. The senior center has no updates. The upcoming Latino Festival on July 26<sup>th</sup> is requesting more donations and has received a lot already.

Engineer Road Project Report was given by Mayor Jim Kreemer to the City Council since City Engineer Kent Louwagie was absent. The contractors referred to an erosion issue with the County Road 56 and County Road 38 project on Monday by a drainage spot on the Westside of Riverside Drive. On Tuesday and Wednesday the contractor is planning to oversee the Riverside Drive and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW project area related to the topsoil and seeding. The soil will not be refilled as they are spraying the erosion control and drilling plugs into the soil. This schedule may vary due to the weather. The attached newsletter was mailed out to each resident in the project area with additional information. Riverside Park phase 1 is almost complete, just working with the contractor on final requirements for this stage of the grant. The Main Lift Station electrical control construction is nearly complete. Primarily startup and testing of generator and equipment is planned for early this week. Official startup and staff training on lift station pump and general

controls is scheduled for Wednesday, if all goes well the anticipated sewer flow will be diverted to the new lift station later this week. The new lift station is required to be running for 30 days prior to the demolition of the old lift station. The update on Highway 287 project is that they are in the process of removing the concrete walks and curbs and in the next week they will start with new concrete construction or by early next week.

### **New Business**

**Motion was made by Council Member Krueger to approve the donation to the Initiative Foundation in 2026 for \$1,750, it was seconded by Council Member Perez; unanimously approved.**

Discussions were held by the City Attorney Joe Krueger on a deferred assessment for Parcel #36-0001302 in the amount of \$18,539.52. A document was presented to the city council dated December 12, 2000, for street improvements and utilities improvements. The plans called for a deferred assessment – one for the street improvement for the \$18,539.52 and then for the underground utilities in the amount of \$14,198.36. The underground utilities have been deferred practically indefinitely. The assessment that is being discussed is the street improvements portion, which have been deferred for 20 years. This went into effect October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000. The payments on the \$18,539.52 for street improvements were supposed to start in October of 2020. It was slightly oversights and has not been attended to for the past 5 years or so. This came to the city's attention roughly 6 to 7 months ago. The city reached out to them about paying those assessments at that time. The proposed agreement with the new property owner, Randy Mechel's, was that the monies were supposed to be accruing interest since October of 2020. The new or previous owners were slated to make payments from 2020-2030. The proposal is that Mr. Mechel's will pay the assessment in full within the next 60 days and in exchange that the city will waive any accrued interest. This was noted as a good compromise due to the oversight of both parties' ends. By doing it this way the city will be getting half of the assessment 5 years early in exchange for the interest that the city did not collect. The underground assessment measures remain in place indefinitely until a decision is decided upon to build on the land at all. The \$14,198.36 for underground utilities will be billed upon the property being built upon.

**Motion was made by Council Member Gripne to accept the proposal from Randy Mechel's to pay off the assessment on Parcel No. 36-0001302 in the amount of \$18,539.52 for the Street Improvements Assessment dated October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000 without interest and it would need to be paid within 60 days of signing the agreement, it was seconded by Council Member Schroeder; unanimously approved.**

Discussion on the negotiations that have been occurring between the City Administrator Bruder, Enterprise-CP, LLC, and both of their Attorneys, ensuring the city's obligations are covered for the sale of property in the industrial park. To note the negotiated purchase price is \$120,000.00. It was noted that Out lot A has some restrictions – they have been made part of the purchase agreement to maintain this – basically it states that this area has been donated as a wetland area and so there is a restriction that they must not build on it. They can use that lot for setbacks, but not building areas in those regards which is why they are looking at purchasing it as to not worry about any setbacks or overlap issues moving forward. The purchase agreement also includes the

applicable following of all state and local laws. The purchase agreement has been signed by the purchaser and is looking for the council's approval, and the adoption of the following resolution and certification. Once the purchase agreement is verified, they would like to start construction as soon as they are able to, upon completion of all the documents and the final closing of the land. They also need the engineers' final designs and the building permit to be approved by industry and city standards, which will likely be in August. There is no resolution number on this item at the current meeting, but it can be approved as it is stated.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the attached is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 25-6-25-19** regarding the sale of the below described real estate to Enterprise-CP.LLC:

- i. Lot 3, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015600);
- ii. Lot 4, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015700);
- iii. Lot 5, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015800); and
- iv. Outlot A of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015800).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**City of Long Prairie**

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By: Candace Bruder  
Its: City Administrator

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Notary Public

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE  
RESOLUTION NO. 25-6-25-19**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE**

WHEREAS, The City of Long Prairie (hereinafter “City”) desires to sell certain real property located in the City of Long Prairie to Enterprise-CP.LLC, said property being described as:

- i. Lot 3, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015600);
- ii. Lot 4, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015700);
- iii. Lot 5, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015800); and
- iv. Outlot A of SW Industrial Park, according to the plat recorded in Todd County, Minnesota (tax parcel 36-4015800).

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Minn. Stat. Section 412.211 to sell the real property;  
and

WHEREAS, the City Council has accepted a Purchase Agreement for the sale of said real property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City:

1. The sale price for the property is approved at \$120,000.00. Seller and Buyer shall pay their respective closing costs associated with the Purchase Agreement.
2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the closing for the sale of said real property in accordance with the Purchase Agreement executed by the City and for the amount set forth herein.

ADOPTED by the City on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE

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James Kreemer, Mayor

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Candace Bruder, City Administrator

**Motioned by Council Member Gripne to approve Resolution No. 25-6-25-19 to authorize the sale of the Lot 3, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, (tax parcel 36-4015600); Lot 4, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, (tax parcel 36-4015700); Lot 5, Block 1 of SW Industrial Park, (tax parcel 36-4015800); Outlot A of SW Industrial Park, (tax parcel 36-4015800) in the amount of \$120,000, with the stipulation that Enterprise-CP, LLC pay all closing costs associated with the purchase agreement, it was seconded by Mayor Kreemer; unanimously approved.**

**Motioned was made by Council Member Krueger, to approve One Day Temporary Liquor License for Mi Pueblito Market for July 26th, 2025 for the Latino Festival with a map specifying as to where the liquor will be sold as well as a system that includes barricades in place, age verification via ID's and has wristbands, it was seconded by Mayor Kreemer; unanimously approved.**

**Motioned was made by Council Member Krueger, to approve One Day Temporary Liquor License for Viva Bar LLC for July 26th, 2025, for the Latino Festival with a map specifying as to where the liquor will be sold as well as a system that includes barricades in place, age verification via ID's and has wristbands, it was seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Roll Call: Kreemer, Gripne, Schroeder, Krueger, YES and Perez, abstained. Motion Carried.**

Discussion on the proposed cuts from the State to Local Government Aid by 3.1% the city could potentially be losing roughly \$44,396 for 2026 is the estimate. This is the anticipated cut, but it may continue to go up over the course of the next three years.

**There being no further business, Council Member Gripne motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Kreemer; unanimously approved - meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

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Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

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James Kreemer, Mayor