

**City of Long Prairie**  
**7:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Present Council Members Clint Krueger, Gabriel Perez, Lilah Gripne, Absent: JoAnn Schroeder. Also, present: City Administrator/Clerk Candace Bruder, Chief of Police Ryan Hanson, Officer Trevor Larson, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer and City Engineer Kent Louwagie Members of the public present: Daniella Chavez

**Mayor Jim Kreemer motioned to approve the consent calendar with the additional items of G-J along with the correction to the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes that Jody Debault was misspelled and should be Jody Bebault. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gripne Unanimously approved.**

- (a) Approve Agenda for July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**
- (b) Approve Meeting Minutes for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- (c) Approve Bills June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025-July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**
- (d) Approve Transient Merchant Application for Monarch Home Improvements**
- (e) Approve Gambling Permit for Sauk Centre Youth Hockey for Viva Bar**
- (f) Approve Gambling Permit for The Long Prairie Baseball Association**
- (g) Approve a One-Month Mobile Food Permit from July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to August 25<sup>th</sup> for Bieringer Concessions LLC**
- (h) Approve Temporary Liquor License for American Legion Post 12 for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- (i) Approve Meeting Minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**
- (j) Approve Meeting Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Council Reports**

Public Works: Council Member Krueger informed the council that the Public Works Department has been busy mowing, trimming, patching holes, crack filling, painting, and locating utilities for projects going on within the city. The backup generator for the water treatment plant will be delivered this week, and the backup generator for Well 6 has been installed, as soon as the rest of the electrical components arrive the project will be completed. In the next few weeks Public Works will continue mowing, patching into the seal coat area, painting crosswalks/parking stalls, and the daily water and wastewater rounds/samples. The next airport meeting is on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Long Prairie Airport.

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Kreemer informed the council that the commission met the previous afternoon, and they decided to make an addendum to the current comprehensive plan with the new 2025 comprehensive plan data. The current plan that is in place is still good for 10 more

years and this suggestion is since the newly proposed plan lacks some essential information regarding planning and zoning. They are calling for a public hearing at the next Planning & Zoning meeting which will be held on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Police Department and Fire Department: Mayor Kreemer provided an update that over the past two weeks of 07/09/25 through 07/23/25 the LPPD had 215 calls with an average of 15.40 per day. This includes: 10 with suspicious activity, 4 civil related, 56 traffic related, 3 juvenile, 10 medicals, 7 disturbance-domestic-assaults, 2 theft, 76 assists, and ordinance specific are: 12 animal-related, 12 noise related, and 23 ordinance-related complaints. The chief also notes that the news release regarding the recent death of Charles Redning was sent out and posted to the LPPD Facebook page, it received over 26,000 views as of that morning. Jeremy and Melissa will be exchanging shifts back so that Puff is on nights and Melissa on days as of this coming Monday, 7/29/25. Since May of 2025 administrative offense tickets have been written totaling \$2,090. Interviews have been arranged for next week for three part-time officer candidates under consideration. Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer presented on behalf of the fire department letting the council know they are getting ready for National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup> and they are also getting ready for their upcoming Corn and Chicken Feed Fundraiser on August 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7pm they are hoping the sweet corn doesn't get damaged between now and then from any weather.

Administration: Candace Bruder, City Administrator, presented that the city hall and the library had their windows cleaned recently. A previous agenda item regarding a past due assessment has been paid in full. It was noted that Union Negotiations are scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of August for the police department union at 9am and that they are requesting the mayor and a council member to attend these negotiations. Council member Gripne volunteered to attend as she has in the past. Discussion on when to have a work session with all department heads and it was suggested to wait until after the audit is complete. The Auditors will be on site July 24<sup>th</sup>, tomorrow, to finalize any field work that needs to be completed. After the audit is finalized, the plan is to dig into the budget, which we have already begun preparing by sending out a questionnaire to all department heads to ask for input on potential needs and requests.

Liquor Store / Parks & Rec: Candace Bruder gave the Parks & Rec reported since JoAnn was absent. It was noted that concessions at the beach are going very well, the rain has slowed things down, but the supervisors are out there when they can be. Tourism committee has volunteered to work concessions when there are no supervisor staff available or on Monday's and Tuesday's. Riverside Park is currently underwater right so there has been no progress on the LCCMR grant. We received the check today from the Lions Club for the lights that were installed by Arc Electric at the Pickleball Courts. Weather has been impacting progress on finishing painting areas that need to be finished at Lake Charlotte Park. There is no report from the liquor store.

EDA, Library/Health and Wellness: Council Member Gripne informed the council that she did not have anything to report for the library. The EDA will be meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

Tourism and Community Concern: Council Member Perez informed the council that there is a designated map for the Latino Festival. He noted that many people are traveling here from Fargo and St. Cloud and all around for this to attend this new community event.

