

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Long Prairie City Hall - 615 Lake Street
Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Long Prairie City Council Meeting was called to order at City Hall at 7:00 pm, on Wednesday March 25th, 2026. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Present Council Members Clint Krueger, Gabriel Perez, and Lilah Gripne. Absent: Council Member JoAnn Schroeder and City Administrator Candace Bruder. Also, present: Chief Ryan Hanson, Police Officers: Melissa Morazan, Daniel Steuck, Lateshia Harden, and City Engineer Kent Louwagie. Members of the public present: Danniela Chavez, Trevor Larson, Laura Bunde, Gwen Spieker, Kelly Hanson, and Kristy Modrow.

Council Member Gripne motioned to approve the consent calendar as listed below; motion was seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

- (a) Approve Agenda for March 25th, 2026**
- (b) Approve Meeting Minutes for March 11th, 2026**
- (c) Approve Bills February 21st, 2026-March 20th, 2026, in the amount of \$436,155.32**
- (d) Approve Yearly Mobile Food Unit Permit Theiler Holdings, LLC Axe Kitchen for 2026**

Council Reports

Tourism & Airport: Council Member Krueger informed the council that the Airport has a meeting scheduled for some time in April with plans to have the new hanger construction started in May. No update for tourism at this time.

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Kreemer informed council that Planning & Zoning had a meeting last night and they spoke about the rental code. The lawyer has been reviewing it and there will be more to come. At the next meeting there will more than likely be a rezoning for a property to match all the other properties in the area.

Police Department and Fire Department: Mayor Kreemer informed council that the Long Prairie Police Department held a department meeting on March 17th from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm to review ALPR, new Durango equipment needs, vehicle-unlock refresher, stop stick deployment and Lens Lock updates and questions. Photographs were also taken to include new officers, and to update photos for officer IDs. Officer Lowe applied for a mandatory Taser Recertification – cost of \$895.00 that was submitted and paid on March 16th. Officer Morazan to attend upcoming training for forensic investigations on computer related cases, being held on March 24th, at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. Tuition cost \$495.00. This is a one-day training course and will not incur hotel expenses. Officer Harden is preparing for the upcoming DARE class graduation ceremony to be held on April 9th at 01:00 PM at the Long Prairie Grey Eagle Elementary School for all classes at LPGE and St Mary's Catholic School. Upcoming ETI training for Chief Hanson on April 13th through April 15th held in St. Cloud, at St. Cloud River Center – Tuition cost

\$602.00 for the three-day event. The chief will travel to St. Cloud daily, no hotel or food expenses to be submitted. The Police Department has upcoming EMR/CPR Training with the Fire Department on April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm to be held at the Long Prairie Fire Department. Over the past two weeks of 03/11/26 through 03/25/26 the LPPD had 280 calls with an average of 20 per day. This includes: 5 with suspicious activity, 5 to assist other agencies, 22 public assists, 27 ordinances, 1 parking and the other 26 were for Fairview Trailer Park. Chief Hanson presented on behalf of the Fire Department, as they were attending the annual Skywarn Weather Training. They participated in the career fair at LPGE High School on Friday, March 27. On April 4, they will have a truck at the Easter Bunny event held at Pleasure Land RV Center. Also on April 4, the ladder truck will be at Osakis Public School for an equipment show sponsored by the Osakis Fire Auxiliary and the Osakis Honor Society. Additionally, the Annual Township Fire Meeting will be held on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and the Council is encouraged to attend.

EDA, Library/Health & Wellness: Council Member Gripne informed council that the Thursday Afternoon Book Club will meet on Thursday April 9th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Pebble Go is a valuable resource for teachers and students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It provides learning about animals, biographies, the United States and the history of Indigenous People. For more information, please ask your librarian.

Community Concern for Youth and Public Works: Council Member Perez informed the council that over the last few weeks Public Works has been busy sweeping streets, patching holes, cleaning the chlorine contact chamber and the normal daily rounds at the treatment facilities. The next few weeks public works will be sweeping streets, patching holes, repairing a few fire hydrants, and the daily water and wastewater rounds at the treatment facilities. Council Member Perez also spoke regarding the Senior Center and informed council that he does have a bid right now from Lightway Construction – the bid includes the cost of materials only as the labor is to be considered as a donation to the city but at this time we still need a second bid.

Engineer Report: City Engineer Kent Louwagie informed the council that there is a meeting set up to meet with the contractor at the Main Lift Station Site for the grading, paving, seeding, etc. On the 6th street project, they are waiting to receive bids through the township and those will be presented to council once they have them.

New Business

For the improvements at Lake Charlotte Beach Shelter No. 3, a second bid has been received for the labor portion of the project. However, a second bid for materials has not yet been obtained. It was noted that a second bid is required for any expenditure in excess of \$25,000. Therefore, to keep the project moving forward and maintain the anticipated timeline tear-down may proceed but the reconstruction will have to wait for the second bid to comply with the City's purchasing requirement for the auditors and state statute.

Council Member Gripne motioned to approve Pay App No. 3 for the Well No. 6 Generator Project to Arc Electric in the amount of \$80,750.00; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to approve Pay App No. 3 for the Water Treatment Plant Generator to Arc Electric in the amount of \$25,575.30; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

There being no further business, Council Member Krueger motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion Seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

James Kreemer, Mayor