

**CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Long Prairie City Hall - 615 Lake Street
Wednesday, July 22nd, 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 July 22nd, 2026. Mayor Jim Kreemer called the meeting to order with Present Council Members Clint Krueger, Lilah Gripne, and JoAnn Schroeder. Absent: Council Member Gabriel Perez. Also present: City Administrator Candace Bruder, Chief Ryan Hanson, Police Officers: Joseph Rivera Robles, Lateshia Harden, City Engineer Kent Louwagie, and Volunteer Firefighter Jeremy Sovich – Others present.

Consent Calendar

- (a) Approve Agenda for July 22nd, 2026**
- (b) Approve Meeting Minutes for July 8th, 2026**
- (c) Approve Bills June 18th, 2026-July 16th, 2026, in the amount of \$1,216,046.19**
- (d) Approve Hawker Permit for Carmen L Gonzalez for 10 Saturday Dates in 2026**

Council Member Krueger motioned to Approve the Consent Calendar with the update of item adding agenda item #8 to the agenda, to discuss the resignation of Callaway Neumann, Account Finance Clerk and moving agenda item #8 to agenda item #9; motion was seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

Public Comment

Resident Jeff Berg came to raise concerns about nuisance complaints, inadequate home inspections, overgrown lawns and unkept trash containers and follow through. He is going to start a committee of citizens to help locate these properties and to bring them to city staff's knowledge to eradicate this issue. Overall, he advocated for a cleaner community.

Old Business

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the Tourism Request to sponsor \$2,000 towards "Big Toe and the Jam" that preformed at the Todd County Fair on 6/26/26 to be paid to the Todd County Ag Society; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

New Business

Council Member Krueger motioned to approve Pay App. No. 4 to Hy-Tech Construction in the amount of \$223,461.25 for the New Airport Hangar Project (90% complete); motion was Seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved

Council Member Gripne motioned to approve Pay App No. 20 to C & L Excavating for the FINAL amount of \$187,832.67 for the CSAH 56 & CSAH 38 Improvements including Change Order No. 12; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to approve the Initiative Foundation 2027 Donation Request of \$1,750; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Gripne motioned to approve the Incubator Lease Agreement for Bay 4 with Charles Kloos from August 1st, 2026-December 31st, 2026; motion was Seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to create a Work Session on August 6th at 10:00 am to further review the three agenda items numbered 5, 6 and 7 including the Treatment of Saving Ash Trees from the Inside Out, the Request from the Police Chief to conduct Background Checks on two Potential Employees to hire as Part-Time Police Officers, and the Request from Police Chief to hire two additional Full Time Police Officers pending further budgetary review; motion was Seconded by Council Member Krueger. Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Krueger motioned to accept the Resignation of Callaway Neumann, Account Finance Clerk effective August 11th, 2026; motion was Seconded by Mayor Kreemer. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to close the meeting at 8:06 pm, as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiations strategies and developments, as well as to review current labor negotiation proposals subject to Minn. Stat. §§179A.01-179A.25; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

Mayor Kreemer motioned to reopen the regular meeting at 9:03 pm; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne. Unanimously Approved.

There being no further business, Council Member Krueger motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion was Seconded by Council Member Gripne; unanimously approved meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Candace Bruder, City Administrator/Clerk

James Kreemer, Mayor