**Council Member Krueger motioned to deem “The Latino Festival on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025” as a Community Event. Motion was seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved.**

Engineer Road Project Report was presented by City Engineer Kent Louwagie on the CSAH 56 & CSAH 38 Improvements: Turf establishment is improving in the Riverside Drive and 2nd Ave SW project areas. It appears the overseeding in June helped considerably. There are still a couple yards where additional work is planned to correct some issues. They will continue to monitor these areas for acceptable turf establishment. For the Main Lift Station the permanent power supply is planned to be installed by MN Power next week, followed by the startup for the lift station. The new lift station is required to operate for 30 days prior to demolishing the old equipment and building. The Trunk Highway 287 project is being run by MDNOT they plan to continue to work on the concrete walk and curb construction this week as weather allows. They are tentatively planning to complete the mill and overlay next week. The project website is linked below: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d3/projects/longprairie/index.html> . It was noted that there are some changes to the Well 6 Standby Generator from MN Power and they have changed their equipment installation requirements. The electrical contractor is no longer allowed to mount the current transformer (CT) meter on Minnesota Power’s pole. They are anticipating the electrical contractor will need to install a service CT cabinet to comply with these requirements, likely at an additional cost. Additional information will be provided as it develops. Discussion was held on a previous erosion issue regarding a swale at the Steve Laumeyer property related to the CSAH 56 and CSAH 38 projects. Kent noted that this was something they were looking into to officially close out this project.

### **New Business**

Review donation request for Todd County Enviro Fest on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. As part of the Wellhead Protection Plan, an item that needs to be completed is that we must show continued support to Enviro Fest. The council has previously donated to this on a yearly basis. There was a recent meeting held between Jolene Leither with MN Rural Water Association and City Administrator/Clerk Candace Bruder, Public Works Director Chad Bosl and City Clerk/Finance Officer Callaway Neumann about the 10-year agenda and checklist that is set to wrap up completion by the year 2027. Another specific measure that the council needs to be briefed on is regarding the Wellhead Protection Plan are unused wells and the resources that are available to cap them. The city currently has about 165 wells in the DWSMA counting the city’s wells. Any wells that are not being currently used act as a straw to bring contaminants into the aquifer that could affect other wells that are being used for drinking water. The attached handouts are to notify the mayor and council that should you hear of any wells that are not being used, we need to notify those individuals. There are additional resources from both the MN Department of Health Source Water Grants and through Todd County Funding. Another requirement of this was to donate to a Water Tower Model that Todd County is making to be used at the Enviro Fest to show good faith it is recommended that we make at least a \$150 donation. With the money that we do donate we can receive 50% back in the form of a grant. Todd County SWCD still has cost share funds available for sealing any old wells that people may have on their property. The cost share rate would be 75% of the lowest bid. Prior to the landowner doing any work, they must contact their office and be pre-approved. Through the Long Prairie Watershed comprehensive plan, their goal is to seal 200 wells over the next 10 years.

**Council Member Gripne motioned to donate \$250.00 to the 2025 Todd County Enviro Fest to satisfy one of the requirements of the Wellhead Protection Plan. Motion was seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.**

**Mayor Jim Kreemer motioned to donate \$250.00 to Todd County Soil and Water for the Water Tower Model for the Enviro Fest to satisfy another requirement of the Wellhead Protection Plan. Motion was seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.**

**Council Member Gripne motioned to approve the request from St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel to close a portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE between 4<sup>th</sup> Street S and Todd Street S between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for their Annual Fall Festival, and the city will provide barricades for this event. Motion was seconded by Mayor Kreemer, Unanimously Approved.**

**Council Member Gripne motioned to approve adding Callaway Neumann to all financial accounts for the City of Long Prairie effective as of her start date of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion was seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously approved.**

Review and approval of an application for a Lot Combination for Enterprise-CP, LLC for Parcel No. 36-4015600, Parcel No. 36-4015700, Parcel No. 36-4015800 and Parcel No. 36-4017400. This request is being made in advance of the sale of the property in good faith to move along with the construction progress once the sale is official. The Lot Combination is necessary for when the new owners want to complete their building permit for the new warehouse expansion over parcel lines and for setbacks. The \$250 fee has been paid for the application and applicable requests from the city have been submitted. Todd County would still like to have a formal motion by the city council for this lot combination. The parcels would then turn into one parcel so the motion should state that the combined Parcel No. 36-4015600, this number has been confirmed and given to the city by the Todd County Recorder's Office. If there are any costs associated with combining the parcels the buyer Enterprise-CP, LLC will assume these costs.

**Council Member Krueger motioned to approve the Lot Combination for Enterprise-CP, LLC for Parcel No. 36-4015600, Parcel No. 36-4015700, Parcel No. 36-4015800 and Parcel No. 36-4017400 into Parcel No. 36-4015600 this is contingent on the sale of the property and that the buyer will pay all closing costs. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.**

**There being no further business, Council Member Krueger motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved- meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.**

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Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

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James Kreemer, Mayor