

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Long Prairie City Hall - 615 Lake Street
Wednesday, May 27th, 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 May 27th, 2026. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Present Council Members Clint Krueger, JoAnn Schroeder, Lilah Gripne. Absent: Council Member Gabriel Perez. Also, present: City Administrator Candace Bruder, Chief Ryan Hanson, Police Officers Melissa Morazan, Lateshia Harden and Daniel Steuck, Fire Chief Dan Laumeyer, City Engineer Kent Louwagie, Planning & Zoning Director Steve Jones, EDA Director Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst – Others present.

Consent Calendar

- (a) **Approve Agenda for May 27th, 2026**
- (b) **Approve Meeting Minutes for May 13th, 2026**
- (c) **Approve Bills April 16th, 2026-May 21st, 2026 in the amount of \$934,567.20**
- (d) **Approve Temporary Liquor License for Long Prairie Lions Club for July 5th Celebration**

Council Member Gripne motioned to approve the consent calendar; motion was seconded by Council Member Schroeder. Unanimously Approved.

New Business

Discussion was held on AIWA plan that needs to be updated every 5 years and Bolton and Menk did the last update in 2021 and will be able to use that as base information. These reports are required by the Environmental Protection Agency to identify ways to make the water supply in Long Prairie safer and better equipped to react in an emergency situation.

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve the proposal billed hourly but not to exceed 100 hours in the amount of \$14,125.00 from Bolton and Menk to update the City of Long Prairie (AIWA) Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan; motion was Seconded by Council Member Schroeder. Unanimously Approved.

Discussion was held on hiring for the Full-Time police officer position, 6 applicates were interviewed for this position. A current Part-Time Officer Joseph Rivera Robles was selected by the interview panel for the vacant position; he has worked for the City since November of 2022.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve Full-Time Police Officer Joseph Rivera Robles with a 6-month probationary period, starting at \$34.38 Step 3 and immediately receiving longevity pay of \$3.69 per pay period with a starting date of June 13th, 2026; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Roll Call Vote: Kreemer – Yes, Gripne – No, Schroeder – Yes, Krueger – Yes. Motion Approved.

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce Request to sponsor \$500 towards entertainment from Salsa del Soul Production for the Latino Festival on July 25th, 2026; motion was Seconded by Council Member Schroeder. Unanimously Approved.

Discussion was held receiving a donation to the city for ice hockey rink boards and that the Public Works Director and City Administrator need to look at the quality of the boards, before the city accepts them. Council agreed to let JCP Farms level the area for the ice hockey rink to eliminate the 6-inch slop, this will help with the longevity of the ice and there will be less cracking. Before project work starts it needs to be coordinated with the public works to locate all underground sprinkler systems and lines.

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve the Outdoor Skating Rink Request to make Improvements at Soldiers Field which included leveling the area needed for the skating rink; motion was Seconded by Council Member Schroeder. Roll Call Vote: Kreemer – No, Gripne – Yes, Schroeder – Yes, Krueger – Yes. Motion Approved.

Discussion from Steven Jones was held on the rental registration and that this is a big undertaking and that the council needs to take its time to get it right and that is why it is taking time to make sure it is done correctly. This is a need in the community and will help address citizens' concerns and increase safety for renters. A public hearing will need to be held this summer. A contracted inspector will need to be hired as well to assist in the inspection process.

Council Member Krueger motioned to table the discussion for the proposed Long Prairie Rental Registration, Licensing and Inspection Ordinance until June 10th; motion was Seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved.

There being no further business, Council Member Gripne motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion was Seconded by Council Member Schroeder; unanimously approved meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

James Kreemer, Mayor